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Abstract

109 Organizations are concerned about the risks associated with products and services that may
110 contain potentially malicious functionality, are counterfeit, or are vulnerable due to poor
111 manufacturing and development practices within the cyber supply chain. These risks are
112 associated with an enterprise’s decreased visibility into, and understanding of, how the
113 technology that they acquire is developed, integrated, and deployed, as well as the processes,
114 procedures, and practices used to assure the security, resilience, reliability, safety, integrity, and
115 quality of the products and services.

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117 This publication provides guidance to organizations on identifying, assessing, and mitigating
118 cyber supply chain risks at all levels of their organizations. The publication integrates cyber
119 supply chain risk management (C-SCRM) into risk management activities by applying a multi-
120 level, C-SCRM-specific approach, including guidance on development of C-SCRM strategy
121 implementation plans, C-SCRM policies, C-SCRM plans, and C-SCRM risk assessments for
122 products and services.

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Note to Reviewers

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143 Revision 1 of this foundational NIST publication represents a one-year effort to incorporate the
144 next generation C-SCRM controls that will be needed to accomplish the above objectives. It
145 includes changes to make the SP more modular based, expand alignment to [NIST 800-37], *Risk*
146 *Management Framework for Information Systems and Organizations: A System Life Cycle*
147 *Approach for Security and Privacy* as well as NIST [800-39], *Managing Information Security*
148 *Risk: Organization, Mission, and Information System View*. Changes also focus on making
149 implementation guidance more consumable by acquirers, suppliers, developers, system
150 integrators, external system service providers, and other ICT/OT-related service providers as
151 well as increasing enablement through the inclusion of C-SCRM Strategy & Implementation
152 Plan, C-SCRM Policy, C-SCRM Plan, and Cyber Supply Chain Risk Assessment templates.

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154 Questions to reviewers:

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- 156 • Does this document strike the right balance with respect to providing guidance any
157 organization can use, regardless of size, mission, etc., and providing guidance sufficiently
158 descriptive to be clear and actionable?
- 159 • Does this guidance offer organizations a structure both easy to follow and
160 implement?? If not, how could the guidance be structured, the content be represented,
161 and main points/concepts be highlighted so that the user can build a C-SCRM program
162 and capabilities using the minimum amount of time and resources?
- 163 • Is anything missing in the implementation guidance that you would have expected to see?
164 Is there any guidance that is not needed?
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168 Or is there a different approach preferred that is not currently reflected?
169 Within Section 3.4.1 – Is the document providing the right balance and mix of
170 capabilities across the Foundational, Sustaining, and Enhancing practice categories?
- 171 • Within Appendix D 4.1 Cyber Supply Chain Risk Assessment Template – What can
172 improve the product or service assessment? Should it be combined with a supplier

173 assessment? What should be asked of the supplier? Should the assessment ask about the
174 technology being acquired?

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176 Major changes include:

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- 178 • Updated diagrams and tables throughout

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180 Additional major changes per section / appendix include:

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182 Section 1, Introduction

- 183 • Refined cyber supply chain risk management definition to include internal and external
184 dependency considerations to improve clarity.
- 185 • Clarified and expanded upon the meanings of the C-SCRM products, services (e.g.,
186 Human Resources, Payroll, Cloud Providers, and Managed Security), and supply chain
187 elements.
- 188 • Incorporated types of factors that are associated with services that drive risk
189 identification, assessment and response considerations.
- 190 • Described relationship between traditional supply chain (e.g., Supply Chain Operations
191 Reference) and C-SCRM. Established NIST C-SCRM as the authoritative definition.
- 192 • Expanded scope from High Impact Systems to High, Moderate, and Low Impact
193 Systems, per draft SP 800-53B (baselines); included Operational Technology (OT) and
194 Internet of Things (IoT) considerations throughout.
- 195 • Added of *Section 1.3, The Business Case for C-SCRM*, and *Section 1.7 Implementing C-*
196 *SCRM* in the context of SP 800-37 Rev. 2.
- 197 • Updated the regulatory, legislative, and guidance references to include developments
198 since initial publication (e.g., SP 800-160, SP 800-53 Rev. 5, SECURE Technology Act
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- 200 • Acknowledgement of C-SCRM as a multidisciplinary topic that demands coordination
201 across multiple disciplines (e.g., acquisition policy/management, logistics management,
202 legal, and intelligence).
- 203 • Defined C-SCRM relational boundaries (e.g., National Security Systems, High Value
204 Assets, Critical Infrastructure, and Government-as-Enterprise).

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206 Section 2, Integration of C-SCRM into Organization-wide Risk Management

- 207 • Movement of Frame, Assess, Respond, Monitor (FARM) processes to Appendix C
- 208 • C-SCRM Program Management:
 - 209 ○ Defined the scope and characteristics of a C-SCRM Program across
210 organizational tiers.
 - 211 ○ Introduced the concepts of a dedicated C-SCRM PMO within one or more
212 organizational tiers and codify the C-SCRM PMO's purpose, high-level roles and
213 responsibilities, and scope of responsibilities.
 - 214 ○ Explored models of vertical and horizontal coordination across organizational
215 tiers, especially where numerous PMO responsibilities may overlap (e.g.,
216 facilitate matrix management and coordination of disparate discipline-area
217 specific SCRM functions, enable governance and integration with enterprise risk

- 218 management, liaise with external entities/officials, track/manage/report on SCRM
219 implementation progress and overall program effectiveness).
- 220 ○ Consider resource and budgetary constraints via alternate operational models
221 (e.g., formal and less formal PMOs), as well as methods for how to determine the
222 model that is “fit for purpose”.
 - 223 ○ Concrete guidance provided to assess and measure the effectiveness of an
224 organization’s C-SCRM program capabilities and program outcomes related to
225 mitigating or otherwise appropriately managing cyber supply chain risks.
 - 226 ● Acquisition Security:
 - 227 ○ Acquisition Security concepts (further explored in Section 3) have been added
228 across the risk framework levels.
 - 229 ○ Processes described from a Buyer’s perspective (e.g., how a member of the
230 Acquisition Team can effectively evaluate the relative merits of a given
231 contractor’s C-SCRM controls or their supply chain risk exposure and use that
232 information appropriately when making acquisition-related decisions). Link to
233 OMB A-123.
 - 234 ● Implementing C-SCRM in the Context of SP 800-37 Rev. 2:
 - 235 ○ Clear linkage made with SP 800-37 Rev 2. and System Level (Level 3) C-SCRM
236 guidance.

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- 238 ● Risk Management Process:
 - 239 ○ Integrated into and enhanced existing frame, assess, respond, and monitor
240 activities with the latest operational and technological trends. Improved
241 traceability of tasks with their associated infographics. Generally, expanded roles
242 and responsibilities concepts. Refined and clarified what risk tolerance means,
243 who determines it and upon what it is based, and how it is used to inform and
244 influence risk response decisions.
 - 245 ○ Discussed importance of a documented, foundational methodology that provides
246 for a repeatable and standardized way to codify risk information via SP 800-37
247 Rev. 2 and the SP 800-53 Rev. 5 SR Family.
- 248 ● Interdependencies:
 - 249 ○ Impact of external stakeholders, federated organizations, and other
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251 Section 3, (NEW) Critical success factors

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- 255 ● Updated C-SCRM controls based on SP 800-53 Rev. 5. New control sets for SR (SR-13:
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257 were added:
 - 258 ○ Impact System Expansion - Designated which supplemental guidance is
259 applicable to High, Moderate, and/or Low Impact Systems.

- 260 • Supplemental Guidance: Existing supplemental guidance was enhanced with the latest
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478 **1. INTRODUCTION**

479 **I**nformation, communications, and operational technology (ICT/OT) relies on a complex,
480 globally distributed and interconnected supply chain ecosystem that is long, has
481 geographically diverse routes, and consists of multiple levels of outsourcing. This ecosystem
482 is composed of public and private sector entities (e.g., acquirers, suppliers, developers, system
483 integrators, external system service providers, and other ICT/OT-related service providers)¹ and
484 technology, law, policy, procedures, and practices that interact to conduct research and
485 development, design, manufacture, acquire, deliver, integrate operate and maintain, and dispose,
486 and otherwise utilize or manage ICT/OT products and services. This ecosystem has evolved to
487 provide a set of highly refined, cost-effective, reusable solutions. Federal government
488 information systems² have rapidly adopted this ecosystem of solution options, which has
489 increased their reliance on commercially available products, system integrator support for
490 custom-built systems, and external service providers. This, in turn, has resulted in increased
491 complexity, diversity, and scale of the federal government's cyber supply chains.

493 In this document, the term *supply chain* refers to the linked set of resources and processes
494 between and among multiple levels of enterprises, each of which is an acquirer that begins with
495 the sourcing of products and services and extends through their life cycle.

497 Based on this definition, *cyber supply chain* is this linked set of resources that can be subject to
498 cyber supply chain risks from suppliers, their supply chains, and their products or services.
499 Cyber supply chain risks include exposures, threats, and vulnerabilities associated with the
500 products and services traversing the supply chain as well as the exposures, threats, and
501 vulnerabilities to the supply chain.

503 Commercially available technology solutions present significant benefits including low cost,
504 interoperability, rapid innovation, product feature variety, and the ability to choose from
505 competing vendors. These commercial off-the-shelf (COTS) solutions, whether proprietary or
506 open source, can meet the needs of a global base of public and private sector customers.
507 However, the same globalization and other factors that allow for such benefits can also increase
508 the risk of a threat event which can directly or indirectly affect the cyber supply chain—often
509 undetected—and in a manner that may result in risks to the acquirer and the end user.

511 These cyber supply chain risks may include but are not limited to tainted software, introduction
512 of malware, theft of intellectual property, insertion of counterfeits, unauthorized production,
513 tampering, theft, insertion of malicious software and hardware, as well as poor development and
514 manufacturing practices in the cyber supply chain. These risks are associated with an enterprise's
515 decreased visibility into, and understanding of, how the technology they acquire is developed,
516 integrated, and deployed, as well as the processes, procedures, and practices used to ensure the

¹ See definitions suppliers, developers, system integrators, external system service providers, and other ICT/OT-related service providers in Appendix F, Glossary.

² NIST SP 800-53 Rev. 5 defines Information System as:

An information system is a discrete set of information resources organized for the collection, processing, maintenance, use, sharing, dissemination, or disposition of information. Information systems also include specialized systems such as industrial control systems, telephone switching and private branch exchange (PBX) systems, and environmental control systems.

517 security, resilience, reliability, safety, integrity, and quality of the products and services.³ Threats
518 and vulnerabilities created by malicious actors (individuals, enterprises, or nation states) are
519 often especially sophisticated and difficult to detect, and thus provide a significant risk to
520 enterprises. It should be noted that products (including software libraries, frameworks, toolkits,
521 Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) solutions, and cloud-based resources) or services
522 originating both domestically or abroad might contain vulnerabilities that present opportunities
523 for cyber supply chain compromises.⁴ For example, an adversary may have the power to insert
524 malicious capability into a product or to coerce a manufacturer to hand over the manufacturing
525 specifications of a sensitive U.S. system. Note that it is impossible to completely eliminate all
526 cyber supply chain risks.

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528 Currently, enterprises and many private sector suppliers, developers, system integrators, external
529 system service providers, and other ICT/OT-related service providers use varied and not yet
530 sufficiently standardized practices, which make it difficult to consistently measure and manage
531 cyber supply chain risks across different enterprises.

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533 In this document, the practices and controls described for Cyber Supply Chain Risk
534 Management (C-SCRM) apply to both information technology (IT) and OT environments.
535 Similar to IT environments relying on ICT products and services, OT environments rely on OT
536 and ICT products and services, which create a cyber risk from ICT/OT products, services,
537 suppliers and their supply chains. Organizations should include OT-related suppliers,
538 developers, system integrators, external system service providers, and other ICT/OT-related
539 service providers within the scope of their C-SCRM activities.

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541 When engaging with suppliers, developers, system integrators, external system service providers,
542 and other ICT/OT-related service providers, agencies should carefully consider the breadth of the
543 Federal government's footprint and the high likelihood that individual agencies may enforce
544 varying and conflicting C-SCRM requirements. Overcoming this complexity requires
545 interagency coordination and partnerships. The passage of the Federal Acquisition Supply Chain
546 Security Act (FASCSA) of 2018 aimed to address this concern by creating a government-wide
547 approach to the problem of supply chain security in federal acquisitions by establishing the
548 Federal Acquisition Security Council (FASC). The FASC therefore serves as a focal point of
549 coordination and information sharing and a harmonized approach to acquisition security that
550 addresses C-SCRM in acquisition processes and procurements across the federal enterprise. In
551 addition, the law incorporated SCRM into FISMA by requiring reporting on progress and

⁴ This document adapts the definition of risk from [FIPS 200] to establish a definition for cyber supply chain risk as follows:

Risks that arise from the loss of confidentiality, integrity, or availability of information or information systems and reflect the potential adverse impacts to organizational operations (including mission, functions, image, or reputation), organizational assets, individuals, other organizations, and the Nation.

⁴ This document defines a Cyber Supply Chain Compromise as:

Cyber supply chain incident (also known as compromise) is an occurrence within the supply chain whereby the confidentiality, integrity, or availability of a system or the information the system processes, stores, or transmits is jeopardized. A cyber supply chain incident can occur anywhere during the life cycle of the system, product or service.

⁵ Appendix F, Glossary

552 effectiveness of the agency’s supply chain risk management consistent with guidance issued by
553 the Office of Management and Budget and the Council.

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555 **1.1. PURPOSE**

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557 Cyber Supply Chain Risk Management (C-SCRM) is a systematic process for managing cyber
558 supply chain risk exposures, threats, and vulnerabilities throughout the supply chain and
559 developing response strategies to the cyber supply chain risks presented by the supplier, the
560 supplied products and services, or the supply chain.⁵ The purpose of this publication is to
561 provide guidance to organizations on how to identify, assess, select, and implement risk
562 management processes and mitigating controls across the organization to help manage cyber
563 supply chain risks.

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565 The processes and controls identified in this document can be modified or augmented with
566 organization-specific requirements from policies, guidelines, response strategies, and other
567 sources. This publication empowers organizations to develop C-SCRM strategies that are
568 tailored to their specific mission/business needs, threats, and operational environments.

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570 **1.2. TARGET AUDIENCE**

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572 C-SCRM is an organization-wide activity that should be directed under the overall enterprise
573 governance, regardless of the specific organizational structure.

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575 This publication is intended to serve a diverse audience involved in C-SCRM, including:

- 576 • Individuals with system, information security, privacy, or risk management and oversight
577 responsibilities, including authorizing officials (AOs), chief information officers, senior
578 information security officers, and senior officials for privacy;
- 579 • Individuals with system development responsibilities, including mission or business owners,
580 program managers, system engineers, system security engineers, privacy engineers, hardware
581 and software developers, system integrators, and acquisition or procurement officials;
- 582 • Individuals with acquisition and procurement-related responsibilities, including acquisition
583 officials and contracting officers;
- 584 • Individuals with logistical or disposition-related responsibilities, including program
585 managers, procurement officials, system integrators, and property managers;
- 586 • Individuals with security and privacy implementation and operations responsibilities,
587 including mission or business owners, system owners, information owners or stewards,
588 system administrators, continuity planners, and system security or privacy officers;
- 589 • Individuals with security and privacy assessment and monitoring responsibilities, including
590 auditors, Inspectors General, system evaluators, control assessors, independent verifiers and
591 validators, and analysts; and

- 592 • Commercial entities, including industry partners, that produce component products and
593 systems, create security and privacy technologies, or provide services or capabilities that
594 support information security or privacy.

595 1.3. BACKGROUND

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597 C-SCRM encompasses activities that span the entire system development life cycle (SDLC),
598 including research and development, design, manufacturing, acquisition, delivery, integration,
599 operations and maintenance, disposal, and overall management of an organization's products and
600 services. C-SCRM lies at the intersection of security, resilience, reliability, safety, integrity, and
601 quality, as depicted in Figure 1-1.
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604 **Fig. 1-1: Dimensions of C-SCRM**

- 605 • Security provides the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of information that (a)
606 describes the cyber supply chain (e.g., information about the paths of products and
607 services, both logical and physical) or (b) traverses the cyber supply chain (e.g.,
608 intellectual property contained in products and services), as well as information about the
609 parties participating in the cyber supply chain (anyone who touches a product or service
610 throughout its life cycle);
611 • Resilience is focused on ensuring the cyber supply chain will provide required products
612 and services and these products and services will be able to sufficiently perform or
613 recover, under stress or failure;

- 614 • Reliability is focused on the ability of a product or service to function as defined for a
615 specified period of time in a predictable manner;⁶
- 616 • Safety is focused on ensuring the product or service are free from conditions that can
617 cause death, injury, occupational illness, damage to or loss of equipment or property, or
618 damage to the environment;⁷
- 619 • Integrity is focused on ensuring the products or services in the cyber supply chain are
620 genuine, unaltered, and the products and services will perform according to acquirer
621 specifications and without additional unwanted functionality; and
- 622 • Quality is focused on meeting or exceeding performance, technical, and functional
623 specifications while ensuring vulnerabilities are mitigated that may limit the intended
624 function of a component or delivery of a service, lead to component or service failure, or
625 provide opportunities for exploitation.

627 1.3.1. The Business Case for C-SCRM

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629 Today, every organization heavily relies on digital technology to fulfill its business and mission.
630 Digital technology is comprised of ICT/OT products and is delivered through and supported by
631 services. C-SCRM is a critical capability that every organization needs to have to address cyber
632 risks posed by the use of digital technology to support its business and mission. The depth,
633 extent, and maturity of a C-SCRM capability for each organization should be based on the
634 uniqueness of business or mission, organization-specific compliance requirements, operational
635 environment, risk appetite, and risk tolerance.

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637 Establishing and sustaining a C-SCRM capability creates a number of significant benefits:

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639 • Reduced likelihood of cyber supply chain compromise. Well-designed C-SCRM
640 processes and controls achieve this by enhancing an organization's ability to effectively
641 detect, respond, and recover from events that result in significant business disruptions,
642 should a C-SCRM compromise occur.
- 643 • Operational and organizational efficiencies achieved through clear structure, purpose, and
644 alignment of C-SCRM capabilities and prioritization, consolidation, and streamlining of
645 existing C-SCRM processes.
- 646 • Greater assurance that products acquired are of high quality, authentic, reliable, resilient,
647 maintainable, secure, and safe.

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649 Greater assurance that service providers are trustworthy and can be relied upon to meet their
650 performance requirements. Organizations should carefully consider the potential costs of
651 applying C-SCRM processes and controls, weighing such costs against the risk to the
652 organization were they not applied. Implementing C-SCRM processes and controls will require
653 financial and human resources, as well as tools and infrastructure investments, not only from the
654 organizations themselves, but also from their suppliers, developers, system integrators, external
655 system service providers, and other ICT/OT-related service providers which may also result in
656 increased costs to the acquirer. Such costs may be realized through required staff upskilling or

⁶ NIST SP 800-160 Vol.2

⁷ NIST SP 800-160 Vol.2

657 hiring, vendor switching, impacts on contingency planning, supplier diversity, and procurement
658 timeline delays.

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660 The passage of the 2018 SECURE Technology Act, formation of the Federal Acquisition
661 Security Council (FASC), and the observations from the 2015 and 2019 Case Studies in Cyber
662 Supply Chain Risk Management captured in the National Institute of Standards and Technology
663 Interagency Report (NISTIR) 8276, *Key Practices in Cyber Supply Chain Risk Management*,
664 point to broad public and private sector consensus: C-SCRM capabilities are a critical and
665 foundational component of any organization's risk posture.

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667 **1.3.2. Organization's Cyber Supply Chain**

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669 Today's organizations run complex information systems and networks to support their missions.
670 These information systems and networks are composed of ICT/OT⁸ products and components
671 made available by *suppliers, developers, and system integrators*. Organizations also acquire and
672 deploy an array of services, that include but are not limited to:

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- 674 • Building custom software for information systems that are to be deployed within the
675 organization, made available by *developers*;
- 676 • Integrating or providing operations, maintenance, and disposal support for information
677 systems and networks within and outside of the organization's boundaries,⁹ made
678 available by *system integrators or other ICT/OT-related service providers*; and
- 679 • Providing external services to support organization's operations that are positioned both
680 inside or outside of the authorization boundaries, made available by *external system*
681 *service providers*.

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683 These services may span the entire SDLC for an information system or service and may be:

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- 685 • Performed by the staff employed by the organization, developer, system integrator, or
686 external system service provider;
- 687 • Be physically hosted by the organization or by the developer, system integrator, or
688 external system service provider;
- 689 • Supported or comprised of development environments, logistics/delivery environments
690 that transport information systems and components, or applicable system and
691 communications interfaces;
- 692 • Using Commercial-off-the-Shelf (COTS) hardware and software.

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⁸ NIST SP 800-37 Rev. 2 defines Operational Technology as:

Programmable systems or devices that interact with the physical environment (or manage devices that interact with the physical environment). These systems/devices detect or cause a direct change through the monitoring and/or control of devices, processes, and events. Examples include industrial control systems, building management systems, fire control systems, and physical access control mechanisms.

⁹ For federal information systems, this is the Authorization Boundary, defined in NIST SP 800-53 Rev. 5 as:

All components of an information system to be authorized for operation by an authorizing official. This excludes separately authorized systems to which the information system is connected.

