

MARYLAND DEFENSE CYBERSECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

PROGRAM BACKGROUND

Cybersecurity has become and will continue to be one of the single biggest threats to the defense supply chain in the United States. Technology today continues to advance at a pace that is unmatched in history. Along with this technology, cyber-crime has also become a critical threat to the infrastructure as the number of cyber-criminals, hackers, terrorist organizations and State-sponsored cyber warriors continue to adapt and evolve their tools and methods to gain access to critical information. The cost to combat these threats continues to be a challenge as companies struggle to protect their data, assets and other secure information.

To combat these threats, the Department of Defense (DoD) has taken steps to protect Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI) within the defense supply chain. Through the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) 252.204-7012 and the National Institute for Standards and Technology (NIST) Publication 800-171, the DoD has established a requirement that all defense contractors handling CUI must take adequate steps to protect their information and organization from cyber threats.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Maryland Defense Cybersecurity Assistance Program (DCAP) provides funding and assistance for Defense Contractors to comply with the DFARS and NIST 800-171 Standards for cybersecurity. The program which provides funding and resources for companies to comply with the cybersecurity standard is funded by the Department of Defense's Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA) through the Maryland Department of Commerce and is being coordinated by the MD MEP.

Defense contractors in Maryland generate more than \$57 Billion in economic impact and the DCAP program will help these contractors comply with the Federal regulations necessary to continue providing services to the Federal Government.

PROGRAM GOALS

- Strengthen Maryland's Defense Supply Chain
- Provide Resources for compliance with NIST 800-171 Standard and DFARS Requirements
- Educate and prepare for roll-out of CMMC

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- Must be a Defense Contractor with a physical location in Maryland
- 10% or more DoD related business OR a contract/procurement request for compliance

PROGRAM PROCESS

01 PROGRAM APPLICATION

Please contact Sara Keith at skeith@mdmep.org for the brief program application.

02 DFARS/NIST 800-171 ASSESSMENT

Funding is available to offset the cost for the DFARS/NIST 800-171 assessment.



03 OUTCOMES & RECOMMENDATIONS

Compliance Score, Assessment Report, Plan of Action & Milestone (POAM), System Security Plan (SSP), Baseline Vulnerability Scan, Mitigation Recommendations

04 MITIGATION

Funding is available to offset the cost for remediation support, as well as technical assistance.

DFARS/NIST 800-171 ASSESSMENT

 Number of Employees	 Cost of Assessment
< 10	\$6,000
10 - 50	\$8,500
51 - 150	\$10,000
150+	\$12,500+

*Cost subject to change depending on number of locations and complexity of network

Grant
Funding
Reimbursement

\$3,000

DCAP has funding available to reimburse \$3,000 of the cost for the DFARS/NIST 800-171 Assessment. The Assessment includes: Compliance Score, Assessment Report, Plan of Action & Milestone (POAM), System Security Plan (SSP), Baseline Vulnerability Scan, Mitigation Recommendations

MITIGATION

Mitigation needs to be determined by the assessment and level of compliance. Funding may be available to offset the cost of remediation support with a dollar cap per company.

Grant
Funding
Reimbursement

60%

of the cost of remediation

UP TO \$12,500

CONSULTING SERVICES | TOOLS |
HARDWARE | SOFTWARE

2019 DCAP

250

 COMPANIES
EDUCATED

46

 CLIENTS
SERVED

\$400,000

DIRECT FINANCIAL
ASSISTANCE TO CLIENTS

CLIENT REPORTED IMPACT

\$385,949,656

 RETAINED SALES

\$142,031,669

 INCREASED SALES

2,318

 RETAINED JOBS

101

 INCREASED JOBS

\$1,000 : \$1

 ROI FOR THE OEA AS A RESULT
OF THE CLIENT REPORTED
ECONOMIC IMPACT

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