

Controlled Unclassified Information

Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI) is information the Government creates or possesses, or that an entity creates or possesses for or on behalf of the Government, that a law, regulation, or Government-wide policy requires or permits an agency to handle using safeguarding or dissemination controls. 32.CFR 2002.4

Background

- Established in 2010 and managed by the National Archives and Records Administration and the Information Security Oversight Office
- CUI Registry contains the categories of CUI as well as appropriate markings, dissemination controls and the decontrol process
- Created to preserve the confidentiality of sensitive federal information
- Guidance in NIST SP 800-171: Protecting Controlled Unclassified Information in Nonfederal Systems and Organizations

CMMC, SSPs and POAMs

- Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification program from the DoD to self-attest and/or certify compliance with NIST 800-171
- Requires System Security Plans and potentially Plans of Action and Milestones to document compliance with requirements

Resources

- <https://www.archives.gov/cui>
- <https://www.acq.osd.mil/cmmc/>
- <https://csrc.nist.gov/publications/detail/sp/800-171/rev-2/final> (contains links to the SSP and POAM templates as well)
- <https://it.colostate.edu/research-computing-and-cyberinfrastructure/security-compliance/>

If you receive, or anticipate receiving, research sponsorship funding that requires CUI compliance, please contact ResearchCUI@colostate.edu



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