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To Our Suppliers:

**Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification Program Phase I – The time to act is now.**

As reflected in my note on November 5th, the Department of War's (DoW) Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification (CMMC) program is no longer an impending requirement, *it is actively being enforced and flowed down*. It only took 32 days for us to receive a solicitation requiring Level 2 certification by a third-party certified assessment organization or C3PAO.

Consistent with our commitment to CMMC compliance, our buyers will not issue purchase orders to suppliers who fail to meet contractual CMMC flow-down requirements. Level 2 (C3PAO) certification will serve as a critical factor when selecting partners to assist us providing innovative solutions that protect and save lives.

*What This Means for Your Business*

1. Engage a C3PAO now and schedule your CMMC Level 2 assessment.
2. Update SPRS Cyber Reports to reflect accurate assessment status.

The Defense Industrial Base is much larger than the primes. Yet today the primes are primarily the ones who are certified. Second and third-tier suppliers have an opportunity to create new partnerships. If you are Level 2 (C3PAO) certified, please reach out to [suppliers@elbitsystems-us.com](mailto:suppliers@elbitsystems-us.com).

We realize that many organizations are in the early stages of their CMMC journey and a member of our Supply Chain leadership team will be available during CS5 West <<https://cs5west.org/>> in April. He will make himself available to address common readiness challenges and lessons learned across the defense industrial base. These discussions are not assessments, audits, or compliance reviews, and your participation is entirely voluntary. We hope to promote clarity, reduce uncertainty, and support supplier readiness. If interested, please reach out to [suppliers@elbitsystems-us.com](mailto:suppliers@elbitsystems-us.com).



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