

INSIGHT: New DoD Cybersecurity Certification Holds Key to Contracts

“New Department of Defense cybersecurity certification will represent contractors’ ticket to get into the game, Baker Donelson attorneys write. Without that ticket, contractors will not have a chance to compete for and win DoD contracts,” reports Ivan Boatner, Alisa Chestler and Joshua Mullen in Bloomberg Law’s *Tech & Telecom Law News*.

“Cybersecurity attacks represent a real threat to our national security and the defense industrial base. To combat these threats, the Department of Defense recently released Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification v1.0—a conspicuous change in how cybersecurity will be viewed in the performance of DoD government contracts.”

“Cybersecurity will no longer be viewed primarily as an element of contract performance. Rather, once CMMC is fully implemented, third-party certified and mature cybersecurity practices and processes will be foundational in contracting with the DoD—without the appropriate CMMC certification, contractors will not be considered for contract awards.”

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