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Procurement Technical Assistance Center

## Steps to Achieving Your Desired CMMC Level

The new interim DFARS provision 252.204-7019 advises contractors who are required to implement the NIST SP 800-171 standards have a current (not older than three years) NIST SP 800-171 Department of Defense (DoD) Assessment posted to the Supplier Risk Management System (SPRS). **This information must be in the system by December 1, 2020, or you will not be able to bid on contracts that require a SPRS number.**

The new DFARS clause 252.204-7021, Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification Requirement, will require the contractor to have a CMMC certification at the level required in the solicitation by contract award and maintain the required CMMC level for the duration of the contract. **CMMC will apply to all DoD solicitations and contracts**, including those for the acquisition of commercial items valued at greater than the micro-purchase threshold, **starting on October 1, 2025.**

## Steps to Achieving your Desired CMMC Level

1. Decide which CMMC Level applies to your company
2. Read the Proper Level CMMC Assessment Guide
3. Begin implementing the POAM action items
4. Update the SPRS as your score changes and **EVERY THREE YEARS** until certification
5. Learn how to report an incident
6. Perform an OPTIONAL pre-assessment from a CMMC-AB certified assessor
7. Have your company audited by a CMMC-AB certified assessor- they will issue you a level

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