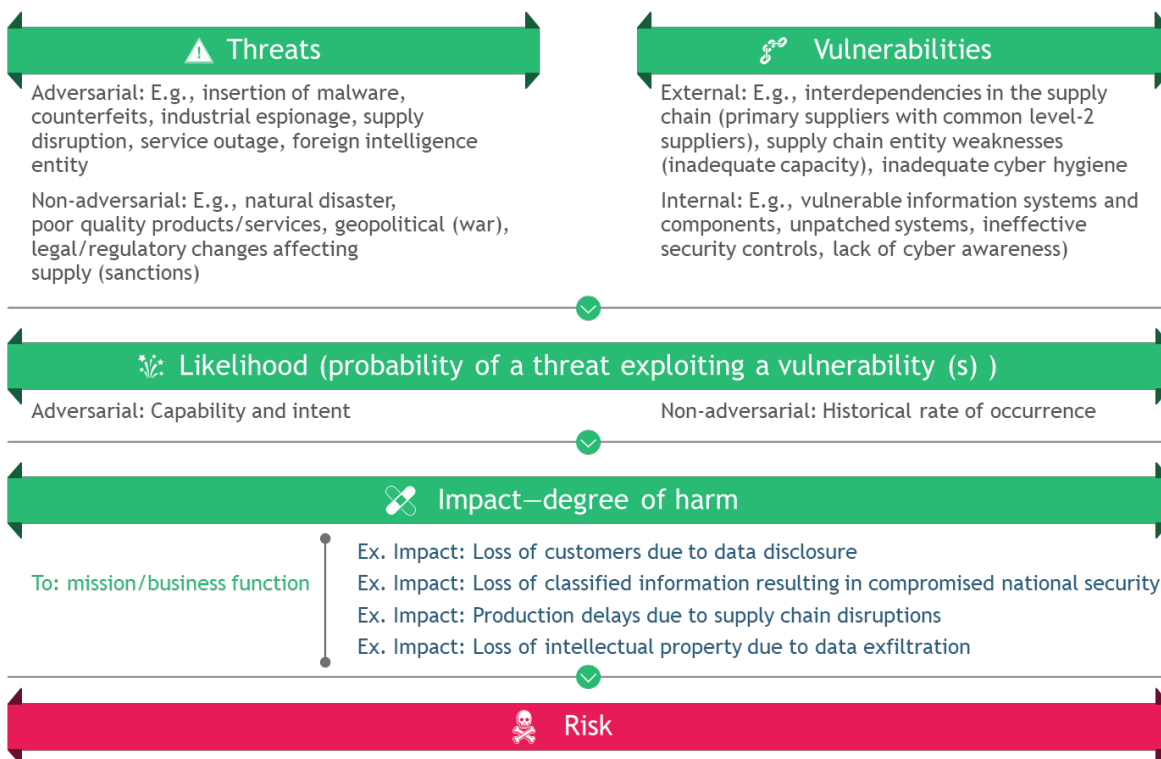
694 The responsibility and accountability for the services and associated activities performed by
 695 different parties within this ecosystem are usually defined by agreement documents between the
 696 organization and suppliers, developers, system integrators, external system service providers, and
 697 other ICT/OT-related service providers.
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699 **1.3.3. Cyber Supply Chain Risk**

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 701 Cyber supply chain risks include, but are not limited to, the insertion of counterfeits,
 702 unauthorized production, malicious insiders, tampering, theft, insertion of malicious software
 703 and hardware (e.g., Global Positioning System (GPS) tracking devices, computer chips, etc.), as
 704 well as poor manufacturing and development practices in the cyber supply chain. These risks are
 705 realized when threats in the cyber supply chain exploit existing vulnerabilities.
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707 Figure 1-2 depicts cyber supply chain risk resulting from the likelihood that relevant threats may
 708 exploit applicable vulnerabilities and the consequential potential impact.
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Cyber Supply Chain Risk



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Fig. 1-2: Cyber Supply Chain Risk

712 Cyber supply chain vulnerabilities may lead to a persistent negative impact on an organization’s
 713 missions ranging from reduction in service levels leading to customer dissatisfaction to theft of

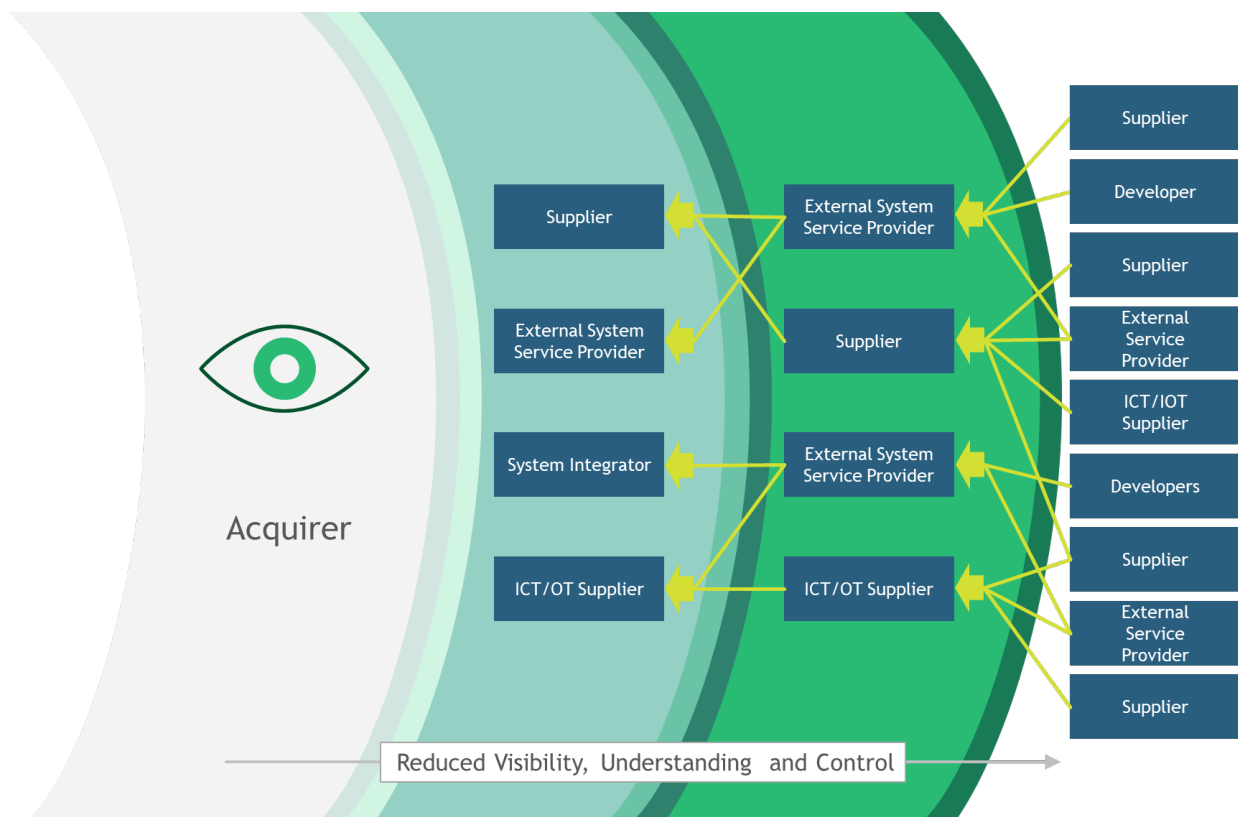
714 intellectual property or degradation of critical mission and business processes. However, it
715 might take years for such vulnerability to be exploited or discovered. It may also be difficult to
716 determine whether an event was the direct result of a supply chain vulnerability. Shared
717 vulnerabilities in the supply chain may also expose organizations to cascading cyber supply
718 chain risks. For example: a large-scale service outage at a major cloud services provider may
719 cause service or production disruptions for multiple entities within an organization's supply
720 chain and lead to negative effects within multiple mission and business processes.
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722 **1.3.4. Supplier Relationships within Organizations**

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724 Cyber supply chain risks are associated with an organization's decreased visibility into, and
725 understanding of, how the technology they acquire is developed, integrated, and deployed and
726 how the services they acquire are delivered. They are also associated with the processes,
727 procedures, and practices used to ensure the security, safety, integrity, quality, reliability,
728 trustworthiness or authenticity of a product, service or source of the products and services.
729 Federal agencies have a variety of relationships with their suppliers, developers, system
730 integrators, external system service providers, and other ICT/OT-related service providers.
731 Figure 1-3 depicts how these diverse types of relationships affect an organization's visibility and
732 control of the supply chain.

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737 **Fig. 1-3: An Organization’s Visibility, Understanding, and Control of its Cyber Supply**
738 **Chain**

739 Some supply chain relationships are tightly intermingled, such as the development by a system
740 integrator of a complex information system designed to operate within the federal agency’s
741 authorization boundary, or the management of federal agency information systems and resources
742 by an external service provider. These relationships are usually guided by an agreement (e.g.,
743 contract) that establishes detailed functional, technical, and security requirements and may
744 provide for custom development or significant customization of products and services. For these
745 relationships, system integrators and external service providers are likely able to work with the
746 organization to implement such processes and controls (listed within this document) which are
747 deemed appropriate based on the results of a criticality and risk assessment and cost/benefit
748 analysis. This may include floating requirements upstream in the supply chain to ensure higher
749 confidence in the satisfaction of necessary assurance objectives. The decision to extend such
750 requirements must be balanced with an appreciation of what is feasible and cost-effective. The
751 degree to which system integrators and external service providers are expected to implement C-
752 SCRМ processes and controls should be weighed against the risks to the organization posed by
753 not adhering to those additional requirements. Often, working directly with the system
754 integrators and external service providers to proactively identify appropriate mitigation processes
755 and controls will help create a more cost-effective strategy.

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757 Procuring ICT/OT products directly from suppliers establishes a direct relationship between
758 those suppliers and the acquirers. This relationship is also usually guided by an agreement
759 between the acquirer and the supplier. However, commercial ICT/OT developed by suppliers are
760 typically designed for general purposes for a global market and are not typically tailored to an
761 individual customer's specific operational or threat environments. Organizations should perform
762 due diligence research regarding their specific C-SCRM requirements to determine if an IT
763 solution is "fit for purpose"¹⁰, includes requisite security features and capabilities, will meet
764 quality and resiliency expectations, and if and how the supplier will provide support for the
765 product, or product components, over its life cycle.

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767 An assessment of the findings of an acquirer's research about a product—which may include
768 engaging in a dialog directly with suppliers whenever possible—will help acquirers understand
769 the characteristics and capabilities of existing ICT/OT products and services, set expectations
770 and requirements for suppliers, and identify C-SCRM needs not yet satisfied by the market. It
771 can also help identify emerging solutions that may at least partially support the acquirer's needs.
772 Overall, such research and engagement with a supplier will allow the acquirer to better articulate
773 their requirements to align with and drive market offerings and make risk-based decisions about
774 product purchases, configurations, and usages within their environment.

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776 **Managing Cost and Resources**

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778 Balancing cyber supply chain risks with the costs and benefits of C-SCRM controls should be a
779 key component of the acquirer's overall approach to C-SCRM.

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781 Organizations should be aware that implementing C-SCRM controls necessitates additional
782 financial and human resources. Requiring a greater level of testing, documentation, or security
783 features from suppliers, developers, system integrators, external system service providers, and
784 other ICT/OT-related service providers may increase the price of a product or service which may
785 result in increased cost to the acquirer. This is especially true for those products and services
786 developed for general-purpose application and not tailored to the specific organization's security
787 or C-SCRM requirements. In the decision whether to require and implement C-SCRM controls,
788 acquirers should consider both the costs of implementing these controls and the risks of not
789 implementing them.

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792 To mitigate the costs and when appropriate, acquirers should allow suppliers, developers, system
793 integrators, external system service providers, and other ICT/OT-related service providers the
794 opportunity to reuse any existing data and documentation that may provide evidence to support
795 C-SCRM.

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¹⁰ "Fit for purpose" is a term used informally to describe a process, configuration item, IT service, etc., that is capable of meeting its objectives or service levels. Being fit for purpose requires suitable design, implementation, control, and maintenance. (Adapted from Information Technology Infrastructure Library (ITIL) Service Strategy [ITIL Service Strategy].)

798 1.4. C-SCRM KEY PRACTICES

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800 Cyber supply chain risk management builds on existing standardized practices in multiple
801 disciplines, as well as the evolution of C-SCRM capabilities. Organizations should prioritize
802 reaching a base level of maturity in key practices prior to specifically focusing on advanced C-
803 SCRM capabilities. Those key practices are described in NIST standards and guidelines, such as
804 NISTIR 8276, as well as other applicable national and international standards and best practices.
805 They include: integrating C-SCRM across the organization; establishing a formal program;
806 knowing and managing critical products, services, and suppliers; understanding an organization's
807 supply chain; closely collaborating with key suppliers; including key suppliers in resilience and
808 improvement activities; assessing and monitoring throughout the supplier relationship; and,
809 planning for the full lifecycle.

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811 1.4.1. Foundational Practices

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813 Having foundational practices in place is critical to successfully and productively interacting
814 with system integrators and suppliers may be at varying levels themselves regarding having such
815 practices standardized and in place. The following are specific examples of the recommended
816 multidisciplinary foundational practices that can be implemented incrementally to improve an
817 organization's ability to develop and execute more advanced C-SCRM practices:

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- 819 • Establish a core, dedicated multi-disciplinary C-SCRM Program Management Office
820 and/or C-SCRM team;
- 821 • Implement a risk management hierarchy and risk management process (in accordance
822 with NIST SP 800-39, *Managing Information Security Risk* [NIST SP 800-39]) including
823 an organization-wide risk assessment process (in accordance with NIST SP 800-30
824 Revision 1, *Guide for Conducting Risk Assessments* [NIST SP 800-30 Rev. 1]);
- 825 • Establish an organization governance structure that integrates C-SCRM requirements and
826 incorporates these requirements into the organizational policies;
- 827 • Develop a process for identifying and measuring the criticality of the organization's
828 suppliers, products and services;
- 829 • Raise awareness and foster understanding of what C-SCRM is and why it is critically
830 important;
- 831 • Develop and/or integrate C-SCRM into acquisition/procurement policies and procedures
832 (including Federal Information Technology Acquisition Reform Act (FITARA)
833 processes, applicable to federal agencies) and purchase card processes;
- 834 • Establish consistent, well-documented, repeatable processes for determining [Federal
835 Information Processing Standards (FIPS) 199] impact levels;
- 836 • Establish and begin using supplier risk assessment processes on a prioritized basis
837 (inclusive of criticality analysis, threat analysis, and vulnerability analysis) after the
838 [FIPS 199] impact level has been defined;
- 839 • Implement a quality and reliability program that includes quality assurance and quality
840 control process and practices;
- 841 • Establish explicit collaborative and discipline-specific roles, accountabilities, structures,
842 and processes for supply chain, cybersecurity, product security, and physical security

- 843 (and other relevant) processes (e.g., Legal, Risk Executive, Human Resources (HR),
844 Finance, Enterprise IT, Program Management/System Engineering, Information Security,
845 Acquisition/procurement, supply chain logistics, etc.);
- 846 • Ensure that adequate resources are dedicated and allocated to information security and C-
847 SCRM to ensure proper implementation of policy, guidance, and controls;
 - 848 • Ensure there are sufficiently cleared personnel, with key C-SCRM roles and
849 responsibilities, to access and share C-SCRM-related classified information.
 - 850 • Implement an appropriate and tailored set of baseline information security controls found
851 in NIST SP 800-53 Revision 5, Security and Privacy Controls for Information Systems
852 and Organizations [NIST SP 800-53 Rev. 5];
 - 853 • Establish internal checks and balances to ensure compliance with security and quality
854 requirements;
 - 855 • Establish a supplier management program including, for example, guidelines for
856 purchasing directly from qualified original equipment manufacturers (OEMs)¹¹ or their
857 authorized distributors and resellers; and
 - 858 • Implement a robust incident management program to successfully identify, respond to,
859 and mitigate security incidents. This program should be capable of identifying causes of
860 security incidents, including those originating from the cyber supply chain.
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862 **1.4.2. Sustaining Practices**

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864 Sustaining practices should be used to enhance the efficacy of cyber supply chain risk
865 management. These practices are inclusive of and build upon foundational practices.
866 Organizations that have standardized and implemented the foundational practices broadly should
867 consider these practices as next steps in advancing their cyber supply chain risk management
868 capabilities:

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870 • Use third-party assessments, site visits, and formal certification to assess critical
871 suppliers;
- 872 • Use the organization's understanding of its C-SCRM risk profile (or risk profiles, specific
873 to mission/business areas) to define a risk appetite and risk tolerances to empower leaders
874 with delegated authority across the organization to make C-SCRM decisions in alignment
875 with organization's mission imperatives and its strategic goals and objectives;
- 876 • Use a formalized information sharing function to engage with the FASC as well as other
877 government agencies to enhance the organization's cyber supply chain threat and risk
878 insights and help ensure a coordinated and holistic government-wide approach to
879 addressing cyber-supply chain risks that may affect a broader set of agencies or national
880 security;
- 881 • Embed C-SCRM specific training into training curriculums of applicable roles across the
882 organization processes involved with C-SCRM including but not limited to information
883 security, procurement, risk management, engineering, software development, IT, legal,
884 and HR;

¹¹ For purposes of this publication, the term *original equipment manufacturers* includes *original component manufacturers*.

- 885 • Integrate C-SCRM considerations into every aspect of the system and product lifecycle,
886 implementing consistent, well-documented, repeatable processes for system engineering,
887 cybersecurity practices, and acquisition;
- 888 • Integrate the organization's defined C-SCRM requirements into contractual language
889 found in agreements with suppliers, developers, system integrators, external system
890 service providers, and other ICT/OT-related service providers;
- 891 • Include key suppliers in contingency planning, incident response, and disaster recovery
892 planning and testing;
- 893 • Engage with suppliers, developers, system integrators, external system service providers,
894 and other ICT/OT-related service providers to improve their cybersecurity practices; and
- 895 • Define, collect and report C-SCRM metrics to ensure cyber supply chain risk aware
896 leadership, enable active management of the completeness of C-SCRM implementations,
897 and drive efficacy of the organization's C-SCRM processes and practices.
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899 **1.4.3. Enhancing Practices**

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901 Enhancing practices should be applied by the organization with the goal of advancement toward
902 adaptive and predictive C-SCRM capabilities. Organizations should pursue these practices once
903 sustaining practices have been broadly implemented and standardized across the organization:

- 904 • Automate C-SCRM processes where applicable and practical to drive execution
905 consistency, efficiency, and free up key resources to focus on other critical C-SCRM
906 activities;
- 907 • Adopt quantitative risk analyses that apply probabilistic approaches (e.g. Bayesian
908 Analysis, Monte Carlo Methods) to reduce uncertainty about cyber supply chain risk,
909 enhance organization leadership's ability to identify optimal risk responses, and measure
910 response effectiveness; and
- 911 • Apply insights gained from leading C-SCRM metrics (i.e., forward-looking indicators) to
912 shift from reactive to predictive C-SCRM strategies and plans that adapt to cyber supply
913 chain risk profile changes before they occur.

914 The guidance and controls contained in this publication are built on existing multidisciplinary
915 practices and are intended to increase the ability of organizations to strategically manage cyber
916 supply chain risks over the entire life cycle of systems, products, and services. Refer to [Table 3-3](#)
917 in Section 3 for a summary view of C-SCRM key practices.
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919 **1.5. RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER PROGRAMS AND PUBLICATIONS**

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921 The revision to NIST SP 800-161 builds upon concepts described in a number of NIST and other
922 publications to facilitate integration with the agencies' existing organization-wide activities, as
923 well as a series of legislative developments following its initial release. These resources are
924 complementary and help organizations build risk-based information security programs to protect
925 their operations and assets against a range of diverse and increasingly sophisticated threats. This
926 publication will be revised to remain consistent with the NIST SP 800-53 security controls
927 catalog, using an iterative process as the C-SCRM discipline continues to mature.
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929 1.5.1. NIST Publications

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931 NIST SP 800-161 Rev. 1 leverages the latest versions of the publications and programs that

932 guided its initial development, as well as new publications following its initial release:

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934 • NIST Cybersecurity Framework (CSF) Version 1.1;

935 • FIPS 199, *Standards for Security Categorization of Federal Information and Information*936 *Systems*, to conduct criticality analysis to scoping C-SCRM activities to high-impact

937 components or systems [FIPS 199];

938 • NIST SP 800-30, Revision 1, *Guide for Conducting Risk Assessments*, to integrate

939 ICT/OT SCRM into the risk assessment process [NIST SP 800-30 Rev. 1];

940 • NIST SP 800-37, Revision 2, *Risk Management Framework for Information Systems and*941 *Organizations: A System Life Cycle Approach for Security and Privacy* [NIST SP 800-37

942 Rev. 2];

943 • NIST SP 800-39, *Managing Information Security Risk: Organization, Mission, and*944 *Information System View*, to integrate ICT/OT SCRM into the risk management levels

945 and risk management process [NIST SP 800-39];

946 • NIST SP 800-53 Revision 5, *Security and Privacy Controls for Information Systems and*947 *Organizations*, to provide information security controls for enhancing and tailoring to C-

948 SCRM context [NIST SP 800-53 Rev. 5];

949 • NIST SP 800-53B Revision 5, *Control Baselines for Information Systems and*950 *Organizations*, to codify control baselines and C-SCRM supplementary guidance and

951 [NIST SP 800-53B Rev. 5];

952 • NIST SP 800-160 Vol. 1, *Systems Security Engineering* [NIST SP 800-160 Vol. 1] and953 NIST SP 800-160 Vol. 2, *Developing Cyber Resilient Systems: A Systems Security*954 *Engineering Approach* [NIST SP 800-160 Vol. 2] for specific guidance on the security

955 engineering aspects of C-SCRM;

956 • NIST SP 800-181 Revision 1, *National Initiative for Cybersecurity Education (NICE)*957 *Cybersecurity Workforce Framework*, as a means of forming a common lexicon on C-

958 SCRM workforce topics [NIST SP-800-181 Rev. 1];

959 • NISTIR 7622, *Notional Supply Chain Risk Management Practices for Federal*960 *Information Systems*, for background materials in support of applying the special

961 publication to their specific acquisition processes [NISTIR 7622];

962 • NISTIR 8179, *Criticality Analysis Process Model: Prioritizing Systems and Components*,

963 to guide ratings of supplier criticality [NISTIR 8179];

964 • NISTIR 8272, *Impact Analysis Tool for Interdependent Cyber Supply Chain Risks* for

965 guidance on how to prioritize supplier criticality [NISTIR 8272];

966 • NISTIR 8276, *Key Practices in Cyber Supply Chain Risk Management: Observations*967 *from Industry*, to elucidate recent C-SCRM trends in the private sector [NISTIR 8276];

968 and

969 • NISTIR 8286, *Identifying and Estimating Cybersecurity Risk for Enterprise Risk*970 *Management (ERM)*, to inform the content on integrating C-SCRM into enterprise risk

971 management [NISTIR 8286].

