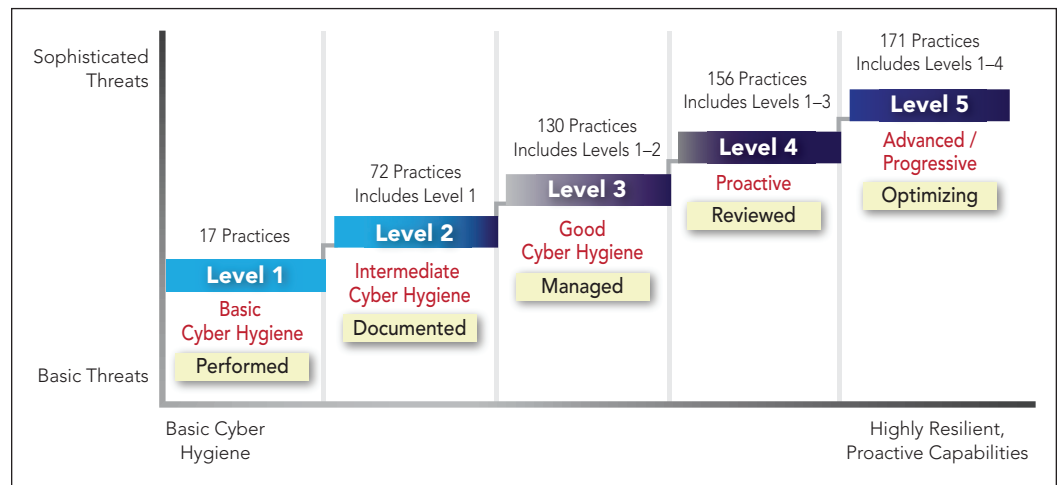


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**OVERVIEW**

Cybersecurity is a top priority for any business, but now it will become mandatory for government contractors through the Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification (CMMC). CMMC includes multiple levels with the purpose of measuring an organization’s maturity level. This information will be utilized by the Federal Government to assist in source selection decisions for Department of Defense (DoD) contracts. Requests for Information (RFIs) and Requests for Proposals (RFPs) release by the DoD will specify which level of CMMC is required to compete for that contract.



**WHO IS AFFECTED?**

Anyone who currently holds or wants to hold a DoD contract. The CMMC requirements apply to organizations contracting directly with DoD or indirectly through subcontract agreements. Regardless of the contract type or nature of the relationship with the DoD, all contractors will need to achieve Level 1 at a minimum.

**IS DFARS 252.204-7012 OBSOLETE?**

No. CMMC is a program that builds upon NIST 800-171 - Protecting Controlled Unclassified Information in Nonfederal Systems and Organizations and DFARS 252.204 - Safeguarding Covered Defense Information and Cyber Incident Reporting as a foundation to a stronger and more consistent Cybersecurity model.

**HOW DO I GET CERTIFIED?**

Unlike NIST 800-171, CMMC does NOT allow for an organization to self-audit its compliance. Anyone who desires to contract with DoD will be required to undergo a third party audit by an approved CMMC auditor prior to bidding on a contract.

**WHAT SHOULD I DO NOW?**

While the Department of Defense is ramping up its infrastructure to support CMMC, organizations can begin focusing on ensuring they are compliant with NIST 800-171. Meeting all of these NIST controls will bring an organization near to meeting Level 3 CMMC.

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