Are You Ready?

The Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification (“CMMC”) is a unified cybersecurity standard for future Department of Defense (“DoD”) acquisitions aimed at securing the Defense Industrial Base (“DIB”) supply chain. This standard is required for all defense contractors and subcontractors wishing to do business with the DoD. The CMMC framework consists of five levels and requires an independent third-party certification by an accredited organization.

The CMMC levels are:

**LEVEL 1**
Basic safeguarding of Federal Contract Information (“FCI”)

**LEVEL 2**
Transition step to protect Controlled Unclassified Information (“CUI”)

**LEVEL 3**
Protecting CUI

**LEVEL 4-5**
Protecting CUI and reducing risk of Advanced Persistent Threats (“APT”)

Risk Assurance & Advisory Services
Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification
CMMC v1.0 encompasses the following:

- **17** capability domains;
- **43** capabilities
- **5** processes across five levels to measure process maturity
- **171** practices across five levels to measure technical capabilities

**Certification Timeline**

The current schedule released by the DoD states that required levels will begin appearing in RFIs in late spring/early summer and then in RFPs in late fall of 2020. The intent is to identify the required CMMC Level in RFP Section ‘L’ and ‘M’ and use it as a “go/no- go decision.” Therefore, it is imperative if you are a contractor, along any aspect of the DIB supply chain, that you begin to prepare now.

**How Cherry Bekaert Can Help**

Cherry Bekaert’s Risk Assurance & Advisory Services (“RAS”) group, made up of internal control, cybersecurity and Government Contracting consulting professionals, has decades of experience navigating the ever-changing landscapes of both the government contracting industry and the cyber threat landscape. Our RAS professionals can help you with CMMC readiness by way of:

- Certification Level Identification & Consultation
- System Boundary Determination
- Control Definition & Design
- Documentation Development & Review
- Mapping to Existing Frameworks such as NIST 800-53/171 (FedRAMP, FISMA, DFARS 7012), ISO 27001/2, SOC 2, PCI, HITRUST and Others

Our CMMC Readiness Assessments are designed to identify gaps and prescribe pragmatic solutions to remediate and help you achieve the appropriate CMMC Level.

To speak to a Cherry Bekaert professional about the CMMC certification, please contact us at CMMC@cbh.com today.