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973 **1.5.2. Regulatory and Legislative Guidance**

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975 NIST SP 800-161 Rev. 1 is informed heavily by the regulatory and legislative guidance,
976 including:

- 977 • Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-130, *Managing Information as a*
978 *Strategic Resource*; and
- 979 • The Federal Acquisition Supply Chain Security Act (FASCA), *Title II of the*
980 *Strengthening and Enhancing Cyber-capabilities by Utilizing Risk Exposure Technology*
981 *Act (SECURE) Technology Act of 2018.*

982 **1.5.3. Other U.S. Government Reports**

983 NIST SP 800-161 Rev. 1 is also informed by a number of additional government reports:

- 984 • Government Accountability Office (GAO) Report, *Information Technology: Federal*
985 *Agencies Need to Take Urgent Action to Manage Supply Chain Risks*, December 2020,
986 GAO-21-171 [GAO]
- 987 • Department of Defense and Department of Homeland Security Software Assurance
988 Acquisition Working Group, *Software Assurance in Acquisition: Mitigating Risks to the*
989 *Enterprise* [SwA];
- 990 • National Defense Industrial Association (NDIA), *Engineering for System Assurance*
991 [NDIA];

993 **1.5.4. Standards, Guidelines, and Best Practices**

994 Additionally, NIST SP 800-161 draws its inspiration from a number of international standards,
995 guidelines, and best practice documents:

- 996 • International Organization for Standardization/International Electrotechnical Commission
997 (ISO/IEC) 15288 – *Systems and software engineering – System Life Cycle Processes*
998 [ISO/IEC 15288];
- 999 • ISO/IEC 27036 – *Information Technology – Security Techniques – Information Security*
1000 *for Supplier Relationships* [ISO/IEC 27036];
- 1001 • ISO/IEC 20243 – *Information Technology – Open Trusted Technology Provider™*
1002 *Standard (O-TTPS) – Mitigating maliciously tainted and counterfeit products* [ISO/IEC
1003 20243];
- 1004 • ISO/IEC 27000 – *Information Technology – Security Techniques – Information Security*
1005 *Management System – Overview and Vocabulary* [ISO/IEC 27000];
- 1006 • ISO/IEC 27002 – *Information Technology – Security Techniques – Code of Practice for*
1007 *Information Security Controls* [ISO/IEC 27002];
- 1008 • Software Assurance Forum for Excellence in Code (SAFECode) *Software Integrity*
1009 *Framework* [SAFECode 2] and *Software Integrity Best Practices* [SAFECode 1]; and
- 1010 • Cyber Risk Institute, *Financial Services Cybersecurity Framework Profile Version 1.1*
1011 [FSP].

1013 **1.5.5. Guidance for Cloud Service Providers**

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1015 The *external system service providers* discussed in this publication include *cloud service*
1016 *providers*. This publication does not replace guidance provided with respect to federal agency

1017 assessment of cloud service providers' security. When applying this publication to cloud service
1018 providers, federal agencies should first use Federal Risk and Authorization Program (FedRAMP)
1019 cloud services security guidelines and then apply NIST SP 800-161 Rev. 1 for those processes
1020 and controls that are not addressed by FedRAMP.¹²

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1022 **1.6. METHODOLOGY FOR BUILDING C-SCRM GUIDANCE USING SP 800-39, SP** 1023 **800-37 REVISION 2, AND NIST SP 800-53 REVISION 5**

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1025 This publication applies the multileveled risk management approach of [NIST SP 800-39], by
1026 providing C-SCRM guidance at organization, mission, and operational-levels. It also introduces
1027 a navigational system for SP 800-37 Rev. 2, allowing users to more easily focus on relevant
1028 sections of this publication. Finally, it contains an enhanced overlay of specific C-SCRM
1029 controls, building on NIST SP 800-53 Revision 5.

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1031 The guidance/controls contained in this publication are built on existing multidisciplinary
1032 practices and are intended to increase the ability of organizations to strategically and
1033 operationally manage the associated cyber supply chain risks over the entire life cycle of
1034 systems, products, and services. It should be noted that this publication gives organizations the
1035 flexibility to either develop stand-alone documentation (e.g., policies, assessment and
1036 authorization [A&A] plan and C-SCRM plan) for C-SCRM or to integrate it into existing agency
1037 documentation.

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1039 For individual systems, this guidance is recommended for use with information systems at all
1040 impact categories, according to [FIPS 199]. The agencies may choose to prioritize applying this
1041 guidance to systems at a higher-impact level or to specific system components. Finally, NIST SP
1042 800-161 Rev. 1 describes the development and implementation of C-SCRM Strategies and
1043 Implementation Plans for development at the enterprise and mission/business level of an
1044 organization and a C-SCRM system plan at the operational level of an organization. A C-SCRM
1045 plan at the operational level is informed by the cyber supply chain risk assessment and should
1046 contain C-SCRM controls tailored to specific agency mission/business needs, operational
1047 environments, and/or implementing technologies.

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1049 **1.6.1. Integration into Risk Management Process**

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1051 The processes in this publication should be integrated into agencies' existing SDLCs and
1052 organizational environments at all levels of risk management processes and hierarchy
1053 (organization, mission, system) as described in [NIST SP 800-39]. Section 2 provides an
1054 overview of the [NIST SP 800-39] risk management hierarchy and approach and identifies C-
1055 SCRM activities in the risk management process. Appendix C builds on Section 2 of [NIST SP
1056 800-39], providing descriptions and explanations of ICT/OT SCRM activities. The structure of
1057 Appendix C mirrors [NIST SP 800-39].

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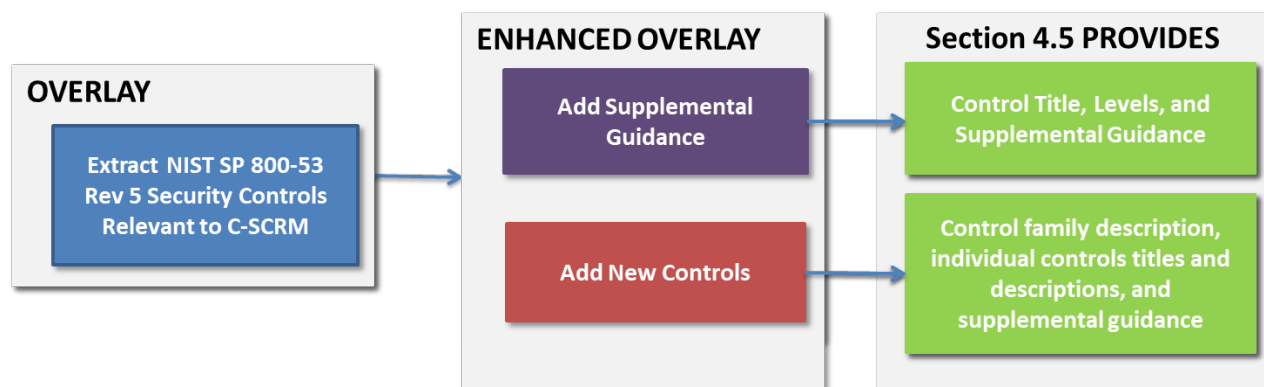
¹² For cloud services, FedRAMP is applicable for low-, moderate-, high-impact systems [FedRAMP]. Ongoing work will address high-impact systems utilizing cloud services. Once the work is completed, agencies should refer to FedRAMP for guidance applicable to high-impact systems utilizing cloud services.

1059 **1.6.2. Implementing C-SCRM in the Context of SP 800-37 Revision 2**

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1061 C-SCRM activities described in this publication are closely related to the Risk Management
1062 Framework described in [NIST SP 800-37, Rev. 2]. Specifically, C-SCRM processes conducted
1063 at the operational level should closely mirror and/or serve as inputs to those steps completed as
1064 part of the [NIST SP 800-37, Rev 2]. C-SCRM activities completed at Levels 1 and 2 should
1065 provide inputs (e.g., risk assessment results) to the operational-level, RMF-type processes where
1066 possible and applicable. Section 2 and Appendix C describe in further detail the linkages
1067 between C-SCRM and [NIST SP 800-37, Rev. 2].
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1069 **1.6.3. Enhanced C-SCRM Overlay**

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1071 This publication contains an enhanced overlay of [NIST SP 800-53 Rev. 5]. Appendix A
1072 identifies, refines, and expands C-SCRM-related controls from [NIST SP 800-53 Rev. 5], adds
1073 new controls that address specific C-SCRM concerns, and offers C-SCRM-specific supplemental
1074 guidance where appropriate. Figure 1-4 illustrates the process used to create the enhanced
1075 overlay. The individual controls and enhancements from [NIST SP 800-53 Rev. 5] that were
1076 relevant to C-SCRM were extracted. These controls were analyzed to determine how they apply
1077 to C-SCRM. Additional supplemental guidance was then developed and included for each
1078 control and control enhancement. The resulting set of controls and enhancements were evaluated
1079 to determine whether all C-SCRM concerns were addressed.
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Fig. 1-4: C-SCRM Security Controls in NIST SP 800-161, Revision 1, Section 4.5

1085 **1.7. ORGANIZATION OF THIS SPECIAL PUBLICATION**

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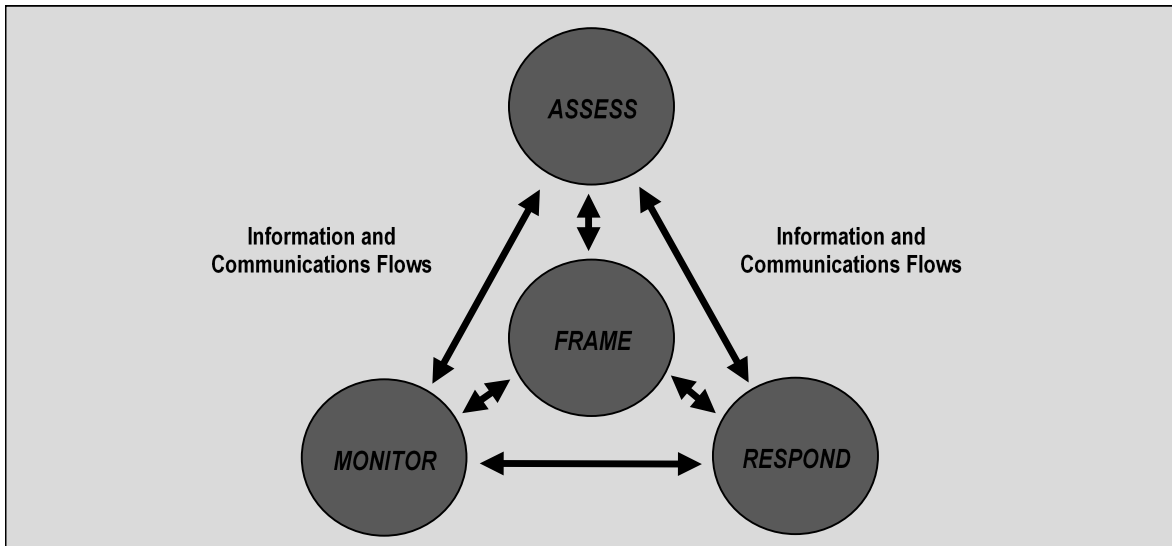
- 1089 • Section 1 provides the purpose, scope, and applicability of the publication and describes
1090 foundational concepts and practices;
- 1091 • Section 2 discusses C-SCRM processes and how to integrate them into the organizational
1092 risk management hierarchy and risk management process, based on NIST SP 800-39;
- 1093 • Section 3 discusses critical success factors for C-SCRM;

- 1094 • Section 4 contains implementation guidance for C-SCRM controls;
- 1095 • Appendix A provides C-SCRM controls summary;
- 1096 • Appendix B provides a set of example cyber supply chain risk exposure scenarios;
- 1097 • Appendix C provides C-SCRM activities in the Risk Management Process;
- 1098 • Appendix D provides a set of C-SCRM templates to include C-SCRM Strategy and
- 1099 Implementation Plan, C-SCRM Policy, C-SCRM Plan and C-SCRM Risk Assessment;
- 1100 • Appendix E provides a glossary of terms used in the publication;
- 1101 • Appendix F provides the acronyms and abbreviations used in the publication;
- 1102 • Appendix G lists references used in the development of this publication.
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1105 **2. INTEGRATION OF C-SCRM INTO ENTERPRISE-WIDE RISK MANAGEMENT**

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1107 C-SCRM should be integrated into the enterprise-wide risk management process described in
1108 [NIST SP 800-39] and depicted in Figure 2-1. This process includes the following continuous
1109 and iterative steps:

- 1110 (i) Frame risk. Establish the context for risk-based decisions and the current state of the
- 1111 organization’s information and communications technology and services, and the
- 1112 associated supply chain;
- 1113 (ii) Assess risk. Review and interpret criticality, threat, vulnerability, likelihood, impact, and
- 1114 related information;
- 1115 (iii) Respond. Select, tailor, and implement mitigation controls based upon risk assessment
- 1116 findings; and
- 1117 (iv) Monitor risk exposure and effectiveness in mitigating risk, on an ongoing basis, including
- 1118 tracking changes to an information system or supply chain, using effective organizational
- 1119 communications and a feedback loop for continuous improvement.
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1121 **Fig. 2-1: Risk Management Process**

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1123 Managing cyber supply chain risks is a complex undertaking that requires a coordinated,
1124 interdisciplinary approach across an organization. Effective cyber supply chain risk management
1125 (C-SCRM) requires engagement from stakeholders inside the organization (e.g., departments,
1126 processes) as well as outside the organization (e.g., suppliers, developers, system integrators,
1127 external system service providers, and other ICT/OT-related service providers) to actively
1128 collaborate, communicate, and take actions to secure favorable C-SCRM outcomes.
1129 Organizations should aim to infuse perspectives from multiple disciplines and processes (e.g.,
1130 information security, procurement, enterprise risk management, engineering, software
1131 development, IT, legal, HR, etc.) into their approaches to managing cyber supply chain risk.
1132 Organizations may define explicit roles to bridge and integrate these processes as a part of an
1133 organization’s broader risk management activities. This orchestrated approach is an integral part
1134 of an organization’s effort to identify C-SCRM priorities, develop solutions, and incorporate C-
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1136 SCRM into overall risk management decisions. Organizations should perform C-SCRM
1137 activities as a part of acquisition, SDLC, and broader organizational risk management processes.
1138 Embedded C-SCRM activities involve identifying and assessing applicable risks, determining
1139 appropriate mitigating actions, documenting selected risk response actions, and monitoring
1140 performance of C-SCRM activities. As exposure to supply chain risk differs across
1141 organizations, enterprise and mission-specific strategies and policies should set the tone and
1142 direction for C-SCRM across the organization.
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Organizations should ensure that tailored C-SCRM plans are designed to:

- Manage, rather than eliminate risk;
- Ensure that operations are able to adapt to constantly emerging or evolving threats;
- Be responsive to changes within their own organization, programs, and the supporting information systems; and
- Adjust to the rapidly evolving practices of the private sector's global ICT supply chain.

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1146 Section 2.1 describes the three-level risk management approach in terms of C-SCRM. Generally,
1147 senior leaders provide the strategic direction, mid-level leaders plan and manage programs and
1148 projects, and individuals on the front lines procure, develop, implement, and operate the products
1149 and perform the services in their supply chain. As part of a multifaceted approach, organizations
1150 may rely on a centralized, interdisciplinary team or program management office (PMO) to lead,
1151 perform, and coordinate Level 1 and Level 2 C-SCRM processes that inform C-SCRM processes
1152 at the Level 3 operational-level. Specific discussion of the full scope of C-SCRM PMO
1153 implementations and responsibilities is discussed later in this section. In general, the activities
1154 performed in each level can be integrated into an organization's overall risk management process
1155 in order to ensure that the C-SCRM program appropriately supports the organization's mission
1156 and goals.¹³ Section 2.2 describes the Risk Management Framework as it applies to C-SCRM.
1157 The foundational concepts are described in greater detail in [NIST SP 800-39].
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¹³ This document uses the word "mission" to mean the organization's required tasks as determined by the organization's purpose and enterprise-level goals and priorities.

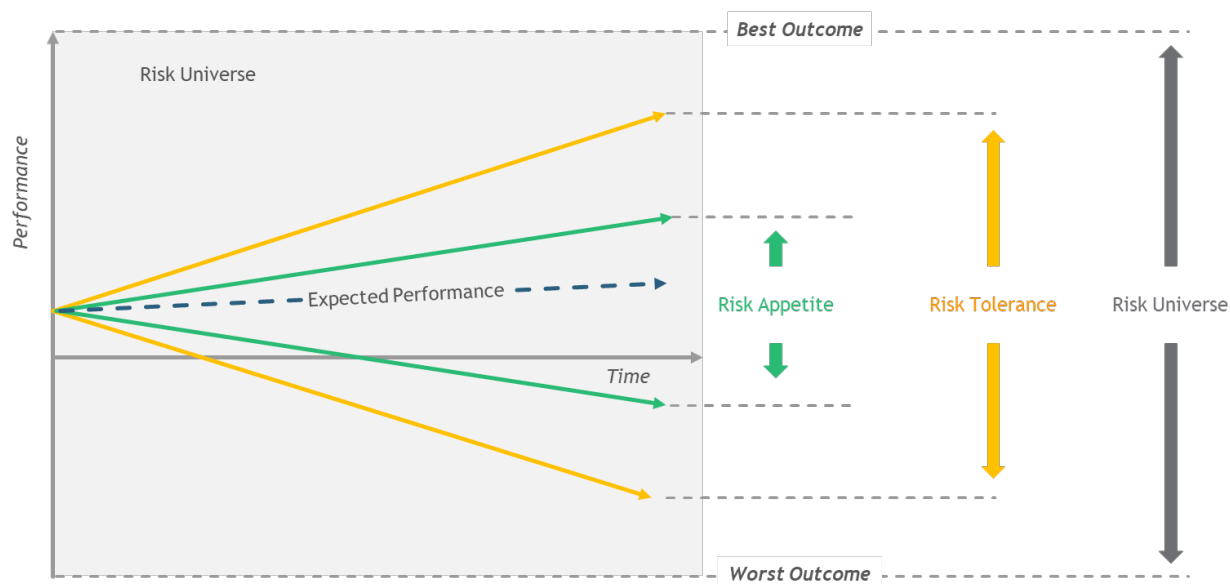


Fig. 2-2: Risk Appetite & Risk Tolerance

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Risk Appetite and Risk Tolerance play a critical role in enabling organizations to effectively manage exposure to cyber supply chain risks:

- Risk appetite represents the types and amount of risk, on a broad level, an organization is willing to accept in pursuit of value [NISTIR 8286];
- Risk tolerance is the acceptable level of variation relative to achievement of a specific value objective;
- Risk appetite provides the management’s expected bounds for taking risks in pursuit of value while risk tolerance provides the bounds not be exceeded;
- Refer to the appendix for further discussion on [Risk Appetite & Risk Tolerance](#).

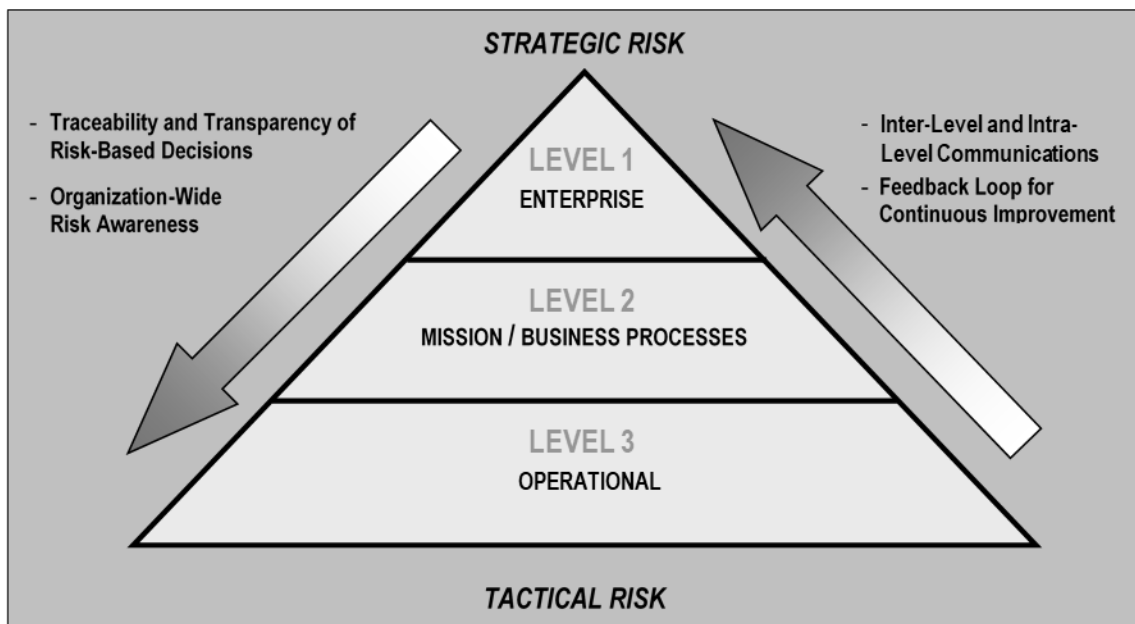
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2.1. Multi-Level Risk Management

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To integrate risk management throughout an organization, [NIST SP 800-39] describes three levels, depicted in Figure 2-2, that address risk from different perspectives: (i) enterprise-level; (ii) mission/business process level; and (iii) operational level. C-SCRM requires the involvement of all three levels.

