

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Continuous Diagnostics and Mitigation (CDM) Approved Products List (APL) Product Submission Instructions

This document outlines how vendors can submit products to DHS for consideration to be added, deleted, and or modified on the CDM APL and how DHS will evaluate each submission.

Submissions

When to Submit: DHS accepts submissions to modify the CDM APL monthly. Offerors can submit updates to the APL on the first Monday of the first full or partial week of the month, with submissions being accepted through Friday of that week. A full submission calendar can be found on our website.*

How to Submit: Offerors must submit a separate package for review for each Product Family¹. Submissions should be sent to CSD_CB.ACQBUDG@CISA.DHS.GOV using the following subject line: CDM APL Submission: Company, ProductManufacturer, ProductFamily, DateofSubmission (YYYY-MM-DD).

What to Submit:

- **APL Submission Form***
- **Required Supporting Documentation**
 - VPATs (to include 508 testing results)
 - Commercial Supplier Agreement Terms
 - Supply Chain Risk Management (SCRM) Plan Questionnaire (Attachment A)*
 - Product Assurance
 - Supplier Management
- **Supporting Documentation-** Any white paper or marketing material that supports your products' claim(s) or list a company website URL on the product submission form that supports the claim.

Evaluations

Part 1: Conformance: DHS will conduct an initial conformance review of the package to ensure:

- The CDM APL Submission Form is complete and the offeror has provided and completed all required supporting documentation
- The product(s) has either a government or commercial presence
- The product(s) support(s) Internet Protocol Version 6 (IPv6)²

If a submission fails the initial conformance, DHS will notify the offeror and provide areas of non-conformance for re-submission. Offeror can re-submit within the submission period, or wait until the following month's submission period. The submission will not be technically evaluated.

Part 2: Common Requirements are Self-Certified: DHS will ensure that the offeror has self-certified that they meet all of the Common Requirements as written in CDM Technical Capabilities Volume Two 2020*, which are:

- 1) Common Actual State
- 2) Common Interoperability
- 3) Common Scaling
- 4) Common Securing
- 5) Common Timeliness and Completeness
- 6) Common Grouping
- 7) Common Policy Decision Point

If an offeror doesn't certify that they meet all of the Common Requirements, their submission will be rejected and the submission will not be technically evaluated.

1. A Product Family is considered a suite of products with the same capabilities that comprise a solution. If products have different capabilities, they should be submitted as separate Product Families.

2. Per OMB Memorandum M-05-22, August 2, 2005 and U.S. Government Version 6 (USGv6) Profile (National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Special Publication 500-267) and the corresponding declarations of conformance defined in the USGv6 Test Program, and NIST Special Publication 800-119: Guidelines for the Secure Deployment of IPv6.

* Document can be found on www.GSA.gov/CDM

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Continuous Diagnostics and Mitigation (CDM) Approved Products List (APL) Product Submission Instructions

Part 3: Product Meets a CDM Capability Functional Requirement: DHS will evaluate offeror's claims against CDM Technical Capabilities Volume Two 2020, which are grouped as follows:

- 1) What is on the Network (Asset Management)
- 2) Who is on the Network (Identity and Access Management)
- 3) What is Happening the Network (Network Security Management)
- 4) How is Data Protected on the Network (Data Protection Management)

Offerors now have the opportunity to submit products for consideration under the CDM Potential Capabilities category. The CDM program understands that the cybersecurity market is continuously developing at a rapid pace, making previous and present technologies unwieldy, expensive, and ineffective in comparison.

To that end, the program is providing a means to submit new and innovative products for CDM program review. These products should show rapid and wide adoption by industry verticals, as well as a clear understanding of the cybersecurity domains being addressed.

This category gives the offeror the ability to have an impact on future CDM capabilities and provides a means for such technologies to be considered for the CDM APL.

Products submitted in the category must still meet the Common Requirements, however, they do not necessarily map to a CDM Functional Capability. Offerors must complete the Potential Capabilities Questionnaire that is located in the APL Submission form (Tab 4) in order to submit their application.

Next Steps:

Products were Accepted*: If DHS determines that products were found fully or partially acceptable, we will notify the offeror via email that the product has been approved and for what capabilities. The approved products will be added to the APL, which is republished every month.

DHS also notifies GSA Multiple Award Schedule Information Technology Category (MAS IT) of the products' acceptance on the APL in the event that you would like to modify your GSA MAS IT contract to include the newly accepted products on the CDM Tools SIN, 541519CDM³. The offeror is responsible for submitting a formal modification request or offer through the e-mod/e-offer system. More information can be found on our website.**

Products were Not Accepted: If DHS determines that the products do not meet the CDM capabilities, we will notify the offeror and identify areas of non-acceptance. Offeror can modify their submission and re-submit the following month if they choose to.

For any questions or comments – please contact the Capacity Building's Acquisition and Budget Office for more information at CSD_CB.ACQBUDG@CISA.DHS.GOV

APL Three Year Reevaluation:

As of October 1, 2020, all products on the APL for three years or longer will need to undergo a reevaluation. DHS will notify offerors 90 days in advance of products that have been on the APL for three years or longer. Offerors have 90 days to resubmit the products for evaluation, or the products will be deleted from the APL.

³ GSA is responsible for the final approval to add products to the CDM Tools SIN and associated offerings or award offer. This includes Commercial Supplier Agreement Terms and Letters of Supply (LOS) if not the original manufacturer, and in accordance with GSA's solicitation requirements.