



## What is CMMC and Why Now?

Historically the Defense Industrial Base (DIB) was able to self-attest to meeting the 110 security controls in NIST SP 800-171 OR have a clearly defined plan of action and milestones to meet them. This process of self-reporting has not proved sufficient in protecting Federal Contract Information (FCI) and Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI). Because of the many cyber vulnerabilities, The Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment (OUSD(A&S)) and other stakeholders established CMMC framework.

CMMC stems from the existing DFARS 252.204-7012 and NIST SP 800-17 CMMC consists of 5 levels with level 1 being the most basic and level 5 the most advanced. Many organizations need a level 1 certification, also considered basic cyber hygiene. Approximately 20,000 organizations will need a level 4 or 5 certification to demonstrate the ability to proactively detect and respond to Advanced Persistent Threats (APT)

The level of certification will vary depending on the nature of work you contract with the DoD. Delaying on certification will prevent you from remaining competitive in the market and working on projects that will require certification. Most importantly, it will leave your organization susceptible to bad actors that are trying to attack your systems.



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# What Challenges Should I Expect to Encounter?

The U.S. Government has advised that having a CMMC certification is not required to bid on work but is required at time of award.

CMMC Accreditation Board (CMMC-AB) predicts approximately six months is necessary to prepare for certification at Levels 3 and higher. With additional priorities in preparing for a contract award it is essential to have CMMC resources prepared for an effective and successful certification.

## Not All Companies Are the Same

In addition to being an approved RPO, SoundWay Consulting is positioning itself to become one of the very few Level 5 Certified Third-Party Assessor Organizations (C3PAO) approved by the CMMC-AB. We take pride in our work in the recommendations we provide to ensure conformance. If in the event of a failed assessment by a C3PAO or claims by State Attorney Generals for failing to meet legal requirements, SoundWay will provide defensive/remediative support for up to 40 man-hours at no charge.

Trust SoundWay Consulting to be your consistent expert guide in your CMMC compliance. Defend your organization from immediate cyberthreats with SoundWay, a CMMC-AB Approved Registered Provider Organization (RPO). Access our experts in Information Technology & Mission Support solutions and services, and CMMC policy, governance & solutions & services to industry.

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