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SIR to Certify its employees in the Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA)

Springfield, MA --To ensure our own compliance, and to support our customers more effectively, SIR is taking the proactive step of certifying all client services employees in the Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA / FACTA). Effective today, all employees who prepare credit reports and/or background screening reports will be required to pass a comprehensive exam covering the fundamentals of the FCRA, as recently amended. Additional employees will be certified throughout 2005. The test will be administered and scored by an impartial third party.

These laws are enforced by the Federal Trade Commission and designed to protect the consumer whenever an *investigative consumer report* is compiled about them. This includes background screening reports for prospective employees, tenants, and volunteers.

“Failure to comply can result in steep fines and penalties,” said Maureen Devine, Vice President of Strategic Information Resources. “We made this investment so that we could help our clients become compliant.”

Strategic Information Resources is a New England based company with over 75 years of experience in helping businesses make better decisions. Clients rely on us for knowledgeable customer support and our comprehensive services offering that includes credit reporting, real estate settlement tools, and background screening services. For more information visit our website at www.backgrounddecision.com.

For more information regarding the FCRA visit the [Federal Trade Commission website](#).