IDA Earns Milestone Cybersecurity Certification

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (December 2025) — IDA achieved Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification (CMMC) Level 2 certification, a solid indicator of IDA's ability to protect Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI). The U.S. Department of War (DOW) established CMMC as a program that assesses defense contractor compliance with information-safeguarding requirements for federal contract information and CUI.

"The Department of War has rigorous security requirements for protecting CUI, and this CMMC Level 2 achievement indicates IDA's ability to meet them," said IDA Director, Information Technology and Security, and Chief Information Officer Martin Franke. "I extend my gratitude to our CMMC team for their unwavering dedication to cybersecurity at IDA."

To earn certification, IDA fully implemented and clearly demonstrated all 110 security controls defined in the National Institute of Standards and Technology Special Publication 800-171 security framework. Adherence to these security controls is a contractual requirement based upon Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement 252.204-7012.

IDA successfully demonstrated the company's robust security posture and operational maturity through meeting the 320 assessment objectives. As part of the assessment, IDA hired a CMMC Third-Party Assessor Organization (C3PAO) that was approved by a DOW-authorized accrediting body to conduct CMMC Level 2 Assessments. The C3PAO conducted a virtual review of IDA's enterprise network (which processes, stores and transmits CUI) and an on-site review of IDA's physical security operations.

The certification is valid for a three-year cycle. IDA will continue to conduct annual CUI/CMMC self-assessments as required by contract.

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