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1172 **Fig. 2-3: Multileveled Organization-wide Risk Management¹⁴**

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1174 In general, Level 1 is engaged in the organization-wide risk framing, the development of the
1175 overall C-SCRM strategy, the formation of interdisciplinary groups to engage on C-SCRM, the
1176 creation of the organization-wide policies, and a high-level implementation plan to guide C-
1177 SCRM activities performed at the mission and business process levels. Level 2 is engaged in
1178 developing mission-specific strategies that contextualize the enterprise-level strategy to the
1179 specific mission and business processes. Level 2 is also responsible for developing C-SCRM
1180 implementation plans that guide strategy implementation within the mission and business
1181 processes. C-SCRM activities performed at Level 2 include prioritizing the organization's
1182 mission and business processes, and conducting mission/business-level risk assessments,
1183 including supply chain risk assessments performed when procuring a product or service. Level 3
1184 is engaged in development of the C-SCRM Plans which guide the application of C-SCRM to
1185 specific information systems and information technology acquisitions, including its integration
1186 into SDLC processes that guide system development, operation, and maintenance activities.
1187 Across the organization, C-SCRM stakeholders coordinate with the various mission and business
1188 processes and information system teams to infuse C-SCRM and establish an overarching
1189 organizational capability to manage cyber supply chain risks.
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¹⁴ Further information about the concepts depicted in Figure 2-2 can be found in [NIST SP 800-39].

Cyber supply chain risk ownership and accountability ultimately lies with the head of the organization:

- The organization's risk profile, risk appetite, and risk tolerance levels will inform who makes risk decisions and processes should address when and how escalation of risk decisions need to occur.
- Ownership should be delegated to authorizing officials within the agency based on their executive authority over organizational missions, business operations or information systems.
- Authorizing officials may further delegate responsibilities to designated officials who are responsible for the day-to-day management of risk.

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1193 The C-SCRM activities can be performed by a variety of individuals or groups within an
1194 organization ranging from a single individual to committees, divisions, centralized program
1195 offices, or any other organizational structures. C-SCRM activities will be distinct for different
1196 organizations depending on their organization's structure, culture, mission, and many other
1197 factors.

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1199 For individual systems, the C-SCRM Plans provide the basis for determining whether an
1200 information system meets business, functional, and technical requirements and includes
1201 appropriately tailored controls. For missions and business processes, the C-SCRM Strategy and
1202 Implementation Plan provides specific C-SCRM activities that lay the foundation for an effective
1203 SCRM program and support the achievement of the organization's C-SCRM goals and
1204 objectives. The C-SCRM Strategy provides direction and guidance at the enterprise level and
1205 should address the integration of C-SCRM considerations into the overall enterprise risk
1206 management strategy. C-SCRM Strategy and Implementation Plan(s), and operational-level C-
1207 SCRM Plans help organizations focus appropriate resources on the most critical processes and
1208 components based on organizational mission/business requirements and their risk environment.
1209 Figure 2-3 depicts applicability of different types of C-SCRM documentation to the three risk
1210 management framework levels.

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1212 These plans are intended to be referenced regularly and should be reviewed and refreshed
1213 periodically. These are not intended to be documents developed to satisfy a compliance
1214 requirement. Rather, organizations should be able to demonstrate how they have historically and
1215 continue to effectively employ their plans to shape, align, inform, and take C-SCRM actions and
1216 decisions across all three levels.

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12201221 **Fig. 2-4: C-SCRM Documents in Multi-Level Organization-wide Risk Management**1222 **2.1.1. Roles and Responsibilities Across the Three Levels**

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1224 Implementing C-SCRM requires that organizations establish a coordinated team-based approach
 1225 to assess cyber supply chain risk and manage this risk by establishing and adhering to policies,
 1226 developing and following processes (often cross-organizational in nature), as well as employing
 1227 programmatic and technical mitigation techniques. The coordinated team approach, either ad hoc
 1228 or formal, enables organizations to more effectively conduct a comprehensive, multi-perspective,
 1229 analysis of their supply chain and to respond to risks, communicate with external
 1230 partners/stakeholders, and gain broad consensus regarding appropriate resources for C-SCRM.
 1231 This team works together to make decisions and take actions that require the input and
 1232 involvement of multiple perspectives and expertise and leverages, but does not replace those C-
 1233 SCRM responsibilities and processes that can and should be specifically assigned to an
 1234 individual organization or disciplinary area. Examples of C-SCRM activities that require a team
 1235 approach include but are not limited to: developing a strategic sourcing strategy; incorporating
 1236 C-SCRM requirements into a solicitation; and determining options about how best to mitigate an
 1237 identified supply chain risk, especially one assessed to be significant.

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1239 Members of the C-SCRM team should be a diverse group of people involved in the various
 1240 aspects of the organization's key processes including but not limited to information security,
 1241 procurement, enterprise risk management, engineering, software development, IT, legal, and
 1242 HR. Collectively, to aid in C-SCRM, these individuals should have an awareness of, and
 1243 provide expertise in, organizational processes and practices specific to their discipline area,
 1244 vulnerabilities, threats, and attack vectors, as well as an understanding of the technical aspects

1245 and inter-dependencies of systems or information flowing through systems. The C-SCRM team
1246 may be an extension of an organization's existing information system risk management, include
1247 parts of a general risk management team, or operate out of a different department.
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1249 At Level 1, the risk executive functional role is responsible for serving as a common C-SCRM
1250 resource for executive leadership and authorizing officials across the organization. Effective C-
1251 SCRM requires the risk executive to collaborate and gather perspectives from leaders such as the
1252 chief executive officer (CEO), chief risk officer (CRO), chief information officer (CIO), chief
1253 legal officer (CLO)/general counsel, chief information security officer (CISO), and chief
1254 acquisition officer (CAO). Organizations may form a C-SCRM council to collaborate on setting
1255 priorities and managing cyber supply chain risk for the organization. Through the risk framing
1256 process, these leaders are responsible for setting the direction for and approving the
1257 organization's C-SCRM organization-wide strategy. The C-SCRM strategy makes explicit the
1258 organization's assumptions, constraints, risk tolerances, and priorities/trade-offs. These leaders
1259 are also responsible for developing and promulgating a holistic set of policies that span the
1260 organization's missions and business processes, guiding the establishment and maturation of a C-
1261 SCRM capability and the implementation of a cohesive set of C-SCRM activities. Leaders may
1262 elect to establish a C-SCRM PMO to drive C-SCRM activities and serve as a fulcrum for
1263 coordinated, C-SCRM-oriented services and guidance to the organization. Leaders should also
1264 clearly articulate lead roles at the mission and business process level responsible for detailing
1265 action plans and being accountable for the execution of C-SCRM activities.
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1267 Level 2 roles include but are not limited to representatives of each mission/business process
1268 including program managers, research and development, and acquisitions/procurement. Level 2
1269 C-SCRM activities address C-SCRM within the context of the organization's mission and
1270 business process. Mission and business process-specific strategies, policies, and procedures
1271 should be developed to tailor the C-SCRM implementation to fit the specific requirements of
1272 each mission and business process. Aligning to and building off of the high-level Enterprise
1273 Strategy and Implementation Plan, the organization should develop its own mission/business-
1274 level strategy and implementation plan and ensure C-SCRM execution within the constraints of
1275 its defined C-SCRM strategies, as well as awareness of and conformance to its C-SCRM
1276 policies. To facilitate the development and execution of Level 2 Strategy and Implementation
1277 plan(s), organizations may find benefit in forming a committee with representation from each
1278 mission/business process. This coordination and collaboration can help to identify cyber supply
1279 chain risks within and across respective mission/business areas and to develop an enterprise and
1280 C-SCRM architecture that lends itself to risk-aware mission and business processes. A C-SCRM
1281 PMO may also assist in the implementation of C-SCRM at Level 2 through the provision of
1282 services (e.g., policy templates, C-SCRM subject matter expert (SME) support).
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1284 Level 3 is comprised of personnel responsible for operational activities, including conducting
1285 procurements and executing system related C-SCRM activities as part of the organization's
1286 SDLC, which includes research and development, design, manufacturing, delivery, integration,
1287 operations and maintenance, and disposal/retirement of systems. These personnel include but are
1288 not limited to system owners, contracting officers, contracting officer representatives, architects,
1289 system integrators, and developers. These personnel are responsible for developing C-SCRM
1290 plans which address managing, ensuring the implementation, and monitoring of C-SCRM

1291 controls (to include those applicable to external parties, such as contractors) and the acquisition,
1292 development, and sustainment of systems across the SDLC to support mission and business
1293 processes. In organizations where a C-SCRM PMO has been established – activities such as
1294 product risk assessments may be provided as a centralized shared service.
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1296 Table 2-1 shows a summary of C-SCRM stakeholders for each level with the specific C-SCRM
1297 activities performed within the corresponding level. These activities are either direct C-SCRM
1298 activities or have an impact on C-SCRM.
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Table 2-1: Cyber Supply Chain Risk Management Stakeholders

Levels	Level Name	Generic Stakeholder	Activities
1	Organization	Executive Leadership (CEO, CIO, COO, CFO, CISO, Chief Technology Officer (CTO), CRO etc.)	Define Enterprise C-SCRM strategy and high-level implementation plan, policy, goals and objectives
2	Mission	Business Management (includes program management [PM], research and development [R&D], Engineering [SDLC oversight], Acquisition and Supplier Relationship Management/Cost Accounting, and other management related to reliability, safety, security, quality, C-SCRM PMO, etc.)	Develop mission and business process-specific strategy and policies and procedures, guidance and constraints, develop C-SCRM implementation plan(s)
3	Operational	Systems Management (architect, developers, system owner, QA/QC, test, and contracting personnel, approving selection, payment and approach for obtaining, maintenance engineering, disposal personnel, C-SCRM PMO staff, etc.)	Develop C-SCRM plans, implement policies and requirements, adhere to constraints provided by Levels 1 and 2

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1303 The C-SCRM process should be carried out across the three risk management levels with the
1304 overall objective of continuous improvement in the organization's risk-related activities and
1305 effective inter-level and intra-level communication, thus integrating both strategic and tactical
1306 activities among all stakeholders with a shared interest in the mission/business success of the
1307 organization. Whether addressing a component, a system, a process, a mission process, or a
1308 policy, it is important to engage the relevant C-SCRM stakeholders at each level to ensure that
1309 risk management activities are as informed as possible.

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1311 The next few sections provide example activities in each level. Because each organization is
1312 different, however, there may be activities that are performed in different levels than listed as
1313 individual organizational context requires.
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Section 4.5 provides a number of mission/business C-SCRM controls that organizations can tailor for their use to help guide Level 1, Level 2, and Level 3 C-SCRM activities. Note the tailoring should be scoped to the organization's risk management needs and organizations should analyze the cost of not implementing C-SCRM policies, capabilities, and controls when evaluating alternative risk response courses of action. These costs may include but are not limited to: poor quality or counterfeit products; supplier misuse of intellectual property; supplier tampering with or compromise of mission-critical information; and exposure to cyber-attacks through vulnerable supplier information systems.

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1317 **2.1.2. Level 1—Enterprise**
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1319 Level 1 (Enterprise) sets the tone and direction for organization-wide C-SCRM activities by
1320 providing an overarching C-SCRM strategy, C-SCRM policy, and High-Level Implementation
1321 Plan that shape how C-SCRM is implemented across the organization. Within Level-1,
1322 governance structures are formed to enable senior leaders and executives to collaborate on C-
1323 SCRM with the risk executive (function) in which leaders make C-SCRM decisions, delegate
1324 decisions to Levels 2 and 3, and prioritize organization-wide resource allocation for C-SCRM.
1325 Level 1 activities help to ensure that C-SCRM mitigation strategies are consistent with the
1326 strategic goals and objectives of the organization. Level 1 activities culminate in the C-SCRM
1327 Strategy, Policy, and High-Level Implementation Plan that shape and constrain how C-SCRM is
1328 carried out at Levels 2 and 3.
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1330 The C-SCRM governance structures and operational model dictate authority, responsibility, and
1331 decision-making power for C-SCRM and define 'how' C-SCRM processes are accomplished
1332 within the organization. The best C-SCRM governance and operating model is one that meets
1333 business and functional requirements of the organization. For example, an organization facing
1334 strict budgetary constraints or stiff C-SCRM requirements may consider governance and
1335 operational models which centralize decision-making authority and rely on a C-SCRM PMO to
1336 consolidate responsibilities for resource intensive tasks such as vendor risk assessments. In
1337 contrast, organizations which have mission/business processes governed with a high degree of
1338 autonomy or possess highly differentiated C-SCRM requirements may opt for decentralized
1339 authority, responsibilities, and decision-making power.
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1341 In addition to defining C-SCRM governance structures and operating models, Level 1 carries out
1342 the activities necessary to frame C-SCRM for the organization. C-SCRM framing is the process
1343 by which the organization makes explicit the cyber supply chain risk assumptions (e.g., threats,
1344 vulnerabilities, risk impact, risk likelihood), constraints (e.g., organization policies, regulations,
1345 resource limitation, etc.), appetite and tolerance, and priorities and tradeoffs that guide C-SCRM
1346 decisions across the organization. The risk framing process provides the inputs necessary to
1347 establish the C-SCRM strategy that dictates how the organization plans to assess, responded to,

1348 and monitor cyber supply chain risk across the organization. A high-level implementation plan
1349 should also be developed to guide execution against the organization's C-SCRM strategy. The
1350 risk framing process is discussed in further detail within Appendix C of this document.
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1352 Informed by the risk framing process and the C-SCRM strategy, Level 1 provides the
1353 organization's C-SCRM policy. The C-SCRM policy establishes the C-SCRM program's
1354 purpose, outlines the organization's C-SCRM responsibilities, defines and grants authority to C-
1355 SCRM roles across the organization, and outlines applicable C-SCRM compliance and
1356 enforcement expectations and processes. Appendix C of this document provides example
1357 templates for the C-SCRM Strategy and C-SCRM Policy.
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1359 Risk assessment activities performed at Level 1 focus on assessing, responding to, and
1360 monitoring cyber supply chain risks to the organization's portfolio of operations, assets and
1361 personnel. Level 1 risk assessments may be based on the organization's Level 1 Frame step (i.e.,
1362 assumptions, constraints, appetite, tolerances, priorities and tradeoffs), or may be aggregated
1363 enterprise-level assumptions based on risk assessment completed across multiple mission and
1364 business processes. For example, a Level 1 risk assessment may analyze the exposure of the
1365 organization's primary mission or business objective to a threat scenario affecting a specific
1366 product or service provided through the supply chain. The enterprise-level risk determination
1367 may be based on an analysis of similar other analyses conducted within several mission and
1368 business processes as well as the relative criticality of those processes to the organization's
1369 primary objective.
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1371 Level 1 activities ultimately provide the overarching context and boundaries within which the
1372 organization's mission and business processes manage cyber supply chain risk. Outputs from
1373 Level 1 (e.g., C-SCRM Strategy, C-SCRM Policy, Governance and Operating Model) are further
1374 tailored and refined within Level 2 to fit the context of each mission and business process. Level
1375 1 outputs should also be iteratively informed by and updated as a result of C-SCRM outputs at
1376 lower levels.
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1378 *Additional information can be found in: SR-1, SR-3, PM-2, PM-6, PM-7, PM-9, PM-28, PM-29,*
1379 *PM-30, and PM-31*
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1381 **2.1.3. Level 2—Mission/Business Process**

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1383 Level 2 addresses how the organization assesses, responds to, and monitors cyber supply chain
1384 risk within mission and business processes. Level 2 activities are performed in accordance with
1385 the C-SCRM strategy, and policies provided by Level 1.¹⁵ In this level, process-specific C-
1386 SCRM strategies, policies, and implementation plans dictate how the organization's C-SCRM
1387 goals and requirements are met within each mission and business process. Here, specific C-
1388 SCRM program requirements are defined and managed – including cost, schedule, performance,
1389 security, and a variety of critical nonfunctional requirements. These nonfunctional requirements
1390 include concepts such as reliability, dependability, safety, security, and quality.
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¹⁵ For more information, see [NIST SP 800-39 Section 2.2].

1392 Many threats *to* and *through* the supply chain are addressed at this level in the management of
1393 third-party relationships with suppliers, developers, system integrators, external system service
1394 providers, and other ICT/OT-related service providers. Because C-SCRM can both directly and
1395 indirectly impact mission and processes, understanding, integrating and coordinating C-SCRM
1396 activities at this level are critical for ensuring successful mission and business process
1397 operations. Level 2 activities focus on tailoring and applying the organization's C-SCRM frame
1398 to fit the specific mission and business process threats, vulnerabilities, impacts, and likelihoods.
1399 Informed by outputs from Level 1 (e.g., C-SCRM strategy), mission and business processes will
1400 adopt a C-SCRM strategy which tailors the organization's overall strategy to the specific mission
1401 and business process. At Level 2, the organization may also issue mission and business process
1402 specific policies which contextualize the organization's policy for the process.

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1404 In accordance with the C-SCRM strategy, organization leaders for specific mission and business
1405 processes should develop and execute a C-SCRM implementation plan. The C-SCRM
1406 implementation plan provides a more detailed roadmap for operationalizing the C-SCRM
1407 strategy(ies) within the mission and business process. Within the C-SCRM implementation
1408 plans, the mission and business process will specify C-SCRM roles and responsibilities,
1409 implementation milestones and dates, as well as processes for monitoring and reporting.
1410 Appendix D of this document provides example templates for the C-SCRM Strategy and
1411 Implementation Plan, as well as the C-SCRM Policy.

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1413 C-SCRM activities performed at Level 2 focus on assessing, responding to, and monitoring risk
1414 exposure arising from the mission and business process dependencies on suppliers, developers,
1415 system integrators, external system service providers, and other ICT/OT-related service
1416 providers. Risk exposures to the supply chain may arise as a result of primary dependencies on
1417 the supply chain or from secondary dependencies of the process on individual information
1418 systems or other mission and business processes. For example, risk exposure may arise due to a
1419 supplier that provides critical system components or services to multiple information systems
1420 that critical processes depend on. Organizations must also consider as a source of risk the
1421 products and services unrelated to information systems that vendors provide as well as the role
1422 these products and services play in overall mission and business process objectives.

1423
1424 Outputs from Level 2 activities will have a significant impact in shaping how C-SCRM activities
1425 are carried out within Level 3. For example, risk tolerance and common control baseline
1426 decisions may be defined at Level 2, then tailored and applied within the context of individual
1427 information systems within Level 3. Level 2 outputs should also be used to iteratively influence
1428 and further refine Level 1 outputs.

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1430 *Additional information can be found in: SR-1, SR-3, SR-6, PM-2, PM-6, PM-7, PM-30, PM-31,*
1431 *and PM-32.*

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1434 2.1.4. Level 3—Operational

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1436 Within Level 3, outputs provided by C-SCRM activities completed at Levels 1 and 2 prepare the
1437 organization to execute C-SCRM at the operational-level in accordance with the RMF [NIST
1438 800-37r2]. C-SCRM is applied to information systems through the development and
1439 implementation of C-SCRM plans. These plans are heavily influenced by cyber supply chain risk
1440 assumptions, constraints, risk appetite and tolerance, and priorities and tradeoffs defined by
1441 Levels 1 and 2. C-SCRM plans dictate how C-SCRM activities are integrated into all systems in
1442 the SDLC, which includes acquisition (both custom and off-the-shelf), requirements,
1443 architectural design, development, delivery, installation, integration, maintenance, and
1444 disposal/retirement. In general, C-SCRM plans are implementation specific, and provide policy
1445 implementation, requirements, constraints, and implications for systems that support mission and
1446 business process.

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1448 Level 3 activities focus on managing operational-level risk exposure resulting from any ICT/OT-
1449 related products and services provided through the supply chain that are in use by the
1450 organization or fall within the scope of the systems authorization boundary. Level 3 C-SCRM
1451 activities begin with an analysis of the likelihood and impact of potential cyber supply chain
1452 threats exploiting an operational-level vulnerability (i.e., in a system or system component).
1453 Where applicable, these risk assessments should be informed by risk assessments completed in
1454 Levels 1 and 2. In response to determined risk, organizations should evaluate alternative courses
1455 of action for reducing risk exposure (e.g., accept, avoid, mitigate, share and/or transfer). Risk
1456 response is achieved by selecting, tailoring, implementing, and monitoring C-SCRM controls
1457 throughout the SLDC in accordance with the RMF [NIST 800-37r2]. Selected C-SCRM controls
1458 often consist of a combination of inherited common controls from Levels 1 and 2 as well as
1459 information system-specific controls.

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1461 A key Level 3 activity is the development of the C-SCRM plan. Along with applicable security
1462 control information, the C-SCRM plan includes information on the system, its categorization,
1463 operational status, related agreements, architecture, key system personnel, related laws,
1464 regulations and policies, and contingency plan. This plan is a living document that should be
1465 maintained and used as the reference for continuous monitoring of implemented C-SCRM
1466 controls.

