

September 21, 2023

## MEMORANDUM FOR UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR ACQUISITION AND SUSTAINMENT CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE DIRECTOR, DEFENSE CONTRACT MANAGEMENT AGENCY

## SUBJECT: Audit of the DoD's Process for Accrediting Third-Party Organizations to Perform Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification 2.0 Assessments (Project No. D2023-D000CR-0167.000)

The purpose of this memorandum is to notify you that we plan to begin the subject audit in September 2023. The objective of this audit is to determine whether the DoD's process for accrediting third-party organizations to perform Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification (CMMC) 2.0 assessments is adequate to ensure the organizations meet all DoD accreditation requirements. We may revise the objective as the audit proceeds, and we will also consider suggestions from management for additional or revised objectives. We plan to perform this audit in accordance with the Government Accountability Office's generally accepted government auditing standards.

We will perform the audit at the Offices of the Undersecretary of Defense for Acquisiton and Sustainment, DoD Chief Information Officer, and Defense Contract Management Agency. We may identify additional locations during the audit.

We request that you designate a staff member to serve as our point of contact for this audit within **5 days** of this memorandum. The point of contact should be a Government employee—a GS-15, pay band equivalent, or military equivalent—and knowledgeable of the CMMC 2.0 process related to the objective. Send the contact's name, title, grade/pay band, phone number, and e-mail address to audcso@dodig.mil.

The Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended, (5 U.S.C. §§ 401-424) authorizes us to have access to personnel and materials as we determine necessary to perform our oversight in a timely manner. You can obtain information about the DoD Office of Inspector General from DoD Directive 5106.01, "Inspector General of the Department of Defense (IG DoD)," April 20, 2012, as amended, and DoD Instruction 7050.03, "Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Defense Access to Records and Information," March 22, 2013, as amended. Our website is <u>www.dodig.mil</u>.

If you have any questions, please contact

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