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- The Department of Defense (DoD or Department) is committed to helping small businesses within the defense industrial base (DIB) increase their cybersecurity posture and better protect their systems against increasingly sophisticated cyber-attacks.
- The Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification (CMMC) Program is part of this effort. When implemented in DoD contracts, it will verify that defense contractors have implemented required cybersecurity standards and can adequately protect DoD information shared in the performance of a contract.
- Businesses can now voluntarily submit CMMC self-assessments. Businesses may also engage a CMMC Third-Party Assessment Organization on the Cyber AB Marketplace (cyberab.org) to conduct independent assessments.

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In addition, the CMMC website (dodcio.defense.gov/cmmc/Resources-Documentation/) hosts guidance documents to help organizations better understand program requirements, including the assessment process and scope for each CMMC level.

The Department encourages small businesses to use the below resources to increase their cyber readiness:

1. The DoD Cyber Crime Center ([DC3, dc3.mil](https://dc3.mil)) DoD-DIB Collaborative Information Sharing Environment (DCISE) operates DoD's DIB Cybersecurity Program. The program is available to all DoD contractors that store or process controlled unclassified information as part of their duties. DC3 provides cyber threat information and free cybersecurity services that cover a wide range of cyber threats and support DIB companies on their CMMC journey.
2. The National Security Agency's (NSA) Cybersecurity Collaboration Center (www.nsa.gov/About/Cybersecurity-Collaboration-Center/) established the Cybersecurity as a Service (CSaaS) program to protect the networks and intellectual property of small and medium sized DIBs from nation-state threats and cybercriminals. The CSaaS program consists of four free services, which align to several NIST controls and are available to qualifying businesses with active DoD contracts. The services are enriched with NSA's Signals Intelligence and Cybersecurity insights and discover, block, and mitigate vulnerabilities present in external and internal DIB networks.

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3. The Department of the Air Force Chief Information Security Officer's Blue Cyber Education Series for Small Businesses (www.dafcio.af.mil/) provides free and open-to-the-public cybersecurity information and support.
4. The Defense Acquisition University (DAU) hosts the DAU Cyber Solutions program (www.dau.edu/events) with weekly small business cybersecurity acquisition webinars on topics such as CMMC, Cyber Incident Reporting, and Cybersecurity for Contracts.
5. The DoD Office of Small Business Programs established Project Spectrum (www.projectspectrum.io), which is an all-inclusive learning platform that provides resources, tools, and training about cybersecurity best practices, and offers access to a cadre of cyber advisors available for one-on-one guidance. Project Spectrum is focused on preparing companies for CMMC and aims to improve cybersecurity practices in the DIB. The Project Spectrum resources can also be accessed through DoD's 90+ APEX Accelerators (www.apexaccelerators.us) across the country that help companies learn how to do business with DoD and other government agencies.

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