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1468 Information gathered as part of Level 3 C-SCRM activities should iteratively inform C-SCRM
1469 activities completed within Levels 1 and 2 to further refine C-SCRM strategies and
1470 implementation plans.

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1472 *Additional information can be found in: SR-1, SR-2, SR-6, PL-2, PM-31, and PM-32.*

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1474 2.1.5. C-SCRM PMO

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1476 A variety of operating models (e.g., centralized, decentralized, hybrid) are available to
1477 organizations that facilitate C-SCRM activities across the organization and its missions/business
1478 processes. One such model involves concentrating and assigning responsibilities for certain C-
1479 SCRM activities to a central PMO. In this model, the C-SCRM PMO acts as a service provider

1480 to other missions/business processes. Missions/business processes are then responsible for
1481 selecting and requesting services from the C-SCRM PMO as part of their responsibilities to meet
1482 the organization's C-SCRM goals and objectives. There are a variety of beneficial services that
1483 a PMO may provide:

- 1484 • Advisory services and subject matter Expertise
- 1485 • Chair for internal C-SCRM working groups/coordination bodies
- 1486 • Centralized hub for tools, job aids, awareness and training templates
- 1487 • Supplier/product risk assessments
- 1488 • Liaison to external stakeholders
- 1489 • Information sharing management (e.g., to/from FASC)
- 1490 • Management of C-SCRM risk register
- 1491 • Secretariat/staffing function for enterprise C-SCRM governance
- 1492 • C-SCRM project and performance management
- 1493 • C-SCRM Briefings, Presentations, and Reporting

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1495 A C-SCRM PMO typically consists of C-SCRM SMEs who help drive the C-SCRM strategy
1496 and implementation across the organization and its mission and business processes. A C-SCRM
1497 PMO may include or report to a dedicated executive-level official responsible for overseeing C-
1498 SCRM activities across the organization. Depending on organization-specific constraints, a C-
1499 SCRM PMO may consist of dedicated personnel or include matrixed representatives with
1500 responsibilities for C-SCRM from several of the organization's processes including, but not
1501 limited to information security, procurement, risk management, engineering, software
1502 development, IT, legal, and HR.

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1504 The C-SCRM PMO responsibilities may include providing services to the organization's leaders
1505 that help set the tone for how C-SCRM is applied throughout the organization. The C-SCRM
1506 PMO may provide SME support to guide Level 1 stakeholders through the risk framing process
1507 which includes establishing the organizational appetite and tolerance for cyber supply chain risk.
1508 In addition, accountable risk executives may delegate responsibility for drafting the organization
1509 C-SCRM strategy and policy to the PMO. C-SCRM PMOs may also coordinate C-SCRM
1510 information-sharing interagency across the supply chain and across the organization mission and
1511 business processes. Finally, the PMO may conduct C-SCRM-focused executive-level briefings
1512 (e.g., to the risk executive function, board of directors) to help Level 1 stakeholders develop an
1513 aggregated picture of the state of cyber supply chain risk across the organization.

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1515 At Level 2, C-SCRM PMO may develop C-SCRM starter kits which contain a base strategy, set
1516 of policies, procedures and guidelines which can be further customized within specific mission
1517 and business processes. This PMO may also provide SME consulting support to stakeholders
1518 within mission and business processes as they create process-specific C-SCRM strategies and
1519 develop C-SCRM implementation plans. As part of this responsibility, the C-SCRM PMO may
1520 advise on or develop C-SCRM common control baselines within the organization mission and
1521 business processes. The C-SCRM PMO may also perform C-SCRM risk assessments focused on
1522 suppliers, developers, system integrators, external system service providers, and other ICT/OT-
1523 related service providers of both technology and non-technology related products and services.

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1525 The responsibility of a C-SCRM PMO at Levels 1 and 2 would ultimately influence C-SCRM
1526 activities at the Level 3 operational level. A C-SCRM PMO may advise teams throughout the
1527 SDLC on C-SCRM control selection, tailoring, and monitoring. Ultimately a C-SCRM PMO
1528 may be responsible for activities that produce C-SCRM outputs across the risk management
1529 levels. Centralizing C-SCRM services offers organizations an opportunity to capitalize on
1530 specialized skill sets within a consolidated team that offers high quality C-SCRM services to the
1531 rest of the organization. By centralizing risk assessment services – organizations may achieve a
1532 level of standardization not otherwise possible (e.g., in a decentralized model). Organizations
1533 may also realize cost efficiencies in cases where PMO resources are dedicated to C-SCRM
1534 activities versus resources in decentralized models which may perform multiple roles in addition
1535 to C-SCRM responsibilities.

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1539 3. CRITICAL SUCCESS FACTORS

1540 To successfully address evolving cyber supply chain risks, organizations need to engage multiple
1541 internal processes and capabilities, communicate and collaborate across organizational levels and
1542 mission areas, and ensure that all individuals within the organization understand their role in
1543 managing cyber supply chain risks. Organizations need strategies for communicating,
1544 determining how best to implement, and monitoring the effectiveness of their supply chain
1545 cybersecurity controls and practices. In addition to communicating cyber supply chain controls
1546 internally, organizations should engage with peers to exchange cyber supply chain risk
1547 management insights. These insights will aid organizations in continuously evaluating how well
1548 they are doing and identify where they need to improve and how to take steps to mature their C-
1549 SCRМ program. This section addresses the requisite organizational processes and capabilities to
1550 make C-SCRМ successful.

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1552 3.1. C-SCRМ in Acquisition

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1554 Integrating C-SCRМ considerations into acquisition activities is essential to improving
1555 management of cyber supply chain risks at every step of the procurement and contract
1556 management process. This life cycle begins with a purchaser identifying a need, includes the
1557 processes to plan for and articulate requirements, conduct research to identify and assess viable
1558 sources of supply, solicit bids and evaluate offers, to include ensuring conformance to C-SCRМ
1559 requirements and assessing C-SCRМ risk associated with the bidder and the proposed product
1560 and/or service offering. After contract award, ensure the supplier satisfies the terms and
1561 conditions articulated in their contractual agreement and that the products and services conform
1562 as expected and required. C-SCRМ considerations need to be addressed at every step in this life
1563 cycle.

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1565 Organizations rely heavily on commercial products and outsourced services to perform
1566 operations and fulfill their missions and business objectives. In addition to addressing cyber
1567 supply chain risks and performing C-SCRМ activities during each phase of the acquisition
1568 process, organizations should develop and execute an acquisition strategy that drives forward
1569 reductions in their overall cyber supply chain risk exposure. Through such strategies,
1570 organizations can reduce cyber supply chain risks within specific procurement processes as well
1571 as for the overall enterprise. Adopting acquisition policies and processes that integrate C-SCRМ
1572 will then aid, direct, and inform the organization's efforts to implement those strategies and
1573 realize targeted risk-reducing outcomes which align and lead to achievement of the
1574 organization's C-SCRМ strategic goals and objectives.

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1576 Additionally, adopting C-SCRМ controls aligned to an industry-recognized set of standards and
1577 guidelines (e.g., NIST 800-53 Rev.5, NIST CSF), the organization can ensure holistic coverage
1578 of cyber supply chain risks and corresponding C-SCRМ practices. C-SCRМ controls may apply
1579 to different participants of the supply chain to include the organization itself, prime contractors,
1580 and sub-contractors. Because organizations heavily rely on prime contractors and their
1581 subcontractors to develop and implement ICT products and services, those controls that are
1582 implemented within the SDLC are likely to flow down to subcontractors. Establishing C-SCRМ
1583 controls that apply throughout the supply chain and the SDLC will aid the organization in

1584 establishing common expectations and lexicon with suppliers and sub-suppliers to help all
1585 participants manage cyber supply chain risks to and through the supply chain.

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1587 **3.1.1. Acquisition in the C-SCRM Strategy and Implementation Plan**

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1589 An organization's C-SCRM Strategy and Implementation Plan serve as the roadmap to guide the
1590 organization toward achievement of long-term, sustainable reductions in cyber supply chain risk
1591 exposure. As a core part of the C-SCRM Strategy and Implementation Plan, organizations should
1592 address how cyber supply chain risks are managed throughout the acquisition process.

1593 Cyber supply chain risks include those arising from the supplier's organization, products or
1594 services, as well as the supplier's own suppliers and supply chains. The C-SCRM PMO may be
1595 helpful in developing specific strategies and implementation plans for integrating C-SCRM
1596 considerations into acquisitions. Acquisition activities relevant to C-SCRM include, but are not
1597 limited to:

- 1598 • Promoting awareness and communicating C-SCRM expectations as part of supplier
1599 relationship management efforts;
- 1600 • Establishing a checklist of acquisition security requirements that must be completed as
1601 part of procurement requests to ensure necessary provision and protections are in place;
- 1602 • Leveraging an external shared service provider or utilize the C-SCRM PMO to provide
1603 supplier, product, and/or services assessment activities as a shared service to other
1604 internal processes including acquisition;
- 1605 • Conducting robust due diligence to inform determinations about a bidder's responsibility
1606 and to identify and assess bidders' cyber supply chain risk posture or risk associated with
1607 a given product or service offering;
- 1608 • Including C-SCRM criteria in source selection evaluations;
- 1609 • Establishing and referencing a list of prohibited suppliers, if appropriate, per applicable
1610 regulatory and legal references; and
- 1611 • Establishing and procuring from an approved products list or list of preferred or qualified
1612 suppliers who have demonstrated conformance with the organization's security
1613 requirements through a rigorous process defined by the organization or another
1614 acceptable qualified list program activity.

1615 The C-SCRM Strategy and Implementation Plan should address the acquisition security-relevant
1616 foundational elements necessary to implement a C-SCRM program. To support the strategy,
1617 organization leaders should promote the value and importance of C-SCRM within acquisitions
1618 and ensure sufficient, dedicated funding is in place for necessary activities. Doing so will help
1619 organizations ensure responsibility for program processes and accountability for progress toward
1620 the attainment of results. Organizations should also assign roles and responsibilities, some of
1621 which will be cross-organizational in nature and team-based, while others will be specific to
1622 acquisition processes. Finally, relevant training should be provided to members of the acquisition
1623 workforce to ensure roles and responsibilities are understood and executed in alignment with
1624 leader expectations.

1625 The organization’s capabilities, resources, operational constraints and existing portfolio of
1626 supplier relationships, contracts, acquired services and products provide the baseline context
1627 necessary to lay out a strategic path that is realistic and achievable. This baseline starting point
1628 also serves as a marker from which performance progress and outcomes can be tracked and
1629 assessed.

1630 A critical first step is to ensure there is a current and accurate inventory of the organization’s
1631 supplier relationships and contracts as well as an understanding of the products or services those
1632 suppliers provide. This information allows for a mapping of these suppliers into strategically
1633 relevant groupings. For example, an assessment of these suppliers might result in a grouping of
1634 them into categories (e.g., “strategic/innovative,” “mission-critical,” “sustaining” or
1635 “standard/non-essential”). This segmentation facilitates further analysis and understanding of the
1636 exposure to cyber supply chain risk throughout the organization, and helps to focus priority
1637 attention on those critical suppliers that are of the most strategic or operational importance to the
1638 organization and its mission and business processes. It is useful to identify which products and
1639 services require a higher level of confidence that risk is minimized, and can be helpful in
1640 identifying areas of risk, such as overreliance on a single source of supply. This inventory and
1641 mapping also facilitates the selection and tailoring of C-SCRM contract language and evaluation
1642 criteria.

1643 *Additional information can be found in: SA-1, SA-2, SA-4, SR-5, SR-13, and NISTIR 8179¹*

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1645 **3.1.2. The Role of C-SCRM in the Acquisition Process**

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1647 When conducting a procurement, organizations should designate experts from different subject
1648 matter areas to participate in the acquisition process as members of the Acquisition Team.
1649 While procurement requirements address and are tailored to satisfying a specific purpose and
1650 ensure compliance mandates are met, contextual factors such as mission criticality, sensitivity of
1651 data, and the operational environment must also be considered to effectively address cyber
1652 supply chain risk.

1653 This contextual basis sets the stage for the Acquisition Team to be able to effectively gauge their
1654 tolerance for risk as it pertains to a specific procurement requirement and determine which of the
1655 [NIST SP 800-161 Rev 1] and [NIST SP 800-53 Rev 5] controls are relevant and necessary to
1656 consider for specific acquisitions. The program office – or requiring official – should consult
1657 with information security personnel to complete this control selection process and work with
1658 their procurement official to incorporate these controls into requirements documents and
1659 contracts. Security is a key factor in procurement decisions.

1660 Acquisition policies and processes need to incorporate C-SCRM considerations into each step of
1661 the procurement and contract management life cycle management process (i.e., plan
1662 procurement, define/develop requirements, perform market analysis, complete procurement,
1663 ensure compliance, monitor performance and for changes that affect C-SCRM risk status) as
1664 described in [NISTIR 7622]. During the ‘plan procurement’ step, the criticality of the good or
1665 service to be procured needs to be identified, along with a description of the factors that are
1666 driving the determination of the level of criticality. This activity is typically led by the

1667 procurement official with the help from officials across the organization including but not
1668 limited to mission/business representatives, information security, and legal.

1669 Once a procurement plan is in place, the organization should develop and define requirements.
1670 Requirements should be developed and refined to address cyber supply chain risks, in addition to
1671 specifying performance, schedule, and cost objectives. This process is typically initiated by the
1672 acquirer mission/business process owner or a designee in collaboration with the procurement
1673 official and other members of the C-SCRM team.

1674 With requirements defined, organizations will typically complete a market analysis for potential
1675 suppliers. Market research and analysis activities will explore the availability of potential or pre-
1676 qualified sources of supply. This step is typically initiated by the acquirer mission and business
1677 process owner or a designated representative. Organizations should use this phase to conduct
1678 more robust due diligence research on potential suppliers and/or products in order to generate a
1679 supplier risk profile. As part of due diligence, the organization may consider the market
1680 concentration for the sought-after product or service as a means of identifying interdependencies
1681 within the supply chain. The organization may also use a request for information (RFIs) and/or
1682 due diligence questionnaires for the initial screening and collection of evidence from potential
1683 suppliers. Organizations should not treat the initial C-SCRM due diligence risk assessment as
1684 exhaustive. Results of this research can also be helpful in shaping the sourcing approach and
1685 refining requirements.

1686 Finally, the organization will complete the procurement step by releasing a statement of work
1687 (SOW) or statement of objective (SOO) for the release of a request for proposal (RFP), or
1688 request for quotes (RFQ). As part of selection, any bidders responding to the RFP or RFQ should
1689 be evaluated against relevant, key C-SCRM criteria. The RFP review process should also include
1690 any procurement-specific supplier risk assessment. The assessment criteria will be heavily
1691 informed by the defined C-SCRM requirements and include coverage over but not limited to
1692 information about the organization, its security processes, and its security track record. The
1693 response review process involves multiple C-SCRM stakeholders including procurement, the
1694 mission and business process owner, as well as appropriate information system owners and
1695 technical experts. Once selection has occurred, organizations should complete product or system
1696 component risk assessments with coverage over, but not limited to the products or system
1697 components quality, vulnerability, and authenticity.

1698 Once the contract is executed, the organization should monitor for change that alters its cyber
1699 supply chain risk exposure. Change that alters cyber supply chain risk exposure may include but
1700 is not limited to internal organization or system changes, supplier operational or structural
1701 changes, as well as geopolitical or environmental changes. An organization should continuously
1702 apply lessons learned collected during the acquisition process to enhance its ability to assess,
1703 respond to and monitor cyber supply chain risk within its supply chain.

1704 Table 3-1 shows a summary of where C-SCRM assessments may take place within the various
1705 steps of the procurement process.

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Table 3-1: C-SCRM in the Procurement Process

Procurement Process	Service Risk Assessment	Supplier Risk Assessment	Product Risk Assessment
Plan Procurement	Service Risk Assessment Criticality of Needed Service Other Context (functions performed; access to systems/data, etc.) Fit for Purpose	Fit for Purpose	Criticality of Needed Product Other Context (Operating Environment, Data, Users, etc.) Fit for Purpose
Define/Develop Requirements	Select applicable C-SCRM controls/ requirements	Select applicable C-SCRM controls/ requirements	Select applicable C-SCRM controls/ requirements
Perform Market Analysis		Initial Risk Assessment (e.g., Due-Diligence Questionnaires)	Research product options and risk factors
Solicit Bids/ Complete Procurement		Complete Risk Assessment	Pre-Deployment Risk Assessment
Operate & Maintain	Continuous Risk Monitoring	Continuous Risk Monitoring	Continuous Risk Monitoring

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1708 In addition to process activities, there are many useful acquisition security-enhancing tools and
 1709 techniques available, including: obscuring the end use of a system or system component; using
 1710 blind or filtered buys; requiring tamper-evident packaging; or using trusted or controlled
 1711 distribution. The results from a supply chain risk assessment can guide and inform the strategies,
 1712 tools, and methods that are most applicable to the situation. Tools and techniques may provide
 1713 protections against unauthorized production, theft, tampering, insertion of counterfeits, insertion
 1714 of malicious software or backdoors, and poor development practices throughout the system
 1715 development life cycle.

1716 To ensure effective and continued management of cyber supply chain risks throughout the
 1717 acquisition lifecycle, contractual agreements and contract management should include:

- 1718 • The satisfaction of applicable security requirements in contracts and mechanisms as a
 1719 qualifying condition for award;
- 1720 • Flow-down control requirements to sub-contractors, if and when applicable, including C-
 1721 SCRM performance objectives, linked to method of inspection, in a Quality Assurance
 1722 Surveillance Plan;
- 1723 • Periodic re-validation of supplier adherence to security requirements to ensure continual
 1724 compliance;
- 1725 • Processes and protocols for communication and reporting of information about
 1726 vulnerabilities, incidents, and other business disruptions, to include acceptable deviations if
 1727 the business disruption is serious enough and baseline criteria to determine whether a
 1728 disruption qualifies as serious ; and
- 1729 • Terms and conditions that address government, supplier, and other applicable third
 1730 party(ies) roles, responsibilities, and actions for responding to identified supply chain

1731 risk(s), or risk incident(s), in order to mitigate risk exposure, minimize harm, and support
1732 timely corrective action or recovery from an incident.
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1734 There are a variety of acceptable validation and re-validation methods, such as required
1735 certifications, site visits, third-party assessment, or self-attestation. The type and rigor of required
1736 methods should be commensurate to the criticality of the service or product being acquired and
1737 the corresponding assurance requirements.
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1739 Additional guidance for integrating C-SCRM into the acquisition process is provided in
1740 Appendix C that demonstrates the enhanced overlay of C-SCRM into the NIST SP 800-39 Risk
1741 Management Process. In addition, organizations should refer to and follow
1742 acquisition/procurement policies, regulations, and best practices that are specific to their domain
1743 (e.g., critical infrastructure sector, State Government, etc.)

1744 *Additional information can be found in: SA-1, SA-2, SA-3, SA-4, SA-9, SA-19, SA-20, SA-22, SR-*
1745 *5, SR-6, SR-10, and SR-11*

1746 **3.2. Supply Chain Information Sharing**

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1748 Organizations are continuously exposed to risk originating from their supply chains. An effective
1749 information-sharing process helps to ensure organizations can gain access to information critical
1750 to understanding and mitigating cyber supply chain risks, and also share relevant information to
1751 others that may benefit from or require knowing about these risks.
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1753 To aid in identifying, assessing, monitoring, and responding to cyber supply chain risks,
1754 organizations should build information-sharing processes and activities into their C-SCRM
1755 programs. This may include establishing information-sharing agreements with peer
1756 organizations, as well as with business partners and suppliers. By exchanging supply chain risk
1757 information within a sharing community, organizations can leverage the collective knowledge,
1758 experience, and capabilities of that sharing community to gain a more complete understanding of
1759 the threats the organization may face. Additionally, sharing of supply chain risk information
1760 allows organizations to better detect campaigns that target specific industry sectors and
1761 institutions.
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1763 Federal organizations should establish processes to be able to effectively engage with the
1764 FASC's information sharing agency, which is responsible for facilitating information sharing
1765 among government agencies and acts as a central, government-wide facilitator for C-SCRM
1766 information sharing activities.
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1768 NIST SP 800-150 describes key practices for establishing and participating in supply chain risk
1769 information-sharing relationships as follows:

- 1770 • Establish information sharing goals and objectives that support business processes and
1771 security policies
- 1772 • Identify existing internal sources of supply chain risk information
- 1773 • Specify the scope of information sharing activities
- 1774 • Establish information sharing rules

- 1775 • Join and participate in information sharing efforts
- 1776 • Actively seek to enrich indicators by providing additional context, corrections, or
- 1777 suggested improvements
- 1778 • Use secure, automated workflows to publish, consume, analyze, and act upon supply
- 1779 chain risk information
- 1780 • Proactively establish supply chain risk information sharing agreements
- 1781 • Protect the security and privacy of sensitive information
- 1782 • Provide ongoing support for information sharing activities.

