

Scaling Vendor Programs Without Adding Headcount

Vendor counts grow. Team size does not. The question is which vendors stop getting oversight.

The Challenge

A TPRM team of three managing 400 vendors will never cover them all equally. Annual assessments for every vendor require more analyst hours than exist. The default is to focus on Tier 1 and quietly let Tier 2 and Tier 3 oversight lapse. That creates blind spots, not a manageable program.

When vendor counts grow to 500, 900, or 2,500, the calculation does not change; it gets worse. Programs that try to scale manually by hiring do not close the gap. The unit economics of manual TPRM do not improve at scale.

Where Programs Get Stuck

Tier 2 and 3 oversight lapses

Manual programs concentrate resources on critical vendors. Mid-tier vendors receive light or no review, creating unmonitored exposure across the portfolio.

Fixed team, expanding portfolio

Vendor count grows with business expansion. Without automation, every new vendor adds marginal work that compounds against a static headcount.

Coverage drops at scale

Programs that worked for 200 vendors break at 500. Questionnaire backlogs grow, monitoring becomes inconsistent, and audit readiness degrades.

What ComplyScore® Changes

ComplyScore® applies tiered oversight automatically. High-risk vendors receive continuous monitoring feeds and full control assessments. Lower-risk vendors are handled through automated assessments and internal evidence reviews, with external intelligence purchased only where the engagement warrants it. The team focuses analytical judgment on the 15% of vendors that carry 80% of the risk. The rest of the portfolio is governed by the platform.

Without ComplyScore®	With ComplyScore®
Tier 2 and Tier 3 vendors receive minimal or no oversight due to analyst capacity	90-95% portfolio coverage maintained through tiered automation.
Each new vendor adds proportional manual effort to already-stretched teams	Per-vendor cost drops as portfolio grows; automation absorbs volume without headcount additions
TPRM team spends majority of time on questionnaire management	Analysts focus on high-risk exceptions; AI handles intake, evidence review, and lower-tier assessments
Assessment cycles for low-risk vendors identical to critical vendors	Low-risk vendors assessed in 65% less time through reduced control scope and automated evidence mapping

Key Capabilities



Engagement-aware tiering

Risk depth scales automatically with vendor exposure: data access, geography, contract value, and service type determine the assessment scope.



AI-managed lower-tier reviews

Automated assessments with internal evidence review cover mid-tier and tail-spend vendors without analyst involvement at each step.



Selective external intelligence

Paid data sources (D&B, RiskRecon, SecurityScorecard) are invoked only for vendors where the engagement warrants the cost.



Managed services option

Atlas Systems analysts can run assessments directly under your policies, extending capacity without permanent headcount.

Remediation & Program Scaling Overview



Vendors in Program

900

Across all tiers



Portfolio Coverage

93%

Target 90-95%



Avg. Assessment Time

10 days

For low-risk vendors



Assessment Cost Reduction

65%

vs. manual process

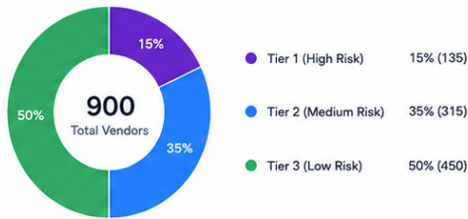


TPRM Team Size

3

No change in headcount

Portfolio Oversight by Tier



Coverage Trend



Top Risk Drivers



Tier-Based Oversight Model

Tier	Risk Level	Analyst Involvement
Tier 1	High	High
Tier 2	Medium	Low
Tier 3	Low	Minimal

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90-95%
Vendor portfolio
coverage

40-60%
Reduction in
assessment cost

Single system of
record replaces five

10-day
Assessment
cycles



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