Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification (CMMC) is a new initiative of the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD), designed to enforce and maintain contractor and subcontractor cybersecurity compliance across the federal defense industrial base. Its primary objective is to protect controlled unclassified information (CUI) – defined as any information the U.S. government creates or possesses or another entity creates or possesses on its behalf – within the U.S. defense industrial vendor base. This can include infrastructure, export controls, financial, intelligence, legal information, and other unclassified data.

CMMC requires that any commercial organization doing business with the DoD be certified by a third-party CMMC assessor to validate that they meet the appropriate CMMC specifications. The DoD has defined five levels of CMMC certification, ranging from basic cyber hygiene to advanced cybersecurity maturity; each level has its own set of supporting practices and processes. To meet the requirements for a specific level, a contractor must first meet the practices and processes of the levels that precede it. The Defense Counter Intelligence Agency estimates that in the next five years as many as 3 million organizations will seek certification.

The Archer CMMC Management Advantage

Preparing for a CMMC assessment is a new and significant challenge for organizations seeking certification. To meet the challenges of CMMC certification, Archer CMMC Management enables organizations to identify, document, and manage the appropriate CMMC practices and processes required for improved cybersecurity hygiene for storage and management of CUI data.

Archer CMMC Management focuses on pre-assessment activities such as defining scoped boundaries, system components, policies, and procedures; allocating the appropriate assessment processes, assessment practices, and assessment objectives across the different components of the system; identifying deficiencies, remediating POA&Ms; and creating the appropriate system security plan (SSP) documentation. Archer CMMC Management alleviates many of the challenges of managing and engaging in preparatory pre-assessment work.
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