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TOP 10 Things GovCons Should Know About CMMC 2.0

The Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification 2.0 (CMMC) is the U.S. Department of Defense's certification to enhance the current Defense Federal Acquisition Regulations (DFARS). Through this certification, government contracting companies must establish security and protection protocols for Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI), Federal Contract Information (FCI) and other data, networks and systems of the Defense Industrial Base (DIB) sector. Is your company prepared to meet these requirements? Here's what you need to know:

1 Unlike DFARS, which requires only self-certification of compliance, some CMMC 2.0 compliance measures are required to be certified by a third-party assessment organization (C3PAO).

2 By 2025, all Department of Defense (DoD) contracts will be required to have some level of CMMC 2.0 compliance met. Although the exact date remains a moving target, the requirement itself will not be going away, and any changes made to the CMMC 2.0 model will not take away any of the existing requirements.

3 Preparation takes time, and failure to prepare now could mean loss of revenue later. Companies should get started preparing their organizations now and not wait until they see an actual contract with a CMMC 2.0 requirement.

4 There are processes for obtaining certification that companies need to follow that show their current status and plans for becoming compliant.

5 A government contractor needs to understand what level of CMMC 2.0 they need to achieve. About 95% of all DoD contractors are expected to be level one or two.

6 CMMC 2.0 is based on the NIST 800-171 controls used in the current DFARS compliance but with additional controls added to it.

7 DoD prime contractors should communicate the appropriate CMMC 2.0 level requirement to their sub-contractors, which will vary depending on the nature of the subcontractors' work. This means that even if a company doesn't have direct DoD contracts, they may have clients that do and will have to meet the clients' level requirements to continue working with them.

8 CMMC 2.0 guidance has been released, and Warren Averett Technology Group can conduct a readiness assessment against the CMMC 2.0 standards to give a company an understanding of where they stand in preparing.

9 A company must be compliant at the time when a contract with the requirement is awarded.

10 Companies will need to determine if their whole organization needs to be compliant or if an enclave approach is more appropriate, whereby only part of their company needs to embrace a compliance solution.

Warren Averett Technology Group is continuing to monitor the latest details pertaining to the CMMC requirements as they are made available.

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