1783 As shown in Table 3-2, below, supply chain risk information describes or identifies cyber supply
1784 chain relevant characteristics and risk factors associated with a product or service or source of
1785 supply. It may exist in various forms (e.g., raw data, a supply chain network map, risk
1786 assessment report, etc.) and should be accompanied with the metadata that will facilitate an
1787 assessment of a level of confidence in and credibility of the information. Organizations should
1788 follow established processes and procedures that describe whether and when sharing or reporting
1789 of certain information is mandated or voluntary and if there are any necessary requirements with
1790 which to adhere regarding information handling, protection and classification.
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Table 3-2: Cyber Supply Chain Characteristics and Risk Factors Associated with a Product, Service, or Source of Supply¹⁶

Source of Supply, Product, or Service Characteristics	Risk Indicators, Analysis, and Findings
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Features and functionality; • Access to data and information, including system privileges; • Installation or Operating Environment; • Security, authenticity, and integrity of a given product or service and the associated supply and compilation chain; • The ability of the source to produce and deliver a product or service, as expected; • Foreign control of, or influence over, the source (e.g., foreign ownership, personal and professional ties between the source and any foreign entity, legal regime of any foreign country in which the source is headquartered or conducts operations); • Market alternatives to the source; and • Potential risk factors such as geo-political, legal, managerial/internal controls, financial stability, cyber incidents, personal and physical security, or any other information that would factor into an analysis of the security, safety, integrity, resilience, reliability, quality, trustworthiness, or authenticity of a product, service or source. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Threat information include indicators (system artifacts or observables associated with an attack), tactics, techniques, and procedures (TTPs); • Security alerts, threat intelligence reports; • Implications to national security, homeland security, and/or national critical processes associated with use of the product or service; • Vulnerability of federal systems, programs, or facilities; • Threat level and vulnerability level assessment/score; • Potential impact or harm caused by the possible loss, damage, or compromise of a product, material, or service to an organization’s operations or mission and likelihood of a potential impact or harm, or the exploitability of a system; and • Capacity to mitigate risks identified.

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3.3. C-SCRM Training and Awareness

Numerous individuals within the organization contribute to the success of C-SCRM. These may include but are not limited to information security, procurement, risk management, engineering, software development, IT, legal, HR. Examples of these contributions include:

¹⁶ Cyber Supply Chain Characteristics and Risk Factors Associated with a Product, Service, or Source of Supply is non-exhaustive.

- 1801 • System Owners are responsible for multiple facets of C-SCRM at the operational-level as
1802 part of their responsibility for the development, procurement, integration, modification,
1803 operation, maintenance, and/or final disposition of an information system;
- 1804 • Human Resources defines and implements background checks and training policies
1805 which help ensure that individuals are trained in appropriate C-SCRM processes and
1806 procedures;
- 1807 • Legal helps draft C-SCRM-specific contractual language that is included by procurement
1808 in contracts with suppliers, developers, system integrators, external system service
1809 providers, and other ICT/OT-related service providers;
- 1810 • Acquisition/procurement defines the process for implementing supplier assurance
1811 practices embedded in the acquisition process;
- 1812 • Engineering designs products and must understand existing requirements for use of open-
1813 source components;
- 1814 • Software developers ensure software vulnerabilities are identified and addressed as early
1815 as possible, including testing and fixing the code;
- 1816 • Shipping and receiving ensures that boxes that contain critical components have not been
1817 tampered with en route or at the warehouse.

1818 Everyone within an organization has a role in managing cyber supply chain risks. The
1819 organizations should foster an overall culture of security including C-SCRM as an integral part.
1820 The organizations can use a variety of communication methods to foster the culture, of which
1821 traditional awareness and role-based training are only one component.

1822 Every individual within an organization should receive appropriate training to help them
1823 understand the importance of C-SCRM for their organization, their specific roles and
1824 responsibilities, and processes and procedures for reporting incidents. This training can be
1825 integrated into the overall cybersecurity awareness training.

1826 Those individuals who have more significant roles in managing cyber supply chain risk should
1827 receive tailored C-SCRM training that helps them understand the scope of their responsibilities,
1828 specific processes and procedures they are responsible for implementing, and what actions to
1829 take in case of an incident, disruption, or another C-SCRM-related event. The organizations
1830 should establish specific role-based training criteria and develop role-specific C-SCRM training
1831 to address specific C-SCRM roles and responsibilities. The organizations may also consider
1832 adding C-SCRM content into already existing role-based training for some specific roles. Refer
1833 to the Awareness and Training controls in Section 4.5 for more detail.

1834 Organizations should consider use of the NIST National Initiative for Cybersecurity Education
1835 (NICE) Framework¹⁷ as a means of forming a common lexicon on C-SCRM workforce topics.
1836 This will aid organizations in developing training linked to role-specific C-SCRM
1837 responsibilities and communicating cybersecurity workforce-related topics. The NICE
1838 Framework outlines Categories, Specialty Areas, Work Roles, KSAs (Knowledge, Skills, and
1839 Abilities), and Tasks which describe cybersecurity work.

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¹⁷ NIST Special Publication 800-181: National Initiative for Cybersecurity Education (NICE) Cybersecurity Workforce Framework

1841 3.4. Capability Implementation Measurement and C-SCRM Metrics

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1843 Organizations should actively manage the efficiency and effectiveness of their C-SCRM
1844 programs through ongoing measurement of the programs themselves. Organizations can use
1845 several methods of measuring and managing the effectiveness of their C-SCRM program:

- 1846 • Using a framework, such as NIST CSF to assess their C-SCRM capabilities
- 1847 • Measuring progress of their C-SCRM initiatives towards completion
- 1848 • Measuring performance of their C-SCRM initiatives towards desired outcomes

1849 All methods rely on a variety of data collection, analysis, contextualization, and reporting
1850 activities. Collectively, these methods should be used to track and report out progress and results
1851 that ultimately indicate reductions in risk exposure and improvements in the organization's
1852 security outcomes.

1853 C-SCRM performance management provides a number of organizational and financial benefits.
1854 Major benefits include increasing stakeholder accountability for C-SCRM performance;
1855 improving effectiveness of C-SCRM activities; demonstrating compliance with laws, rules and
1856 regulations, providing quantifiable inputs for resource allocation decisions, cost-avoidance
1857 associated with reduced impact from—or likelihood of experiencing—a cyber-supply chain
1858 incident.

1859 Organizations can use a framework such as NIST CSF Implementation Tiers to baseline their C-
1860 SCRM capabilities. Frameworks such as this provide a useful context for an organization to
1861 track and gauge the increasing rigor and sophistication of their C-SCRM practices. Progression
1862 against framework topics is measured using ordinal (i.e., 1-5) scales which illustrate the
1863 progression of capabilities across tiers. The following are examples of how C-SCRM capability
1864 could be gauged by applying NIST CSF Tiers:

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1866 • CSF Tier 1: The organization does not understand its cyber supply chain risks or its role
1867 in the larger ecosystem. The organization does not collaborate with other entities or have
1868 processes in place to identify, assess and mitigate its cyber supply chain risks.
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1870 • CSF Tier 2: The organization understands its cyber supply chain risks associated with
1871 products and services and its role in the larger ecosystem. The organization has not
1872 formalized its capabilities to manage cyber supply chain risks internally or its capability
to engage and share information with entities in the broader ecosystem.
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1874 • CSF Tier 3: Organization-wide approach to managing cyber supply chain risks is enacted
1875 via enterprise risk management policies, processes, and procedures. This likely includes a
1876 governance structure (e.g., Risk Council) that manages cyber supply chain risks in
1877 balance with other enterprise risks. Policies, processes, and procedures are implemented
1878 consistently, as intended, and continuously monitored and reviewed. Personnel possess
1879 the knowledge and skills to perform their appointed cyber supply chain risk management
1880 responsibilities. The organization has formal agreements in place to communicate
1881 baseline requirements to its suppliers and partners. The organization understands its
external dependencies and collaborates with partners to share information to enable risk-

- 1882 based management decisions within the organization in response to events.
- 1883 • CSF Tier 4: The organization actively consumes and distributes information with partners
1884 and uses real-time or near real-time information to improve cybersecurity and supply
1885 chain security before an event occurs. The organization leverages institutionalized
1886 knowledge of cyber supply chain risk management with its external suppliers and
1887 partners as well as internally, in related functional areas and at all levels of the
1888 organization. The organization communicates proactively using formal (e.g., agreements)
1889 and informal mechanisms to develop and maintain strong relationships with its suppliers,
1890 buyers, and other partners.
- 1891 Capability building begins by establishing a solid programmatic foundation that includes
1892 enabling strategies and plans, policies and guidance, investment in training and dedicated
1893 program resources. Once this foundational capability is in place, organizations can use these
1894 progression charts to orient the strategic direction of their programs to target states of C-SCRM
1895 capability in different areas of the program. Table 3-3 provides an example C-SCRM
1896 implementation model.
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Table 3-3: Example C-SCRM Practice Implementation Model¹⁸

Implementation Level	Associated C-SCRM Practices
Foundational	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Established C-SCRM Policies across enterprise-levels • Defined C-SCRM hierarchy • Established C-SCRM governance structure • Well-documented, consistent C-SCRM processes • Quality and reliability program • Explicit roles for C-SCRM • Adequate and dedicated C-SCRM resources • Defined C-SCRM control baseline • Established C-SCRM internal checks and balance to assure compliance • Established supplier management program • C-SCRM included in an established incident management program
Sustaining	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of third-party assessments, site visits, and formal certification • Defined C-SCRM risk appetite and risk tolerances • Formalized information sharing processes (e.g., engages w/ FASC) • Formal C-SCRM training program • C-SCRM integrated into SDLC • C-SCRM integrated into contractual agreements • Suppliers participate in incident response, disaster recovery, and contingency planning • Formally defined, collected, and reported C-SCRM metrics
Enhancing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • C-SCRM process automation • Use of quantitative risk analysis • Predictive and adaptive C-SCRM strategies and processes

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3.4.1. Measuring C-SCRM Efficacy, Efficiency, and Compliance

Organizations typically rely on information security measures to facilitate decision making as well as improve performance and accountability in their information security programs.

Organizations can achieve similar benefits within their C-SCRM programs. Similar to information security measures, C-SCRM-focused measures can be obtained at different levels of an organization. NIST SP 800-55 provides guidance on the specific development, selection, and implementation of operational-level and program-level performance measures. Table 3-3 provides example measurement topics across the three Risk Management levels.

¹⁸ For more information on C-SCRM capabilities, refer to section 1.5 C-SCRM Key Practices.

1910 **Table 3-4: Example Measurement Topics Across the Risk Management Levels**

Risk Level	Example Measurement Topics
Level 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy adoption at lower levels • Timeliness of policy adoption at lower levels • Adherence to risk appetite and tolerance thresholds • Differentiated levels of risk exposure across Level 2 • Compliance with regulatory mandates • Adherence to customer requirements
Level 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effectiveness of mitigation strategies • Time allocation across C-SCRM activities • Mission/business process-level risk exposure • Degree and quality of C-SCRM requirement adoption in mission/business processes • Use of C-SCRM PMO by Level 3
Level 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design effectiveness of controls • Operating effectiveness of controls • Cost-efficiency of controls

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1912 Organizations may adopt a single or combination of methods to manage the effectiveness of their

1913 C-SCRM programs. NIST SP 800-55 Rev.1 articulates three different components of

1914 performance:

- 1915 • **Implementation:** Demonstrates the progress in implementing programs, controls, and
- 1916 associated policies and procedures;
- 1917 • **Effectiveness/Efficiency:** Provides insight whether programs, processes, and controls are
- 1918 implemented correctly, operate as intended, and meet desired outcomes;
- 1919 • **Impact:** Analyzes the impact of C-SCRM on broader objectives (e.g., contribution to
- 1920 business process cost savings; reduction in national security risk).

1921 **3.5. Dedicated Resources**

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1923 To appropriately manage cyber supply chain risks, organizations should commit dedicated funds

1924 towards this effort. Identifying resource needs and taking steps to secure adequate, recurring, and

1925 dedicated funding is an essential and important activity that needs to be built into the C-SCRM

1926 strategy and implementation planning effort and incorporated into an organization’s budgeting,

1927 investment review, and funds management processes. Access to adequate resources is a critical,

1928 key enabler for the establishment and sustainment of a C-SCRM program capability. The

1929 continued availability of dedicated funds will allow organizations to sustain, expand, and mature

1930 their capabilities over time.

1932 Securing and assigning C-SCRM funding is representative of leadership's commitment to the
1933 importance of C-SCRM and its relevance to national and economic security and ensuring the
1934 protection, continuity and resilience of mission and business processes and assets.

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1936 Funding facilitates goal and action-oriented planning. Examining resource needs and allocating
1937 funding prompts a budgeting and strategic planning process. Effective organizations begin by
1938 defining a set of goals and objectives upon which organizations should build a strategic roadmap
1939 laying out the path to achieve them, through the assignment and allocation of finite resources.
1940 The establishment of dedicated funding, tied to C-SCRM objectives, sets conditions for
1941 accountability for performance and compels responsible staff to be efficient and effective and to
1942 adopt a mindset of continuously seeking to improve C-SCRM capabilities and achieve security
1943 enhancing outcomes.

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1945 Obtaining new or increased funding can be a challenge as resources are often scarce and
1946 necessary for many competing purposes. The limited nature of funds forces prioritization. C-
1947 SCRM leaders need to first examine what can be done within the constraints of existing
1948 resources and be able to articulate, prioritize, and defend their requests for additional resources.
1949 For new investment proposals, this requires a reconciliation of planned initiatives against the
1950 organization's mission/business objectives. When well-executed, a systematic planning process
1951 can tighten the alignment of C-SCRM processes to these objectives.

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1953 Many C-SCRM processes can and should be built into existing program and operational
1954 activities and may be able to be adequately performed using available funds. However, there may
1955 be a need for an influx of one-time resources to establish an initial C-SCRM program capability.
1956 For example, this might include the need to hire new personnel with expertise in C-SCRM, to
1957 acquire contractor support to aid in developing C-SCRM program guidance, or to develop
1958 content for role-based C-SCRM training. There may also be insufficient resources in place to
1959 satisfy all recurring C-SCRM program needs. Existing funds may need to be reallocated towards
1960 C-SCRM efforts or new or additional funds requested. Organizations should also seek out
1961 opportunities to leverage shared services whenever practical.

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1963 The use of shared services can optimize the use of scarce resources and concentrates capability
1964 into centers of excellence providing cost-efficient access to services, systems, or tools.
1965 Organizations pursuing shared service models for C-SCRM should also be aware of the
1966 challenges with such models. Shared services (e.g., C-SCRM PMO) are most effective when the
1967 organization at large relies on a fairly homogenous set of C-SCRM strategy, policies, and
1968 processes. In many instances, centralized delivery of C-SCRM services require a robust
1969 technology infrastructure. The organization's systems should be able to support process
1970 automation and centralized delivery in order to fully realize the benefits of a shared services
1971 model.

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1973 Consultation with budget officials is critical to understanding what options may be available and
1974 viable in the near term and outyears. These officials can also advise on how best to justify needs,
1975 and the timeframes and processes for requesting new funds. There are likely different processes
1976 to follow for securing recurring funds, as compared with requesting one-time funding. For
1977 example, funding for a new information system to support a C-SCRM capability may involve the

1978 development of a formal business case that must be presented to an organization's investment
1979 review board for approval. Breaking out resource needs into ongoing and one-time costs, as well
1980 as into cost categories that align with budget formulation, resource decision-making, and the
1981 allocation and management of available funds will also be helpful.

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1983 It is recommended that the C-SCRM PMO have the lead responsibility of coordinating with
1984 mission/business process and budget officials to build out and maintain a multi-year C-SCRM
1985 program budget that captures both recurring and non-recurring resource requirements and maps
1986 those requirements to available funding and fund sources. To understand what amount of funding
1987 is required, at what time, and for what purpose, organizations should identify and assess which
1988 type and level of resources (people or things), are required to implement a C-SCRM program
1989 capability and perform required C-SCRM processes on an ongoing basis. The costs associated
1990 with each of these identified resource needs would then be captured, accumulated, and reflected
1991 in a budget that includes line items for relevant cost categories, such as personnel costs,
1992 contracts, training, travel, or tools and systems. This will provide the organization a baseline
1993 understanding of what can be accomplished within existing resource levels and where there are
1994 gaps in need of being filled. The actual allocation of funds may be centralized in a single C-
1995 SCRMM budget or may be dispersed across the organization and reflected in individual office or
1996 mission/business process-area budgets. Regardless of how funds are actually assigned, having a
1997 centralized picture of the C-SCRM budget and funds status will serve as a valuable source of
1998 information that justify new requests, inform prioritization decisions and adjust expectations
1999 about certain activities and the duration in which they can be accomplished.

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2001 Ensuring C-SCRM program funding is distinctly identified within the organization's budget—
2002 with performance measures linked to the funding—will drive accountability for results. The
2003 visible dedication of funds in budget requests and performance plans and reports compels
2004 leadership attention on C-SCRM processes and accomplishment of objectives. Budgets must be
2005 requested and justified on a periodic basis and this process allows leadership and oversight
2006 officials to trace and measure the effectiveness and efficiency of allocated resources. This, in
2007 turn, serves as a driving function for program and operational C-SCRM personnel to track and
2008 manage their performance.

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2010 4. C-SCRM CONTROLS

2011 NIST defines security controls as:

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2013 *The management, operational, and technical controls (i.e., safeguards or*
2014 *countermeasures) prescribed for an information system to protect the*
2015 *confidentiality, integrity, and availability of the system and its information. [FIPS*
2016 *200, FIPS 199, CNSSI No. 4009, NIST SP 800-37 Rev. 1, NIST SP 800-53 Rev. 5,*
2017 *NIST SP 800-53A Rev. 5]*

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2019 NIST SP 800-53 Rev. 5 defines numerous cyber supply chain-related controls within the catalog
2020 of information security controls. This section is structured as an enhanced overlay of NIST SP
2021 800-53 Rev. 5. It identifies and augments C-SCRM-related controls with additional supplemental
2022 guidance and provides new controls as appropriate. The C-SCRM controls are organized into the
2023 twenty (20) control families of NIST SP 800-53 Rev. 5. This approach facilitates use of the
2024 security controls assessment techniques provided in NIST SP 800-53A Rev. 5 to assess
2025 implementation of C-SCRM controls.

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2027 The controls provided in this publication are intended for organizations to implement internally,
2028 as well as require of their contractors and subcontractors, if and when applicable, and as
2029 incorporated into a contractual agreement. As with NIST SP 800-53 Rev. 5, the security controls
2030 and control enhancements are a starting point from which controls/enhancements may be
2031 removed, added, or specialized based on an organization's needs. Each control in this section is
2032 listed for its applicability to C-SCRM. Those controls from NIST SP 800-53 Rev. 5 not listed are
2033 not considered directly applicable to C-SCRM, and thus are not included in this publication.
2034 Details and supplemental guidance for the various C-SCRM controls in this publication are
2035 contained in Section 4.5.

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2037 4.1 C-SCRM CONTROLS SUMMARY

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2039 During the Respond Step of the risk management process discussed in Section 2, organizations
2040 select, tailor, and implement controls for mitigating cyber supply chain risk. NIST 800-53B lists
2041 a set of information security controls at the FIPS 199 high-, moderate-, and low-impact levels.
2042 This section describes how these controls help mitigate risk to information systems and
2043 components, as well as the cyber supply chain infrastructure. The section provides twenty (20)
2044 C-SCRM control families that include relevant controls and supplemental guidance.

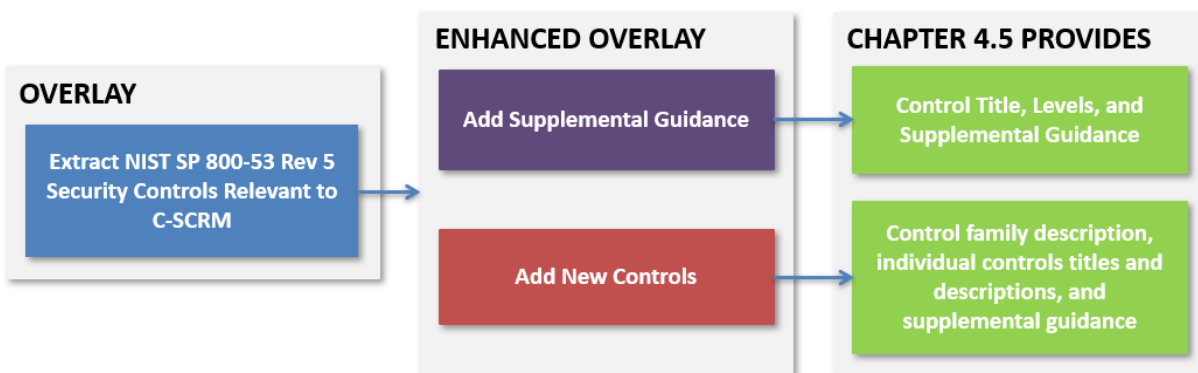
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2046 Figure 4-1 depicts the process used to identify, refine, and add C-SCRM supplemental guidance
2047 to the NIST SP 800-53 Rev. 5 C-SCRM-related controls. The figure, which repeats Figure 1-5,
2048 represents the following steps:

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- 2050 1. Selected and extracted individual controls and enhancements from NIST SP 800-53 Rev.
2051 5 that were applicable to C-SCRM;
- 2052 2. Analyzed these controls to determine how they apply to C-SCRM;
- 2053 3. Evaluated the resulting set of controls and enhancements to determine whether all C-
2054 SCRM concerns were addressed;

- 2055 4. Developed additional controls currently not defined in NIST SP 800-53 Rev. 5;
 2056 5. Identified controls for flow down to relevant sub-level contractors;
 2057 6. Assigned applicable levels to each C-SCRM control; and
 2058 7. Developed C-SCRM-specific supplemental guidance for each C-SCRM control.
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Fig. 4-1: C-SCRM Security Controls in NIST SP 800-161 Revision 1, Section 4.5

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 2065 Note that NIST SP 800-53 Rev. 5 provides C-SCRM-related controls and control families. These
 2066 controls may be listed in this publication with a summary or additional guidance and a reference
 2067 to the original NIST SP 800-53 Rev. 5 control and supplemental guidance detail.
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2069 4.2 C-SCRM CONTROLS THROUGHOUT THE ORGANIZATION

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 2071 As noted in Table 4-1, C-SCRM controls in this publication are designated by the three levels
 2072 comprising the organization. This is to facilitate C-SCRM control selection specific to
 2073 organizations, their various missions, and individual systems, as described in Appendix C under
 2074 the Respond step of the risk management process. During controls selection, organizations
 2075 should use the C-SCRM controls in this section to identify appropriate C-SCRM controls for
 2076 tailoring, per risk assessment. By selecting and implementing applicable C-SCRM controls for
 2077 each level, organizations will ensure that they have appropriately addressed C-SCRM throughout
 2078 their organizations.
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2080 4.3 APPLYING C-SCRM CONTROLS TO ACQUIRING PRODUCTS AND SERVICES

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 2082 Acquirers may use C-SCRM controls as the basis from which to communicate their C-SCRM
 2083 requirements to different types of organizations, described within this publication, that provide
 2084 products and services to acquirers, including suppliers, developers, system integrators, external
 2085 system service providers, and other ICT/OT-related service providers. Acquirers should avoid
 2086 using generalized requirements statements, such as “ensure compliance with NIST SP 800-161
 2087 Rev. 1 controls.” Acquirers must be careful to select the controls relevant to the specific use case
 2088 of the service or product being acquired. Acquirers are encouraged to integrate C-SCRM

2089 throughout their acquisition activities. More details on the role of C-SCRM in acquisition is
2090 provided in Section 3.1 of this document.

