TOP 5 CONCERNS
ABOUT CMMC

And Securing the DoD Supply Chain

ROLL-OUT

CMMC's rollout begins in 2020 and is expected to continue until 2026, at which point CMMC requirements will be incorporated into all DoD RFPs. CMMC will then be a requirement for all members of the DIB participating on a DoD contract.

NIST 800-171 + CMMC

Organizations that exchange CUI must maintain NIST 800-171 compliance for any contract not yet subject to CMMC. The overlap between NIST 800-171 controls and CMMC practices means it is critical to fully implement all of NIST 800-171 controls as quickly as possible. Under CMMC, POAMs are not accepted.

SUB & SUPPLIER COMPLIANCE

Given the overlap of NIST 800-171 and CMMC through the roll out period, contractors and sub-contractors that exchange CUI with those in their supply chains remain responsible for determining their ability to receive and protect CUI. Requiring their self-attestation to NIST 800-171 satisfies this requirement.

CERTIFICATION COSTS

Security is not free, but CMMC levels the playing field as all potential suppliers need to meet the same requirements. To help their suppliers, prime contractors are creating programs to help them successfully achieve the necessary levels of certification.

FINDING HELP

A step-by-step, self-help tool for implementing controls and policies necessary to achieve NIST 800-171 certification and prepare for CMM certification can be a cost-effective and time-saving.