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Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification (CMMC): Strengthening Cyber Resilience Across the Defense Industrial Base

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Abstract:

The Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification (CMMC) program represents a significant evolution in the U.S. Department of Defense's approach to securing the Defense Industrial Base (DIB). Designed to protect Federal Contract Information (FCI) and Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI), CMMC establishes a standardized framework for assessing and validating cybersecurity practices across more than 200,000 organizations supporting defense operations worldwide.

This session examines the origins, structure, and governance of CMMC, including the cybersecurity threats and systemic risks that drove its development. Attendees will explore how decades of cyber espionage, intellectual property theft, and supply chain compromise—illustrated through real-world cases such as APT10 “Cloud Hopper” and the Boeing supply chain breach—demonstrated the limitations of self-attestation and the need for independently verified cybersecurity maturity assessments. This presentation will provide an overview of the CMMC model, including its tiered maturity levels and alignment with national security objectives.

Attendees will leave with a practical understanding of certification pathways, governance requirements, and the strategic importance of CMMC in reducing cyber risk throughout the defense supply chain. This session is intended for cybersecurity professionals, auditors, governance and risk leaders, defense contractors, business leaders, and compliance practitioners seeking to better understand the future of cybersecurity assurance within the DIB ecosystem.

About the Speaker:

Jeff Angle is currently the Vice President of Academic and Workforce at ISACA, Chicago, USA. Jeff is a highly experienced executive focused on the education of the future workforce. He has held executive level roles with ETS, Pearson, HMH, and Arizona State University. Jeff has developed successful academic and workforce development programs through out the US, Middle East and the LATAM areas focused on upskilling students in secondary and post-secondary education. In his spare time, Jeff is faculty at the W.P. Carey School of Business at Arizona State University.