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2092 It is important to recognize the controls in this section do not provide specific contracting
2093 language. Acquirers should develop their own contracting language using this publication as
2094 guidance to develop specific C-SCRM requirements for inclusion in contracts. The following
2095 sections expand upon the supplier, developer, system integrator, external system service
2096 provider, and other ICT/OT-related service provider roles with respect to C-SCRM expectations
2097 for acquirers.

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2099 Organizations may use multiple techniques to ascertain w these controls are in place. Techniques
2100 may include supplier self-assessment, acquirer review, or third-party assessments for
2101 measurement and conformance to the organization's requirements. Organizations should first
2102 look to established third-party assessments to see if they meet their needs. When an organization
2103 defines C-SCRM requirements, it may discover that established third-party assessments may not
2104 address all specific requirements. In this case, additional evidence may be needed to justify
2105 additional requirements. Please note that the data obtained for this purpose should be
2106 appropriately protected.

2107 2108 **4.3.1 Suppliers**

2109 Suppliers may provide either commercial off-the-shelf (COTS) or, in federal contexts,
2110 government off-the-shelf (GOTS) solutions to the acquirer. COTS solutions include non-
2111 developmental items (NDI), such as commercially licensing solutions/products, which include
2112 Open Source Solutions (OSS). GOTS solutions are government-only license-able solutions.
2113 Suppliers are a diverse group, ranging from very small to large, specialized to diversified, based
2114 in a single country to transnational, and range widely in the level of sophistication, resources,
2115 and transparency/visibility in both process and solution.

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2117 Suppliers also have diverse levels and types of C-SCRM practices in place. These practices and
2118 other related practices may provide the evidence needed for SCRM evaluation. An example of a
2119 federal resource that may be leveraged is the Defense Microelectronics Activity (DMEA)
2120 accreditation for Trusted Suppliers. When appropriate, allow suppliers the opportunity to reuse
2121 any existing data and documentation that may provide evidence of C-SCRM implementation.

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2123 Organizations should consider whether the cost of doing business with suppliers may be directly
2124 impacted by the extent of cyber supply chain requirements imposed on suppliers, the willingness
2125 or ability of suppliers to allow visibility into how their products are developed or manufactured
2126 and how they apply security and supply chain practices to their solutions. When organizations or
2127 system integrators require greater levels of transparency from suppliers, they must consider the
2128 possible cost implications of such requirements. Suppliers may opt not to participate in
2129 procurements to avoid increased costs or perceived risks to their intellectual property, limiting an
2130 organization's supply or technology choices. Additionally, suppliers may face risk from
2131 customers imposing multiple, different sets of cyber supply chain requirements with which the
2132 supplier must comply on a per-customer basis.

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2134 **4.3.2 *Developers***

2135 Developers are personnel that develop or manufacture systems, system components (e.g.,
2136 software) or system services (e.g., Application Programming Interfaces (APIs)). Development
2137 can occur internally within organizations or through external entities. Developers typically
2138 maintain privileged access rights and play an essential role throughout the SDLC. The activities
2139 they perform and the work they produce can either enhance security or introduce new
2140 vulnerabilities. It is therefore essential that developers are both subject to, and intimately familiar
2141 with, C-SCRM requirements and controls.
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2143 **4.3.3 *System Integrators***

2144 System integrators are those entities which provide customized services to the acquirer including
2145 custom development, test, operations, and maintenance. This group usually replies to a request
2146 for proposal from an acquirer with a proposal describing a solution or service that is customized
2147 to the acquirer's requirements. Such proposals provided by system integrators can include many
2148 layers of suppliers and may include teaming arrangements with other vendors or subcontractors.
2149 The system integrator should ensure these business entities are vetted and verified with respect to
2150 the acquirer's C-SCRM requirements. Because of the level of visibility that can be obtained in
2151 the relationship with the system integrator, the acquirer has the discretion to require rigorous
2152 supplier acceptance criteria as well as any relevant countermeasures to address identified or
2153 potential risks.
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2155 **4.3.4 *External System Service Providers of Information System Services***

2156 Organizations use external service providers to perform or support some of their mission and
2157 business functions (NIST SP 800-53 Rev. 5). The outsourcing of systems and services creates a
2158 set of cyber supply chain concerns that reduces the acquirer's visibility into, and control of, the
2159 outsourced functions. Therefore, it requires increased rigor from organizations in defining C-
2160 SCRM requirements, stating them in procurement agreements, and then monitoring delivered
2161 services and evaluating them for compliance with the stated requirements. Regardless of who
2162 performs the services, the acquirer is ultimately responsible and accountable for the risk to the
2163 organization's systems and data that may result from using these services. Organizations should
2164 implement a set of compensating C-SCRM controls to address this risk and work with the
2165 mission/business process owner or risk executive to accept this risk. A variety of methods may
2166 be used to communicate and subsequently verify and monitor C-SCRM requirements through
2167 such vehicles as contracts, interagency agreements, lines of business arrangements, licensing
2168 agreements, and/or supply chain transactions.
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2170 **4.3.5 *Other ICT/OT-related Service Providers***

2171 Providers of services can perform a wide range of different functions ranging from consulting to
2172 posting content on a website to janitorial services. Other ICT/OT-related Service Providers
2173 encompass those providers that require physical or logical access to ICT/OT or use technology
2174 (e.g., an aerial photographer using a drone to take video/pictures or a security firm remotely
2175 monitoring a facility using cloud-based video surveillance) as a means to deliver their service.
2176 As a result of service provider access or use, there is the potential for cyber-supply chain risk to
2177 be introduced to the organization.
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2179 Operational technology possesses unique operational and security characteristics that demand
2180 specialized skills and capabilities to effectively protect them. Organizations that have significant
2181 OT components throughout their enterprise architecture therefore often turn to specialized
2182 service providers for secure implementation and maintenance of these devices, systems, or
2183 equipment. Any organization or individual providing services which may include authorized
2184 access to an ICT or OT system should adhere to organizational C-SCRM requirements. Scrutiny
2185 should be paid particularly to ICT/OT-related service providers managing mission critical and/or
2186 safety-relevant assets.

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2188 **4.4 SELECTING AND TAILORING IMPLEMENTING C-SCRM SECURITY** 2189 **CONTROLS**

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2191 The C-SCRM controls defined in this section should be selected and tailored according to
2192 individual organization needs and environment using the guidance in NIST SP 800-53 Rev. 5, in
2193 order to ensure a cost-effective, risk-based approach to providing C-SCRM organization-wide.
2194 The C-SCRM baseline defined in this publication addresses the basic needs of a broad and
2195 diverse set of constituencies. Organizations must select, tailor, and implement the security
2196 controls based on: (i) the environments in which organizational information systems are acquired
2197 and operate; (ii) the nature of operations conducted by organizations; (iii) the types of threats
2198 facing organizations, missions/business processes, supply chains, and information systems; and
2199 (iv) the type of information processed, stored, or transmitted by information systems and the
2200 supply chain infrastructure.

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2202 After selecting the initial set of security controls, the acquirer should initiate the tailoring process
2203 according to NIST SP 800-53B *Control Baselines for Information Systems and Organization* in
2204 order to appropriately modify and more closely align the selected controls with the specific
2205 conditions within the organization. The tailoring should be coordinated with and approved by the
2206 appropriate organizational officials (e.g., authorizing officials, authorizing official designated
2207 representatives, risk executive (function), chief information officers, or senior information
2208 security officers) prior to implementing the C-SCRM controls. Additionally, organizations have
2209 the flexibility to perform the tailoring process at the enterprise level (either as the required
2210 tailored baseline or as the starting point for policy, program or system-specific tailoring), in
2211 support of a specific program at the individual information system level, or using a combination
2212 of enterprise-level, program/mission-level and system-specific approaches.

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2214 Selection and tailoring decisions, including the specific rationale for those decisions, should be
2215 included within the C-SCRM documentation at Levels 1, 2, and 3 and Appendix C and approved
2216 by the appropriate organizational officials as part of the C-SCRM Plan approval process.

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2218 **4.4.1 C-SCRM Control Format**

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2220 Table 4-2 shows the format used in this publication for controls which provide supplemental C-
2221 SCRM guidance on existing NIST SP 800-53 Rev. 5 controls or control enhancements.

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2223 C-SCRM controls that do not have a parent NIST SP 800-53 Rev. 5 control generally follow the
2224 format described in NIST SP 800-53 Rev. 5, with the addition of relevant levels. New controls

2225 are given identifiers consistent with NIST SP 800-53 Rev. 5, but do not duplicate existing
2226 control identifiers.

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Table 4-1: C-SCRM Control Format

CONTROL IDENTIFIER	CONTROL NAME
	<p data-bbox="396 478 764 506"><u>Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance:</u></p> <p data-bbox="396 552 493 579"><u>Level(s):</u></p> <p data-bbox="396 596 602 623"><u>Related Control(s):</u></p> <p data-bbox="396 642 667 669"><u>Control Enhancement(s):</u></p>
(1)	<p data-bbox="448 701 1057 728"><i>CONTROL NAME CONTROL ENHANCEMENT NAME</i></p> <p data-bbox="448 747 816 774"><u>Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance:</u></p> <p data-bbox="448 821 545 848"><u>Level(s):</u></p> <p data-bbox="448 867 654 894"><u>Related Control(s):</u></p>

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2230 An example of the C-SCRM control format is shown below using C-SCRM Control AC-3 and
2231 SCRM Control Enhancement AC-3(8):

2232 **AC-3 ACCESS ENFORCEMENT**

2233 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Ensure that the information systems and the supply chain have
2234 appropriate access enforcement mechanisms in place. This includes both physical and logical access
2235 enforcement mechanisms, which likely work in coordination for supply chain needs. Organizations should
2236 ensure a detailed definition of access enforcement.

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2238 Level(s): 2, 3

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2240 Related Control(s): AC-4

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2242 Control Enhancement(s):

2243 (8) *ACCESS ENFORCEMENT | REVOCATION OF ACCESS AUTHORIZATIONS*

2244 (1) Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Prompt revocation is critical to ensure that suppliers, developers,
2245 system integrators, external system service providers, and other ICT/OT-related service providers who
2246 no longer require access, or who abuse or violate their access privilege, are not able to access an
2247 organization’s system. For example, in a “badge flipping” situation, a contract is transferred from one
2248 system integrator organization to another with the same personnel supporting the contract. In that
2249 situation, the organization should disable the existing accounts, retire the old credentials, establish new
2250 accounts, and issue completely new credentials.

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2252 Level(s): 2, 3

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2254 **4.4.2 Using C-SCRM Controls in this Publication**

2255 The remainder of Section 4 provides the enhanced C-SCRM overlay of NIST SP 800-53 Rev. 5.
2256 This section displays the relationship between NIST SP 800-53 Revision 5 controls and C-
2257 SCRM controls in one of the following ways:
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- 2259 • If a NIST SP 800-53 Rev. 5 control or enhancement was determined to be an information
2260 security control that serves as a foundational control for C-SCRM, but is not specific to
2261 C-SCRM, it is not included in this publication.
- 2262 • If a NIST SP 800-53 Rev. 5 control or enhancement was determined to be relevant to C-
2263 SCRM, the levels in which the control applies are also provided.
- 2264 • If a NIST SP 800-53 Rev.5 enhancement was determined to be relevant to C-SCRM, but
2265 the parent control was not, the parent control number and title is included, but there is no
2266 supplemental C-SCRM guidance.
- 2267 • C-SCRM controls/enhancements that do not have an associated NIST 800-53 Rev. 5
2268 control/enhancement are listed with their titles and the control/enhancement text.
- 2269 • All C-SCRM controls include the levels in which the control applies and supplemental C-
2270 SCRM guidance as applicable.
- 2271 • When a control enhancement provides a mechanism for implementing the C-SCRM
2272 control, the control enhancement is listed within the Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance
2273 and is not included separately.
- 2274 • If NIST SP 800-53 Rev. 5 already captures withdrawals or reorganization of prior NIST
2275 SP 800-161 controls, it is not included.

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2277 The following new controls and control enhancement have been added:
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- 2279 • The C-SCRM Control MA-8 – Maintenance Monitoring and Information Sharing is
2280 added to the Maintenance control family; and
- 2281 • The C-SCRM Control SR-13 – Supplier Inventory is added to the Supply Chain Risk
2282 Management control family.

2283 4.5 C-SCRM SECURITY CONTROLS

2284 FAMILY: ACCESS CONTROL

2285 FIPS 200 specifies the Access Control minimum security requirement as follows:

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2287 *Organizations must limit information system access to authorized users, processes*
2288 *acting on behalf of authorized users, or devices (including other information systems)*
2289 *and to the types of transactions and functions that authorized users are permitted to*
2290 *exercise.*

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2294 Systems and components that traverse the supply chain are subject to access by a variety of
2295 individuals and organizations, including suppliers, developers, system integrators, external
2296 system service providers, and other ICT/OT-related service providers. Such access should be
2297 defined and managed to ensure that it does not inadvertently result in unauthorized release,
2298 modification, or destruction of information. This access should be limited to only the necessary
2299 type, duration, and level of access for authorized organizations (and authorized individuals
2300 within those organizations) and monitored for cyber supply chain impact.

2301 2302 AC-1 POLICY AND PROCEDURES

2303 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Organizations should specify and include in agreements (e.g.,
2304 contracting language) access control policies for their suppliers, developers, system integrators, external
2305 system service providers, and other ICT/OT-related service providers. These should include both physical
2306 and logical access to the cyber supply chain and the information system. Organizations should require its
2307 prime contractors to implement this control and flow down this requirement to relevant sub-tier contractors.

2308 Level(s): 1, 2, 3

2309 2310 AC-2 ACCOUNT MANAGEMENT

2311 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Use of this control helps establish traceability of actions and actors in
2312 the cyber supply chain. This control also helps ensure access authorizations of actors in the supply chain is
2313 appropriate on a continuous basis. The organization may choose to define a set of roles and associate a
2314 level of authorization to ensure proper implementation. Organizations must ensure that accounts for
2315 contractor personnel do not exceed the period of performance of the contract. Privileged accounts should
2316 only be established for appropriately vetted contractor personnel. Organizations should also have processes
2317 in place to establish and manage temporary or emergency accounts for contractor personnel that require
2318 access to a mission-critical or mission-enabling system during a continuity or emergency event. For
2319 example, during a pandemic event, existing contractor personnel who are not able to work due to illness
2320 may need to be temporarily backfilled by new contractor staff.

2321 Level(s): 2, 3

2322 2323 AC-3 ACCESS ENFORCEMENT

2324 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Ensure that the information systems and the supply chain have
2325 appropriate access enforcement mechanisms in place. This includes both physical and logical access
2326 enforcement mechanisms, which likely work in coordination for supply chain needs. Organizations should
2327 ensure a defined consequence framework is in place to address access control violations.

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Level(s): 2, 3

Control Enhancement(s):

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(8) *ACCESS ENFORCEMENT | REVOCATION OF ACCESS AUTHORIZATIONS*

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Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Prompt revocation is critical to ensure that suppliers, developers, system integrators, external system service providers, and other ICT/OT-related service providers who no longer require access, or who abuse or violate their access privilege, are not able to access an organization's system. Organizations should include in their agreements a requirement for contractors, and sub-tier contractors, to immediately return access credentials (e.g., tokens, PIV or CAC cards, etc.) to the organization and organizations must have processes in place to promptly process the revocation of access authorizations. For example, in a "badge flipping" situation, a contract is transferred from one system integrator organization to another with the same personnel supporting the contract. In that situation, the organization should disable the existing accounts, retire the old credentials, establish new accounts, and issue completely new credentials.

Level(s): 2, 3

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(9) *ACCESS ENFORCEMENT | CONTROLLED RELEASE*

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Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Information about the cyber supply chain should be controlled for release between the organization and third parties. Information may be exchanged between the organization and its suppliers, developers, system integrators, external system service providers, and other ICT/OT-related service providers. Controlled release of organizational information provides protection to manage risks associated with disclosure.

Level(s): 2, 3

2353 AC-4 INFORMATION FLOW ENFORCEMENT

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Supplemental C- SCRM Guidance: Supply chain information may traverse a large cyber supply chain to a broad set of stakeholders including the organization and its various federal stakeholders, as well as suppliers, developers, system integrators, external system service providers, and other ICT/OT-related service providers. Specifying the requirements as well as how information flow is enforced should ensure that only the required information, and not more, is communicated to the various participants in the cyber supply chain. Organizations should require its prime contractors to implement this control and flow down this requirement to relevant sub-tier contractors.

Level(s): 2, 3

Control Enhancement(s):

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(6) *INFORMATION FLOW ENFORCEMENT | METADATA*

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Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Metadata relevant to C-SCRM is quite extensive and includes activities within the SDLC. For example, information about systems and system components, acquisition details, and delivery is considered metadata and may require appropriate protections. Organizations should identify what metadata is directly relevant to their supply chain security and ensure that information flow enforcement is implemented in order to protect applicable metadata.

Level(s): 2, 3

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(17) *INFORMATION FLOW ENFORCEMENT | DOMAIN AUTHENTICATION*

2374 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Within the C-SCRM context, organizations should specify various
 2375 source and destination points for information about the cyber supply chain and information that flows
 2376 through the cyber supply chain. This is so that organizations have visibility of information flow within
 2377 the cyber supply chain.

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 2379 Level(s): 2, 3

2380 **(19) INFORMATION FLOW ENFORCEMENT | VALIDATION OF METADATA**

2381 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: For C-SCRM, validation of data and the relationship to its metadata
 2382 are critical. Much of the data transmitted through the cyber supply chain is validated with the
 2383 verification of the associated metadata that is bound to it. Ensure that proper filtering and inspection is
 2384 put in place for validation before allowing payloads into the cyber supply chain.

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 2386 Level(s): 2, 3

2387 **(21) INFORMATION FLOW ENFORCEMENT | PHYSICAL OR LOGICAL SEPARATION OF INFORMATION**
 2388 **FLows**

2389 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: The organization should ensure the separation of the information
 2390 system and cyber supply chain information flow. Various mechanisms can be implemented including,
 2391 for example, encryption methods (e.g., digital signing). Addressing information flow between the
 2392 organization and its suppliers, developers, system integrators, external system service providers, and
 2393 other ICT/OT-related service providers may be challenging, especially when leveraging public
 2394 networks.

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 2396 Level(s): 3

2397 **AC-5 SEPARATION OF DUTIES**

2398 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: The organization should ensure that appropriate separation of duties is
 2399 established for decisions requiring the acquisition of both information system and cyber supply chain
 2400 components. Separation of duties helps to ensure that adequate protections are in place for components
 2401 entering the organization's cyber supply chain. An example may be developers not having privileges to
 2402 promote code they wrote from development to production environments.

2403 Level(s): 2, 3

2404 **AC-6 LEAST PRIVILEGE**

2405 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: For C-SCRM supplemental guidance, see control enhancements.

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 2407 Control Enhancement(s):

2408 **(6) LEAST PRIVILEGE | PRIVILEGED ACCESS BY NON-ORGANIZATIONAL USERS**

2409 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Organizations should ensure that protections are in place to prevent
 2410 non-organizational users from having privileged access to organizational cyber supply chain and
 2411 related supply chain information. When organizational users may include independent consultants,
 2412 suppliers, developers, system integrators, external system service providers, and other ICT/OT-related
 2413 service providers, relevant access requirements may need to be more precisely defined regarding which
 2414 information and/or components are accessible, for what duration, at which frequency, using which
 2415 access methods, and by whom, using least privilege mechanisms. Understanding which components
 2416 are critical and noncritical can aid in understanding the level of detail that may need to be defined
 2417 regarding least privilege access for non-organizational users.

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2419 Level(s): 2, 3

2420 **AC-17 REMOTE ACCESS**

2421 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Evermore frequently, cyber supply chains are accessed remotely.
 2422 Whether for the purpose of development, maintenance, or operation of information systems, organizations
 2423 should implement secure remote access mechanisms and allow remote access only to vetted personnel.
 2424 Remote access to an organization's cyber supply chain (including distributed software development
 2425 environments) should be limited to the organization or contractor personnel and only if and as required to
 2426 perform their tasks. Remote access requirements, such as a requirement to use a secure VPN, employ multi-
 2427 factor authentication, limit access to specified business hours, or from specified geographic locations, must
 2428 be properly defined in agreements. Organizations should require its prime contractors to implement this
 2429 control and flow down this requirement to relevant sub-tier contractors.

