NAID AAA Certification Program

When it comes to service provider qualifications, choose the certification program with strength and integrity.

	Due Diligence Comparison	
	NAID	**Other**
Audit Quality — All NAID certified service providers are subject to regularly scheduled, onsite audits by trained, accredited security professionals. In addition, random, unannounced audits are structured so NAID certified operators will not know when they will be audited next.	✓	
Regulatory Alignment — The program requires written policies and procedures for each company to ensure incident response preparedness, employee training, and regulatory compliance.	✓	
Security Specifications — Accredited auditors review employee background screening and training, compliance with written procedures, access controls, operational security, destruction equipment, and confidentiality agreements.	✓	
Provide Audit Report — A customer may request an audit report to monitor the service provider and to ensure they meet the regulatory risk assessment requirements.	✓	
Free Compliance Monitoring — A customer may monitor compliance by subscribing to email notifications of the service provider's certification renewal, audit, or lapse.	✓	
Oversight — The Certification Review Board and the Certification Rules Committee oversee the program's integrity, both of which contain industry veterans and outside, accredited professionals.	✓	
Transparency — All documents and specifications are available to the public for free and online. Audit reports and monitoring services are also provided to clients at no charge. The association's financial records and board of director's meeting minutes are available online as well.	✓	
Program Acceptance — More than 1,000 operations on five continents are certified by NAID, including mobile, plant-based, paper, and computer destruction services. NAID certification is required by hundreds of government offices and thousands of private contracts.	✓	
Program Recognition — NAID certification is acknowledged by many accreditation programs, such as those offered by the International Association of IT Asset Managers, the Institute of Certified Records Managers, and the R2 IT asset recycling program certification offered by the Sustainable Electronic Recycling Institute (SERI).	✓	