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2 Managing Information Risk-proficiency in this key realm denotes advanced ability to manage information risk to an acceptable level, in accordance with organizational risk appetite, while facilitating the attainment of organizational goals and objectives.

Domain 2 demonstrates expertise in classifying information assets to ensure measures taken to protect those assets are proportional to their business value.

3 Developing and Managing an Information **Security Program**—establishes ability to develop and maintain an information security program that identifies, manages and protects the organization's assets while aligning with business goals.

Domain 3 attests to ability to ensure the information security program adds value while supporting operational objectives of other business functions (human resources, accounting, procurement, IT, etc.).

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