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Dear Valued Supplier,

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On July 13, 2026, the Department of War (DoW) paused the CMMC Phase Two C3PAO certification requirement while it reviews the program. CMMC Phase One self-assessment requirements remain in place.

Your organization remains fully responsible for meeting the applicable cybersecurity requirements existing in contracts today, including NIST SP 800-171, DFARS 252.204-7012, contract-specific safeguarding clauses, and CMMC Phase One self-assessments when required. During the Phase Two pause, you are still required to safeguard FCI and CUI, rapidly report cyber incidents, complete self-assessments, post scores to SPRS, and provide affirmations of continuous compliance.

Protecting DoW technical data remains a pillar of our national-security mission and a critical component to the success of each of us.

Thank you for your prompt attention and continued partnership.

<https://dowcio.war.gov/Portals/0/Documents/Library/CMMC-ReformMemo.pdf>

Sincerely,

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