

**• NIST 800-171 · CMMC LEVEL 2**

# Are you ready before the assessor is?

Achieving CMMC readiness requires more than checking boxes. This readiness checklist helps you evaluate whether your scope, documentation, control implementation, and evidence management align with NIST SP 800-171 before an assessor does.

## Scope and Boundary

- Is your CUI environment and system boundary clearly defined, documented, and approved?
- Is your boundary aligned to where Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI) is stored, processed, or transmitted?

## Governance and Ownership

- Are internal control owners formally assigned for control implementation, evidence collection and management, and audit coordination?
- Do stakeholders understand their responsibilities during a CMMC assessment?

## Documentation and Core Artifacts

- Do you maintain a current, accurate System Security Plan (SSP) aligned to in-scope systems and NIST 800-171 controls?
- Do you maintain a current Plan of Action & Milestones (POA&M) with assigned owners, timelines, and status tracking for unimplemented or partially implemented controls (including 5-point weighted controls)?
- Have you completed a recent NIST 800-171 self-assessment with documented gaps and remediation status?

## Control Implementation and Evidence

- Do you have objective evidence for each implemented NIST 800-171 control?
- Are documented and enforced policies aligned to each NIST 800-171 control family?
- Have all 5-point weighted control families been fully implemented and properly evidenced?

## Assessment Readiness

- Have you initiated readiness planning with a C3PAO or qualified CMMC advisor?
- Have you conducted a mock assessment or independent readiness review to validate evidence sufficiency?

## Sustainability and Ongoing Compliance

- Do you have internal resources or external partners in place to support ongoing CMMC and NIST 800-171 compliance?
- Is compliance treated as a continuous program rather than a one-time certification effort?

## Can't check every box? We'll help you close the gaps.

CMMC readiness isn't just documentation — it's defensible implementation, traceable evidence, and sustainable compliance. Fortreum can help you close the gaps before an assessor finds them.