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. In addition, the DoD community is seeing one of the largest changes with the implementation of the Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification (CMMC). The CMMC will be a unifying standard for cybersecurity implementation across the Defense Industrial Base (DIB). Unlike NIST 800-171, the CMMC will verify through third-party organizations that defense contractors have properly implemented cybersecurity processes and practices to protect Federal Contract Information (FCI) and Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI) within their unclassified networks."

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Maryland Defense Cybersecurity Assistance Program (DCAP) provides education, resources, funding and assistance for Defense Contractors to comply with the DFARS and NIST 800-171 Standards for cybersecurity, as well as prepare for CMMC. DCAP is funded by Department of Defense's Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation (OLDCC) through the Maryland Department of Commerce and is being coordinated by the Maryland MEP (MD MEP).

PROGRAM GOALS

- Strengthen Maryland's Defense Supply Chain

- Provide resources for compliance with the DFARS / NIST 800-171 / CMMC Requirements

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 MD MEP for the DCAP program application.

02 DFARS/NIST 800-171 / PRE-CMMC ASSESSMENT

Assessment cost is based on the size of company. The Gap Assessment does include the CMMC L3 Requirements.

03 OUTCOMES & RECOMMENDATIONS

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

04 MITIGATE GAPS WITHIN REQUIREMENTS

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

CMMC LEVEL 3 PRE-ASSESSMENT

Number of Employees	Cost of Assessment
< 10	$6,500
10 - 50	$9,000
51 - 150	$11,000
150+	TBD

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

Grant Funding Reimbursement

$2,500

DCAP has funding available to reimburse $2,500 of the cost for the DFARS / NIST 800-171 / Pre-CMMC Assessment . The Assessment includes: Compliance Score, Assessment Report , Plan of Action & Milestone (POAM), System Security Plan (SSP), Mitigation Recommendations.

Vulnerability Scan Add-on: $1,000

Additional Grant Reimbursement: $500

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 $12,000

CONSULTING SERVICES | TOOLS | HARDWARE | SOFTWARE

* Program management fee applies

PROGRAM IMPACTS

250 | COMPANIES EDUCATED

80 | CLIENTS SERVED

$750,000
DIRECT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO CLIENTS

CLIENT REPORTED IMPACTS

$513,402,088
RETAINED SALES

$155,158,419
INCREASED SALES

3,051
RETAINED JOBS

136
INCREASED JOBS

$750 : $1
ROI FOR THE OEA AS A RESULT OF THE CLIENT REPORTED ECONOMIC IMPACT

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