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DoD Cybersecurity
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Topics

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- FAR 52.204-21 and DFARS 252.204-7012
- Covered Defense Information and Controlled Unclassified Information
- Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification (CMMC) 2.0
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Background

- **Cybersecurity is a top priority for the Department of Defense**
- Theft of intellectual property and sensitive information due to malicious cyber activity threatens economic security and national security
- Defense contractors must view cybersecurity as part of doing business in order to protect themselves and to protect national security
- DoD developed an assessment methodology and framework to assess contractor implementation of cybersecurity requirements –
  - National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Special Publication (SP) 800-171 DoD Assessment Methodology, and
  - Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification (CMMC) Framework

CISA recommends all organizations – regardless of size – adopt a heightened posture when it comes to cybersecurity and protecting their most critical assets.
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DFARS Clauses: CMMC "Crawl-Walk-Run"

Existing Clause	New DFARS Clauses, effective November 2020		
	COTS Exception		

DFARS 252.204-7012	DFARS 252.204-7019	DFARS 252.204-7020	DFARS 252.204-7021
• *Revision in 2015 added NIST SP 800-171* • Safeguarding Covered Defense Information and Cyber Incident Reporting, • Requires contractors to provide "adequate security" for covered defense information that is processed, stored, or transmitted on the contractor's internal information system or network	• *Effective Nov 2020* • *Solicitation Provision* • Notice of NIST SP 800-171 DoD Assessment Requirements • Requires Contractors to have a current assessment in DoD's Supplier Performance Risk System (SPRS) less than three years old	• *Effective Nov 2020* • *Contract Clause* • NIST SP 800-171 DoD Assessment Requirements • Requires a Contractor to provide DoD access to its facilities, systems, & personnel to conduct a Med/High assessment & confirm supplier assessment score(s) in SPRS prior to contract award	• *On hold* • *Rule-making process 9 – 24 months*

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DFARS 252.204-7012 - Summary

Safeguarding Covered Defense Information and Cyber Incident Reporting

🔒 SECURITY

- Provide adequate security to safeguard Covered Defense Information (CDI) that resides on or is transiting though a contractor's internal information system or network

- Comply with the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) special Publications (SP) 800-171 Protecting Controlled Unclassified Information in Nonfederal Information Systems and Organizations (110 requirements)

- Demonstrate implementation or planned implementations of the security requirements through a "System Security Plan" (SSP) and associated "Plan of Action and Milestones" (POAM)

- Contractors may submit requests to vary from NIST SP 800-171 (N/A or alternatives)

📄 REPORT

- Report cyber incidents within 72 hours

- Submit malicious software discovered and isolated in connection with a reported cyber incident to the DoD Cyber Crime Center

- If requested, submit media and additional information to support damage assessment

☁ CLOUD

- If using a Cloud Service Provider (CSP) to store, process or transmit CDI in performance of the contract, the CSP must meet the Government's FedRAMP Moderate baseline requirements

⤹ FLOW DOWN

- Flow down the clause in subcontracts for operational critical support, or for which subcontract performance will involve CDI

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DFARS 252.204-7012

- • "Covered defense information" means unclassified controlled technical information **or** other information, as described in the Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI) Registry at http://www.archives.gov/cui/registry/category-list.html, that requires safeguarding or dissemination controls pursuant to and consistent with law, regulations, and Government-wide policies, and is—

- (1)   Marked or otherwise identified by or on behalf of DoD in support of the performance of the contract; **or**

- (2)   Collected, developed, received, transmitted, used, or stored by or on behalf of the contractor in support of the performance of the contract

Two important "or" phases!

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Examples of CUI

- Research and engineering data
- Engineering drawings
- Associated engineering lists
- Specifications
- Standards
- Process sheets
- Manuals
- Technical reports
- Technical orders
- Catalog-item identifications

- Data sets
- Studies and analyses and related information
- Computer software executable code
- Source Code
- An export-controlled document
- Software documentation
- Proprietary information
- Computer software documentation

Resources (includes marking guidance):

DoD CUI Training
DCSA Controlled Unclassified Information

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What is NOT CUI?

