

## Cybersecurity for Federal Government Contractors

Federal regulations are agency specific. Some agencies have implemented cybersecurity regulations; for example: Department of Defense, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

For Department of Defense (DoD) prime and subcontractors, the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulations (DFARS) supplement spells out regulations in DFARS 252.204-7012: Safeguarding Covered Defense Information and Cyber Incident Reporting.

<http://www.acq.osd.mil/dpap/dars/dfars/html/current/252204.htm#252.204-7012>

- Applies to any large or small business contractor information system that may have unclassified controlled technical information (UCTI) resident on or transiting through it.
  - Controlled technical information includes military or space applications
  - Subject to controls on access, use, modification, and release
- The clause DFARS 252.204-7012 is to be included in all DoD contracts after November 18, 2013.
- The clause may be implemented through contract modification in some cases.
- Commercial items are included.
- This clause requires subcontractor compliance as well.
- Requires compliance with 50+ security controls from NIST SP 800-53 (National Institutes of Standards and Technology Special Publications).  
<http://nvlpubs.nist.gov/nistpubs/SpecialPublications/NIST.SP.800-53r4.pdf>
- The following provide examples but is not an all-inclusive list:
  - Access control
  - Awareness and training
  - Audit and accountability
  - Configuration management
  - Identification and authentication
  - Contingency planning
  - Incident response
  - Maintenance
  - Media protection
  - Physical and environmental protection
  - Program management
  - Risk assessment
  - Systems/communications protection
  - Systems/information integrity
- Reporting required within 72 hours of discovery of “reportable cyber incident”.
- DoD may elect to conduct damage assessment of cyber incident.
- UCTI Clause requires mandatory flow down to all subcontracts, regardless of size.

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