

NIST 800-171 Workshop

NIST 800-171 Importance for Manufacturers

- DFARS 252.204.7012 Contract Clause
 - CUI: Controlled Unclassified Information
- Compliance Deadline: 12/31/17
 - Deadline already extended from 2015
 - Plan of Action/System Security Plan may be acceptable
 - Strictness of compliance will vary based on contract
 - Vendors may "Comparison shop"
 - No auditing/certification currently in place
 - CMMC Certification coming in 2020
 - Self-assessed

NIST 800-171: A Summary

- NIST 800-171 Special Publication
 - Cross-References NIST 800-53
 - HR and IT Team involvement
 - 14 Sections, 110 Items
- Access Control
- Audit and Accountability
- Awareness and Training
- Configuration Management
- Identification and Authentication
- Incident Response
- Maintenance

- Media Protection
- Physical Protection
- Personnel Security
- Risk Assessment
- Security Assessment
- System and Communications Protection
- System and Information Integrity

3.1 Access Control

- Key Factors:
 - How employees access CUI
 - User account login controls and permissions
 - Separation of duties/Least privilege requirements
 - User timeouts/logouts
 - Remote access/VPN controls
 - Wireless network access
 - Mobile device encryption
 - CUI on publically accessible systems

3.2 Awareness and Training

- Key Factors:
 - Proper IT/Cybersecurity policies
 - Definition of CUI as well as handling/transmission
 - Best Practices, password requirements, removable media, etc.
 - Training for all employees
 - New Employee Orientation
 - Re-training for existing employees 1-2 times per year
 - Review policies, awareness training, insider threat training

3.3 Audit and Accountability

- Key Factors:
 - Creation and retention of system audit records:
 - Server and Network logs
 - Regular review of activity
 - On-demand report generation
 - Automated alerts on security incidents
 - Controls on audit features (Restrict to administrator)
 - Software can offer ease of monitoring and report generation at a price (Money vs. Time)

3.4 Configuration Management

- Key Factors:
 - Establish inventory of system hardware and software
 - Establish and enforce security configuration settings
 - Ensure no changes are being made to systems without security impact considerations
 - Disable/Restricted unnecessary ports, functions, services
 - Employ software blacklisting/whitelisting policies

3.5 Identification and Authentication

- Key Factors:
 - User Authentication (Login credentials)
 - Multi-factor authentication
 - User account management (identifier re-use, disabling inactive credentials
 - Password management (Length/complexity requirements, temporary passwords, password re-use)

3.6 Incident Response

- Key Factors:
 - Establish formal incident response system
 - Document security/IT-related incidents
 - Managed by IT dept/Security officer
 - Information on current and resolved incidents
 - Time/person who reported, incident description, source, resolution
 - Test incident response system
 - Phishing e-mails, tabletop exercises, social engineering tests
 - Must be able to provide incident information to contractors/authorities

3.7 Maintenance

- Key Factors:
 - Regular system maintenance (Operating systems, software, etc.)
 - Control maintenance techniques (IT department)
 - Equipment sanitization for off-site maintenance
 - Scanning of maintenance tools and software
 - Supervision of unauthorized maintenance personnel

3.8 Media Protection

- Key Factors:
 - Media usage policies
 - CUI controls (prohibition, markings, encryption)
 - Sanitization/Destruction of decommissioned system media
 - Prohibition of "unknown devices"
 - Protection of backup CUI

3.9 Personnel Security

- Key Factors:
 - Screening of employees handling CUI
 - Background checks, references, prior employment
 - Protection of CUI during personnel actions
 - Transfers, terminations
 - No access for non-employees

3.10 Physical Protection

- Key Factors:
 - Physical Infrastructure Access (PCs, servers, networking equipment
 - Facility security (Building access and monitoring)
 - Supervision and tracking of visitors and guests
 - Physical device access control (Keys, keycards, fobs, codes, etc.)
 - Safeguards at alternate work sites (Remote locations, home offices, etc.)

3.11 Risk Assessment

- Key Factors:
 - Periodic assessment of risks and assets within company (including CUI)
 - Regular vulnerability scans and assessment as new vulnerabilities are discovered
 - Remediation based on assessment findings

3.12 Security Assessment

- Key Factors:
 - Regular assessment of security controls
 - Developing/Maintaining System Security Plan
 - Developing/Maintaining Plan of Action
 - Continual monitoring of security controls on ongoing basis

3.13 System and Communications Protection

- Key Factors:
 - Network architecture
 - Communications traffic (Incoming and outgoing)
 - Transmission of CUI
 - Prevention of shared resources (Cross-connection of networks)
 - Subnetting of publically accessible systems
 - Collaborative computing device controls (Webcams, conference microphones, etc)
 - Monitoring and segregation of VoIP systems
 - Control usage of mobile code (Java, JavaScript, ActiveX, macros, etc.)

3.14 System and Information Integrity

- Key Factors:
 - Reporting systems flaws in a timely fashion
 - Installation of anti-virus/anti-malware
 - Regular scanning of client and server systems
 - Updating protection software as new definitions are released
 - Generation of alerts in the event of malicious software detection.