- Public Information
  - Information that is lawfully publicly available without restrictions
  - For example, a document marked "Public Release – No Dissemination Limitation"
- Commercially Available Off-The-Shelf (COTS) Item Information
  - Information must be solely related to COTS
- Internal Contractor Information that is incidental to contract performance
  - For example, human resources or financial information
- Classified Information

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DFARS 252.204-7020 NIST SP 800-171 DoD Assessment Requirements (Cont.)

- Subcontracts
  - Required flow down, including the acquisition of commercial items
  - Exceptions: Solely COTS or acquisitions at/below the micro-purchase threshold (currently $10,000)
  - Contractor is **prohibited** from awarding a subcontract or other contractual instrument subject to NIST SP 800-171 security requirements, unless the subcontractor has completed, within the last 3 years, at least a Basic NIST SP 800-171 DoD Assessment
  - If a subcontractor does not have summary level scores of a current Assessment posted in SPRS, the subcontractor may conduct and submit a Basic Assessment in accordance with NIST SP 800-171 DoD Assessment Methodology, to webptsmh@navy.mil for posting to SPRS or submit its Basic Assessment score directly in SPRS

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DFARS 252.204-7020 NIST SP 800-171 DoD Assessment Requirements (Cont.)

Confidence Level	Responsibility	Description
Basic	Contractor's Self-Assessment	➢ Contractor's review of the SSP(s) associated with the covered contractor information system(s) ➢ Is conducted IAW NIST SP 800-171 DoD Assessment Methodology ➢ Results in low confidence score because it is self-generated
Medium	Government's Assessment	➢ Review of Contractor's self assessment ➢ A thorough document review ➢ Discussions with contractor for additional information/clarifications, as needed
High	Government's Assessment using NIST SP 800-171A	➢ Review of Contractor's self assessment ➢ A thorough document review ➢ Verification, examination, and demonstration of a Contractor's SSP to validate 800-171 requirements have been implemented as described in the SSP ➢ Discussions with contractor for additional information/clarifications, as needed

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Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification (CMMC) Program
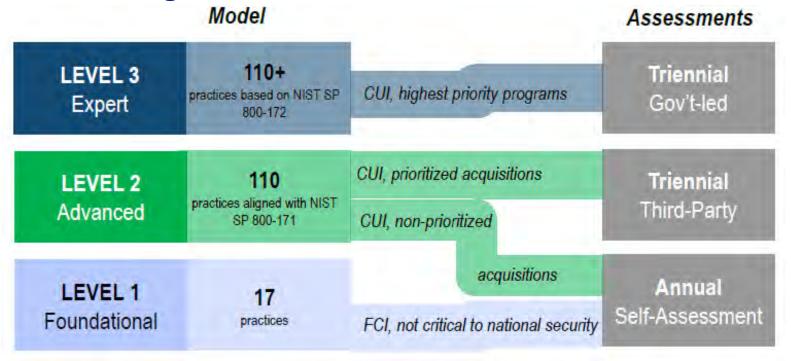
- Background
  - In 2021, DoD put the CMMC program on hold while it reviewed over 850 public comments in response to the CMMC 1.0 interim DFARS rule
  - CMMC 1.0 had five maturity levels, ranging from Level 1 (Basic) to Level 5 (Advanced)
    - ❑ CMMC level 3 included CUI security requirements from NIST SP 800-171 (110 requirements) specified in DFARS 252.204-7012, plus 20 additional practices
    - ❑ All five levels required third-party certification
    - ❑ No POAMs were permitted to achieve certification
- On November 4, 2021, DoD announced CMMC 2.0
  - A comprehensive framework to protect the defense industrial base from increasingly frequent and complex cyberattacks. With its streamlined requirements, CMMC 2.0:
    - ❑ Cuts red tape for small and medium sized businesses
    - ❑ Sets priorities for protecting DoD information
    - ❑ Reinforces cooperation between the DoD and industry in addressing evolving cyber threats

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CMMC 2.0 - Streamlined

- Streamlined Model – Reduced from 5 to 3 compliance levels, eliminates CMMC 1.0 Levels 2 and 4
  - Aligned with NIST cybersecurity standards – widely accepted standards

- Establishes three progressively sophisticated levels, depending on the type of information:
  - Level 1 (Foundational) – for companies with Federal Contract Information (FCI) only; information requires protection but is not critical to national security
  - Level 2 (Advanced) – for companies with CUI
  - Level 3 (Expert) – for the highest priority programs with CUI

