



DEFEND TODAY, SECURE TOMORROW

CDM PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) leads the national effort to defend critical infrastructure against the threats of today, while working with partners across all levels of government and in the private sector to secure against the evolving risks of tomorrow. The Continuous Diagnostics and Mitigation (CDM) Program is a dynamic approach to fortifying the cybersecurity of civilian government networks and systems.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The CDM Program provides cybersecurity tools, integration services, and dashboards to participating agencies to support them in improving their respective security posture. Program objectives are to:

- **Reduce** agency threat surface
- **Increase** visibility into the federal cybersecurity posture
- **Improve** federal cybersecurity response capabilities
- **Streamline** Federal Information Security Modernization Act (FISMA) reporting

CDM CAPABILITIES

The CDM Program delivers capabilities in five key program areas (see figure).

- **Dashboard:** Receives, aggregates, and displays information from CDM tools at the agency and federal levels.
- **Asset Management** – Manages hardware assets (HWAM), software assets (SWAM), security management configuration settings (CSM), and software vulnerabilities (VUL).
- **Identity and Access Management** – Manages account/access/managed privileges (PRIV), trust determination for people granted access (TRUST), credentials and authentication (CRED), and security-related training (BEHAVE).
- **Network Security Management** – Manages network and perimeter components, host and device components, data at rest and in transit, and user behavior and activities. This includes management of events (MNGEVT); operate, monitor, and improve (OMI); design and build-in security (DBS); boundary protection (BOUND); supply chain risk management (SCRM); and ongoing authorization.
- **Data Protection Management** – Manages the protection of data through the capabilities: data discovery/classification (DISC), data protection (PROT), data loss prevention (DLP), data breach/spillage mitigation (MIT), and information rights management (IRM).



CDM Program Areas

AGENCY AND FEDERAL DASHBOARDS

The CDM Program has deployed agency-level dashboards to 23 Chief Financial Officers (CFO) Act federal civilian agencies. Those dashboards provide a window into the security posture of agency computers, servers, and other Internet-connected devices. The Agency Dashboard is a data visualization tool that produces customized reports, alerting information technology (IT) managers to the most critical cybersecurity risks. In parallel to the deployment of agency-level dashboards, CDM has established the Federal Dashboard. It is a tool which consolidates summary information from each agency-level dashboard to form a picture of cybersecurity health across all civilian agencies. This tactical summary data (e.g., critical patch status) will be used to inform strategic decision making regarding systemic cybersecurity risks across the Federal Government.

SHARED SERVICES

The CDM shared services delivery model adheres to the core principles of a shared service, enabling agencies to leverage CDM tools and infrastructure to increase network security. The shared services approach is being deployed to non-CFO Act government entities seeking a common platform across internal components or agencies lacking the infrastructure/resources for a standalone CDM implementation.

ACQUISITION STRATEGY

The CDM acquisition strategy is a two-pronged approach to provide products and services to meet the CDM Program objectives. It includes (1) the CDM Tools Special Item Number (SIN) on the U.S. General Services Administration IT Schedule 70 and (2) the services executed through the Dynamic and Evolving Federal Enterprise Network Defense (DEFEND), a series of task orders against the Alliant Governmentwide Acquisition Contract.

CDM TOOLS SIN 132-44

The CDM SIN is a governmentwide contracting solution that provides a consistent set of Information Security Continuous Monitoring tools to federal, state, local, regional, and tribal governments. The SIN includes cybersecurity tools and sensors. CDM provides monthly opportunities to refresh and add new tools including innovative tools that meet the technical requirements of the CDM Program via the CDM Approved Product List.

CDM DEFEND

The scope of CDM DEFEND encompasses all activities that support CDM capabilities, including:

- Deploying CDM capabilities across the .gov domain
- Deploying the capabilities within groups of agencies to achieve volume discounts and other cost efficiencies
- Providing flexibility for different requirements in terms of agency readiness, complexity, location of data (on premise/mobile/cloud), and mission objectives
- Supporting the use of innovative products
- Offering “shared service” options for agencies where sharing costs and skilled support yield the most benefit