- Requirements will mirror NIST SP 800-171 and NIST SP 800-172, Enhanced Security Requirements for Protecting CUI: A Supplement to NIST SP 800-171
  - Eliminates all CMMC unique practices and maturity processes
  - Aligns Level 2 with NIST SP 800-171 which is required for DFARS 252.204-7012
  - Level 3 will use a subset of NIST SP 800-172 requirements

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CMMC 2.0 – Tailors model & assessment requirements to type of information being handled

Model

				Assessments
LEVEL 3 Expert	110+ practices based on NIST SP 800-172	CUI, highest priority programs		Triennial Gov't-led
LEVEL 2 Advanced	110 practices aligned with NIST SP 800-171	CUI, prioritized acquisitions		Triennial Third-Party
		CUI, non-prioritized acquisitions		
LEVEL 1 Foundational	17 practices	FCI, not critical to national security		Annual Self-Assessment

Program details are subject to change during rulemaking and internal resourcing as part of implementation.

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KEY FEATURES OF CMMC 2.0

Model		Assessment	CMMC Model 1.0
171 practices	**5** processes	Third-party	**LEVEL 5** Advanced — *CUI, critical programs*
156 practices	**4** processes	None	**LEVEL 4** Proactive — *Transition Level*
130 practices	**3** processes	Third-party	**LEVEL 3** Good — *CUI*
72 practices	**2** maturity processes	None	**LEVEL 2** Intermediate — *Transition Level*
17 practices		Third-party	**LEVEL 1** Basic — *FCI only*

CMMC Model 2.0	Model	Assessment
LEVEL 3 Expert	**110+** practices based on NIST SP 800-172	Triennial government-led assessments
LEVEL 2 Advanced	**110** practices aligned with NIST SP 800-171	Triennial third-party assessments for critical national security information; Annual self-assessment for select programs
LEVEL 1 Foundational	**17** practices	Annual self-assessment

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CMMC 2.0 – Allowance of POAMs and Waivers

- Allows limited use of POAMs

    - Time-bound – potentially 180 days

    - Limited use – no POAMs for highest-weighted requirements; will establish a minimum score required to support certification with POAMs

- Waivers permitted on very limited basis with strategies to mitigate CUI risk

    - Only allowed in select mission critical instances

        ❑ Government program office will submit waiver request with justification and risk mitigation

    - Strictly time bound

        ❑ Timing determined on case-by-case basis

    - Requires senior DoD approval to minimize potential misuse of the waiver process

> Limited use of POAMs and waivers could allow DoD and Contractors flexibility to meet evolving threats and make risk-based decisions.

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CMMC 2.0 – Rulemaking; Codifying CMMC 2.0

- Changes will be released through an interim rule
  - Anticipate revisions to DFARS 252.204-7021 Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification Requirements
  - Timeline to complete all rule-making requirements will be 9 – 24 months
  - A 60-day public comment period and concurrent congressional review will be included prior to the rule becoming effective
- DoD suspended the CMMC Piloting effort and mandatory CMMC certification
- DIB contractors are encouraged to enhance their cybersecurity posture during this period

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Supply Chain Management (SCM) Compliance Approach

- SCM updated supplier flow downs, as required
- GDMS external supplier site is updated to include the new requirements
- SCM issues a supplier representation and certification regarding a supplier's current Assessment(s) posted in SPRS
  - A supplier representation and certification is necessary, because GDMS does not have access to a supplier's information in SPRS
  - The representation and certification includes a link to GDMS external supplier site
- SCM issued a communication to suppliers with the new representation and certification

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SCM Compliance Approach (Cont.)

- **For new DoD awards with the flow-downs**, SCM will confirm receipt of the completed representation and certification that the supplier has a current (within the last 3 years) Assessment posted on SPRS, prior to awarding a DoD purchase order or subcontract
  - Exceptions for solely COTS* procurements or procurements at or below the micro-purchase threshold ($10,000)
  - SCM will review supplier's assessment score and based on score may ask if supplier will share its System Security Plan and Plan of Action and Milestones

*Commercially available off-the-shelf (COTS) item— A commercial item 1) **sold in substantial quantities** in the commercial marketplace; and 2) offered to the Government, under a contract or subcontract at any tier, **without modification**, in the same form in which it is sold in the commercial marketplace.

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SCM Compliance Approach (Cont.)

- A supplier's status is included on GDMS Supplier 360

- A supplier needs a CAGE code to post an assessment on SPRS
  - Some suppliers do not have CAGE codes and are not registered in the U.S. Government's (USG) System for Award Management, because they do not perform work directly for the USG
  - Information regarding registration in SAM and CAGE codes is available at: https://sam.gov/SAM/pages/public/generalInfo/aboutSAM.jsf
  - Establishing a CAGE code may take several weeks

- SCM has issued articles in the Innovative Sourcing newsletter to suppliers regarding the new DFARS cybersecurity requirements

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- SCM participates in various small business conferences and industry meetings with will spread awareness

- *Important Reminder* - Suppliers receiving CUI must be compliant with DFARS 252.204-7012 regardless of dollar value of award
  - COTS exemption only

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Supplier Actions – If not yet completed

- Complete representation and certification to GDMS for both DFARS 252.204-7012 and 252.204-7020

- Ensure that the Supplier has a System Security Plan (SSP) in place to describe how the security controls are implemented, in addition to associated Plan of Action and Milestones (POAMs) to describe how and when unimplemented security requirements will be met (DFARS 252.204-7012)
    - [NIST: CUI Plan of Action Template](#)
    - [NIST: CUI SSP Template](#)

- Complete at least a Basic Assessment in accordance with NIST SP 800-171 DoD Assessment Methodology (DFARS 252.204-7020)
    - [NIST SP 800-171 DoD Assessment Methodology](#)
    - Enter assessment into SPRS
        - ❑ Obtain a CAGE code if you do not already have one

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Cybersecurity for Suppliers

- Reference information posted on GDMS public domain site, http://gdmissionsystems.com

- Regulatory References

- Reporting a Cybersecurity Incident

- Links to other helpful resources

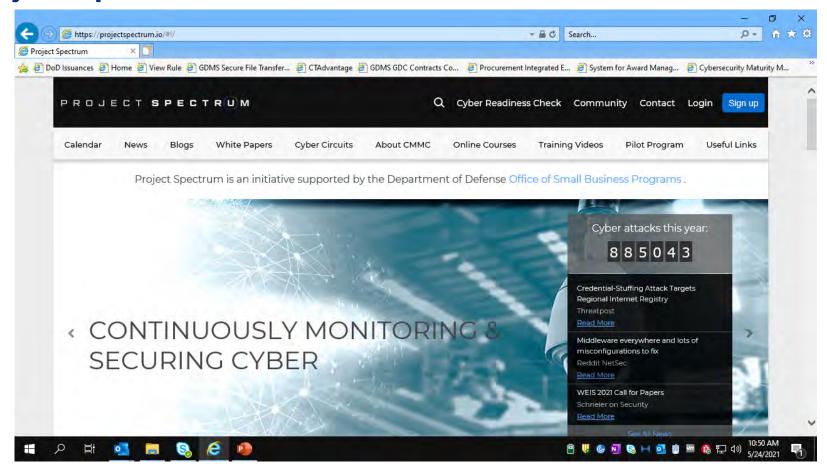**GENERAL DYNAMICS**
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Resources

- [DoD CMMC](#)
- [DoD CUI](#)
- [DoD Procurement Toolbox](#)
- [Defense Counterintelligence and Security Agency CUI](#)
- [Project Spectrum - Supported by DoD Small Business Programs](#)
- [Federal Register Notice - Interim DFARS Rule](#)
- [CMMC Accreditation Body](#)

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Project Spectrum

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Take-Aways

- DoD Contractors, including Subcontracts/Suppliers, must have a current assessment for each covered contractor information posted on SPRS **to be eligible for award**
  - Enclaves used in contract performance require a current DoD assessment
  - ONLY exceptions are solely COTS and acquisitions at or below the micro-purchase threshold ($10K)
- For DoD Assessments, contractors can have a POAM to address gaps
- CMMC program is currently on hold while DoD goes through the rule-making process including congressional review
- Continue to monitor the rule-making process
- Cross-functional collaboration on cybersecurity requirements is essential

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Questions

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