2430 Level(s): 2, 3

2431 Control Enhancement(s):

2432 **(6) REMOTE ACCESS | PROTECTION OF MECHANISM INFORMATION**

2433 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Organizations should ensure that detailed requirements are properly
 2434 defined and access to information regarding the information system and cyber supply chain is
 2435 protected from unauthorized use and disclosure. Since cyber supply chain data and metadata disclosure
 2436 or access can have significant implications to an organization's mission processes, appropriate
 2437 measures must be taken to vet both the cyber supply chain and personnel processes to ensure that
 2438 adequate protections are implemented. Ensure that remote access to such information is included in
 2439 requirements.

2440 Level(s): 2, 3

2442 **AC-18 WIRELESS ACCESS**

2443 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: An organization's cyber supply chain may include wireless
 2444 infrastructure that supports supply chain logistics (e.g., Radio Frequency Identification Device (RFID)
 2445 support, software call home features). Supply chain systems/components traverse the cyber supply chain as
 2446 they are moved from one location to another, whether within the organization's own environment or during
 2447 delivery from system integrators or suppliers. Ensuring appropriate access mechanisms are in place within
 2448 this cyber supply chain enables the protection of the information systems and components, as well as
 2449 logistics technologies and metadata used during shipping (e.g., within tracking sensors). The organization
 2450 should explicitly define appropriate wireless access control mechanisms for the cyber supply chain in
 2451 policy and implement appropriate mechanisms.

2452 Level(s): 1, 2, 3

2453 **AC-19 ACCESS CONTROL FOR MOBILE DEVICES**

2454 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Use of mobile devices (e.g., laptops, tablets, e-readers, smartphones,
 2455 smartwatches) has become common in the cyber supply chain. They are used in direct support of an
 2456 organization's operations as well as for purposes such as tracking supply chain logistics data as information
 2457 systems and components traverse organization or systems integrator supply chains. Ensure that access
 2458 control mechanisms are clearly defined and implemented where relevant when managing organizations
 2459 cyber supply chain components. An example of such an implementation includes access control
 2460 mechanisms implemented for use with remote handheld units in RFID for tracking components that

2461 traverse the supply chain. Access control mechanisms should also be implemented on any associated data
2462 and metadata tied to the devices.

2463 Level(s): 2, 3

2464 AC-20 USE OF EXTERNAL SYSTEMS

2465 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Organizations' external information systems include those of suppliers,
2466 developers, system integrators, external system service providers, and other ICT/OT-related service
2467 providers. Unlike in an acquirer's internal organization where direct and continuous monitoring is possible,
2468 in the external supplier relationship, information may be shared on an as-needed basis and should be
2469 articulated in an agreement. Access to the cyber supply chain from such external information systems
2470 should be monitored and audited. Organizations should require its prime contractors to implement this
2471 control and flow down this requirement to relevant sub-tier contractors.

2472 Level(s): 1, 2, 3

2473 Control Enhancement(s):

2474 (1) *USE OF EXTERNAL SYSTEMS | LIMITS ON AUTHORIZED USE*

2475 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: This enhancement helps limit exposure of the cyber supply chain to
2476 the suppliers', developers', system integrators', external system service providers', and other ICT/OT-
2477 related service providers' systems.

2478 Level(s): 2, 3

2479 (3) *USE OF EXTERNAL SYSTEMS | NON-ORGANIZATIONALLY OWNED SYSTEMS — RESTRICTED USE*

2480 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Devices that do not belong to the organization (e.g., bring your own
2481 device (BYOD) policies) increase the organization's exposure to cyber supply chain risks. This
2482 includes devices used by suppliers, developers, system integrators, external system service providers,
2483 and other ICT/OT-related service providers. Organizations should review the use of non-organization
2484 devices by non-organization personnel and make a risk-based decision as to whether it will allow use
2485 of such devices or furnish devices. Organizations should furnish devices to those non-organization
2486 personnel that present unacceptable cyber supply chain risk.

2487 Level(s): 2, 3

2490 AC-21 INFORMATION SHARING

2491 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Sharing information within the cyber supply chain can help to manage
2492 cyber supply chain risks. This information may include vulnerabilities, threats, criticality of systems and
2493 components, or delivery information. This information sharing should be carefully managed to ensure that
2494 the information is accessible only to authorized individuals within the organization's cyber supply chain.
2495 Organizations should clearly define boundaries for information sharing with respect to temporal,
2496 informational, contractual, security, access, system, and other requirements. Organizations should monitor
2497 and review for unintentional or intentional information sharing within its cyber supply chain activities
2498 including information sharing with suppliers, developers, system integrators, external system service
2499 providers, and other ICT/OT-related service providers.

2500 Level(s): 1, 2

2501 AC-22 PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE CONTENT

2502 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Within the C-SCRM context, publicly accessible content may include
2503 Requests for Information, Requests for Proposal, or information about delivery of systems and components.
2504 This information should be reviewed to ensure that only appropriate content is released for public
2505 consumption, alone or in aggregation with other information.

2506 Level(s): 2, 3

2507 **AC-23 DATA MINING PROTECTION**

2508 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Organizations should require its prime contractors to implement this
2509 control as part of their insider threat activities and flow down this requirement to relevant sub-tier
2510 contractors.

2511 Level(s): 2, 3

2512 **AC-24 ACCESS CONTROL DECISIONS**

2513 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Organizations should assign access control decisions to support
2514 authorized accesses to the cyber supply chain. Ensure that if a system integrator or external service provider
2515 is used, there is consistency in access control decision requirements and how the requirements are
2516 implemented to deliver consistency in support of the organization's supply chain needs. This may require
2517 defining such requirements in service-level agreements in many cases as part of the upfront relationship
2518 established between the organization and system integrator or the organization and external service
2519 provider. Organizations should require its prime contractors to implement this control and flow down this
2520 requirement to relevant sub-tier contractors.

2521 Level(s): 1, 2, 3

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2523 **FAMILY: AWARENESS AND TRAINING**

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2525 FIPS 200 specifies the Awareness and Training minimum security requirement as follows:

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2527 *Organizations must: (i) ensure that managers and users of organizational information*
 2528 *systems are made aware of the security risks associated with their activities and of the*
 2529 *applicable laws, Executive Orders, directives, policies, standards, instructions,*
 2530 *regulations, or procedures related to the security of organizational information*
 2531 *systems; and (ii) ensure that organizational personnel are adequately trained to carry*
 2532 *out their assigned information security-related duties and responsibilities.*

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2534 NIST SP 800-161 Rev. 1 expands the Awareness and Training control of FIPS 200 to include C-
 2535 SCRM. Making the workforce aware of C-SCRM concerns is key to a successful C-SCRM
 2536 strategy. C-SCRM awareness and training provides understanding of the problem space and of
 2537 the appropriate processes and controls that can help mitigate cyber supply chain risk.

2538 Organizations should provide C-SCRM awareness and training to individuals at all levels within
 2539 the organization including, for example, information security, procurement, enterprise risk
 2540 management, engineering, software development, IT, legal, HR, and others. Organizations
 2541 should also work with suppliers, developers, system integrators, external system service
 2542 providers, and other ICT/OT-related service providers to ensure the personnel that interact with
 2543 an organization's cyber supply chains receive C-SCRM awareness and training, as appropriate.
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2545 **AT-1 POLICY AND PROCEDURES**

2546 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Organizations should designate a specific official to manage the
 2547 development, documentation, and dissemination of the awareness and training policy and procedures that
 2548 includes C-SCRM as well as role-based specific training for those with supply chain responsibilities.
 2549 Organizations should integrate cyber supply chain risk management training and awareness into the
 2550 security training and awareness policy. The C-SCRM training should target both the organization and its
 2551 contractors. The policy should ensure that cyber supply chain role-based training is required for those
 2552 individuals or functions that touch or impact the cyber supply chain, such as information system owner,
 2553 acquisition, supply chain logistics, system engineering, program management, IT, quality, and incident
 2554 response.

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2556 C-SCRM training procedures should address:

- 2557 a. Roles throughout the cyber supply chain and system/element life cycle to limit opportunities and
 2558 means available to individuals performing these roles that could result in adverse consequences;
- 2559 b. Requirements for interaction between an organization's personnel and individuals not employed
 2560 by the organization that participate in the cyber supply chain throughout the SDLC; and
- 2561 c. Incorporating feedback and lessons learned from C-SCRM activities into the C-SCRM training.

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Level(s): 1, 2

2563 **AT-2 LITERACY TRAINING AND AWARENESS**

2564 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: C-SCRM-specific supplemental guidance provided in control
 2565 enhancements.

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Control Enhancements:

- 2567 (1) *LITERACY TRAINING AND AWARENESS | PRACTICAL EXERCISES*
- 2568 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Organizations should provide practical exercises in literacy training
2569 that simulate cyber supply chain events and incidents. Organizations should require its prime
2570 contractors to implement this control and flow down this requirement to relevant sub-level contractors
- 2571 (2) *LITERACY TRAINING AND AWARENESS | INSIDER THREAT*
- 2572 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Organizations should provide literacy training on recognizing and
2573 reporting potential indicators of insider threat within the cyber supply chain. Organizations should
2574 require its prime contractors to implement this control and flow down this requirement to relevant sub-
2575 tier contractors.
- 2576 (3) *LITERACY TRAINING AND AWARENESS | SOCIAL ENGINEERING AND MINING*
- 2577 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Organizations should provide literacy training on recognizing and
2578 reporting potential and actual instance of cyber supply chain related social engineering and social
2579 mining. Organizations should require its prime contractors to implement this control and flow down
2580 this requirement to relevant sub-level contractors
- 2581 (4) *LITERACY TRAINING AND AWARENESS | SUSPICIOUS COMMUNICATIONS AND ANOMALOUS*
2582 *SYSTEM BEHAVIOR*
- 2583 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Provide literacy training on recognizing suspicious communications
2584 on anomalous behavior in organizational supply chain systems. Organizations should require its prime
2585 contractors to implement this control and flow down this requirement to relevant sub-level contractors.
- 2586 (5) *LITERACY TRAINING AND AWARENESS | ADVANCED PERSISTENT THREAT*
- 2587 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Provide literacy training on recognizing suspicious communications
2588 on advanced persistent threat (APT) in the organization's cyber supply chain. Organizations should
2589 require its prime contractors to implement this control and flow down this requirement to relevant sub-
2590 level contractors
- 2591 (6) *LITERACY TRAINING AND AWARENESS | CYBER THREAT ENVIRONMENT*
- 2592 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Provide literacy training on cyber threats specific to the
2593 organization's supply chain environment. Organizations should require its prime contractors to
2594 implement this control and flow down this requirement to relevant sub-level contractors
- 2595 Level(s): 2
- 2596 **AT-3 ROLE-BASED TRAINING**
- 2597 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Addressing cyber-supply chain risks throughout the acquisition process
2598 is essential to performing C-SCRM effectively. Personnel who are part of the acquisition workforce require
2599 training on what C-SCRM requirements, clauses, and evaluation factors are necessary to include when
2600 conducting a procurement and how to incorporate C-SCRM into each acquisition phase. Similar enhanced
2601 training requirements should be tailored for personnel responsible for conducting threat assessments and
2602 involved in responding to threats and identified risks require training in counter-intelligence awareness and
2603 reporting.
- 2604 Control Enhancement(s):
- 2605 (7) *SECURITY TRAINING | PHYSICAL SECURITY CONTROLS*

2606 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: C-SCRM is impacted by a number of physical security mechanisms
 2607 and procedures within the supply chain, such as manufacturing, shipping, and receiving, physical
 2608 access to facilities, inventory management, and warehousing. Organization and system integrator
 2609 personnel providing development and operational support to the organization should receive training
 2610 on how to handle these physical security mechanisms and on the associated cyber supply chain risks.

2611 Level(s): 2

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 2613 **(6) *ROLE-BASED TRAINING | COUNTERINTELLIGENCE TRAINING***

2614 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Public sector organizations should provide specialized
 2615 counterintelligence awareness training that enables its resources to collect, interpret, and act upon a
 2616 range of data sources that may signal the presence of a foreign adversary's presence in the cyber supply
 2617 chain. Counterintelligence training should at a minimum cover known red flags, key information
 2618 sharing concepts, and reporting requirements.

2619 Level(s): 2
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2621 **AT-4 TRAINING RECORDS**

2622 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Organizations should maintain documentation for C-SCRM-specific
 2623 training, especially in regard to key personnel in acquisitions and counterintelligence.

2624 Level(s): 2
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2626 FAMILY: AUDIT AND ACCOUNTABILITY

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2628 FIPS 200 specifies the Audit and Accountability minimum security requirement as follows:

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2630 *Organizations must: (i) create, protect, and retain information system audit records to*
2631 *the extent needed to enable the monitoring, analysis, investigation, and reporting of*
2632 *unlawful, unauthorized, or inappropriate information system activity; and (ii) ensure*
2633 *that the actions of individual information system users can be uniquely traced to those*
2634 *users so they can be held accountable for their actions.*

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2636 Audit and accountability controls for C-SCRM provide information useful in the event of a cyber
2637 supply chain incident or compromise. Organizations should ensure they designate and audit
2638 cyber supply chain-relevant events within their information system boundaries using appropriate
2639 audit mechanisms (e.g., system logs, Intrusion Detection System (IDS) logs, firewall logs, paper
2640 reports, forms, clipboard checklists, digital records). These audit mechanisms should also be
2641 configured to work within reasonable time-frame boundaries, as defined by organizational
2642 policy. Organizations may encourage their system suppliers, developers, system integrators,
2643 external system service providers, and other ICT/OT-related service providers to do the same and
2644 may include in agreements requirements for such monitoring. However, organizations should not
2645 deploy audit mechanisms on systems outside of their organizational boundary, including those of
2646 suppliers, developers, system integrators, external system service providers, and other ICT/OT-
2647 related service providers.

2648 AU-1 POLICY AND PROCEDURES

2649 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Organizations must designate a specific official to manage the
2650 development, documentation, and dissemination of the audit and accountability policy and procedures to
2651 include auditing of the supply chain information systems and network. Audit mechanisms provide data for
2652 tracking activities in an organization's supply chain information systems and network. Audit and
2653 accountability policy and procedures should appropriately address such tracking and its availability for
2654 other various supply chain activities, such as configuration management. Suppliers, developers, system
2655 integrators, external system service providers, and other ICT/OT-related service providers activities should
2656 not be included in such policy, unless those are performed within the acquirer's supply chain information
2657 systems and network. Audit and accountability policy procedures should appropriately address supplier
2658 audits as a way to examine the quality of a particular supplier and the risk it presents to the organization
2659 and the organization's supply chain.

2660 Level(s): 1, 2, 3

2661 AU-2 EVENT LOGGING

2662 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: An observable occurrence within the information system or supply
2663 chain network should be identified as a supply chain auditable event, based on the organization's SDLC
2664 context and requirements. Auditable events may include software/hardware changes, failed attempts to
2665 access supply chain information systems, or movement of source code. Information on such events should
2666 be captured by appropriate audit mechanisms and should be traceable and verifiable. Information captured
2667 may include type of event, date/time, length, and frequency of occurrence. Among other things, auditing
2668 may help detect misuse of the supply chain information systems or network caused by insider threat. Logs
2669 are a key resource when identifying operational trends and long-term problems, and as such organizations
2670 should incorporate reviewing logs at contract renewal point for vendors to determine whether there is
2671 systemic problem.

2672 Level(s): 1, 2, 3
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2674 **AU-3 CONTENT OF AUDIT RECORDS**

2675 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Audit records of a supply chain event should be handled and maintained
2676 in a manner that conforms to record retention requirements, preserves the integrity of the findings, and as
2677 appropriate, the confidentiality of the record information and its source(s). In certain instances, such
2678 records may be used in administrative or legal proceedings.

2679 Level(s): 1, 2, 3

2680 **AU-6 AUDIT REVIEW, ANALYSIS, AND REPORTING**

2681 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: The organization should ensure that both supply chain and information
2682 security auditable events are appropriately filtered and correlated for analysis and reporting. For example, if
2683 new maintenance or a patch upgrade is recognized to have an invalid digital signature, the identification of
2684 the patch arrival qualifies as a supply chain auditable event, while invalid signature is an information
2685 security auditable event. The combination of these two events may provide information valuable to C-
2686 SCRM. The organization should adjust the level of audit record review based on risk changes (e.g., active
2687 threat intel, risk profile) on a specific vendor. Contracts should explicitly address how audit findings will be
2688 reported and adjudicated.

2689 Level(s): 2, 3

2690 Control Enhancement(s):

2693 (9) *AUDIT REVIEW, ANALYSIS, AND REPORTING | CORRELATION WITH INFORMATION FROM*
2694 *NONTECHNICAL SOURCES*

2695 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: In a C-SCRM context, nontechnical sources include changes to
2696 organizational security or operational policy, changes to procurement or contracting processes, and
2697 notifications from suppliers, developers, system integrators, external system service providers, and
2698 other ICT/OT-related service providers regarding plans to update, enhance, patch, or retire/dispose of a
2699 system/component.

2700 Level(s): 3

2701 **AU-10 NON-REPUDIATION**

2702 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Organizations should implement non-repudiation techniques to protect
2703 both information systems and supply chain network. Examples of what may require non-repudiation
2704 include supply chain metadata describing the components, supply chain communication, delivery
2705 acceptance information, etc. For information systems, it can be patch or maintenance upgrades for software
2706 as well as component replacement in a large hardware system. Verifying that such components originate
2707 from the OEM is part of non-repudiation.

2708 Level(s): 3

2709 Control Enhancement(s):

2710 (1) *NON-REPUDIATION | ASSOCIATION OF IDENTITIES*

2711 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: This enhancement helps traceability in cyber supply chain. It also
2712 facilitates the accuracy of provenance.

- 2713 Level(s): 2
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- 2715 (2) *NON-REPUDIATION | VALIDATE BINDING OF INFORMATION PRODUCER IDENTITY*
- 2716 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: This enhancement validates the relationship of provenance and a
2717 component within the supply chain. Therefore, it ensures integrity of provenance.
- 2718 Level(s): 2, 3
- 2719 (3) *NON-REPUDIATION | CHAIN OF CUSTODY*
- 2720 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Chain of custody is fundamental to provenance and traceability in
2721 the cyber supply chain. It also helps verification of system and component integrity.
- 2722 Level(s): 2, 3
- 2723 **AU-12 AUDIT RECORD GENERATION**
- 2724 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Organizations should ensure that audit record generation mechanisms
2725 are in place to capture all relevant supply chain auditable events. Examples of such events include:
2726 component version updates, component approvals from acceptance testing results, logistics data-capturing
2727 inventory, or transportation information.
- 2728 Level(s): 2, 3
- 2729 **AU-13 MONITORING FOR INFORMATION DISCLOSURE**
- 2730 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Within the C-SCRM context, information disclosure may occur via
2731 multiple avenues including open source information. For example, supplier-provided errata may reveal
2732 information about an organization's system that may provide insight into the system that increases the risk
2733 to the system. Organizations should ensure monitoring is in place for contractor systems to detect
2734 unauthorized disclosure of any data and ensure contract language includes a requirement that the vendor
2735 will notify the organization, in accordance with organizationally-defined timeframes and as soon as
2736 possible in the event of any potential or actual unauthorized disclosure.
- 2737 Level(s): 2, 3
- 2738 **AU-14 SESSION AUDIT**
- 2739 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Organizations should include non-federal contract employees in session
2740 audits to identify security risks in the supply chain.
- 2741 Level(s): 2, 3
- 2742 **AU-16 CROSS-ORGANIZATIONAL AUDIT LOGGING**
- 2743 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: In a C-SCRM context, this control includes the organization's use of
2744 system integrator or external service provider infrastructure. Organizations should add language to
2745 contracts on coordinating audit information requirements and information exchange agreements with
2746 vendors.
- 2747 Level(s): 2, 3

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Control Enhancement(s):

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(2) *CROSS-ORGANIZATIONAL AUDIT LOGGING | SHARING OF AUDIT INFORMATION*

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Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Whether managing a distributed audit environment or an audit data-sharing environment between organizations and its system integrators or external services providers, organizations should establish a set of requirements for the process of sharing audit information. In the case of the system integrator and external service provider and the organization, a service-level agreement of the type of audit data required vs. what can be provided must be agreed to in advance to ensure that the organization obtains the relevant audit information needed for ensuring that appropriate protections are in place to meet its mission operation protection needs. Ensure that coverage of both information systems and supply chain network are addressed for the collection and sharing of audit information. Organizations should require its prime contractors to implement this control and flow down this requirement to relevant sub-level contractors.

Level(s): 2, 3

2764 **FAMILY: ASSESSMENT, AUTHORIZATION, AND MONITORING**

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2766 FIPS 200 specifies the Certification, Accreditation, and Security Assessments minimum security
2767 requirement as follows:

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2769 *Organizations must: (i) periodically assess the security controls in organizational*
2770 *information systems to determine if the controls are effective in their application; (ii)*
2771 *develop and implement plans of action designed to correct deficiencies and reduce or*
2772 *eliminate vulnerabilities in organizational information systems; (iii) authorize the*
2773 *operation of organizational information systems and any associated information system*
2774 *connections; and (iv) monitor information system security controls on an ongoing basis*
2775 *to ensure the continued effectiveness of the controls.*

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2777 Organizations should integrate C-SCRM, including the supply chain risk management process
2778 and the use of relevant controls defined in this publication, into ongoing security assessment
2779 and authorization activities. This includes activities to assess and authorize an organization's
2780 information systems, as well as external assessments of suppliers, developers, system
2781 integrators, external system service providers, and other ICT/OT-related service providers,
2782 where appropriate. Cyber supply chain aspects include documentation and tracking of chain of
2783 custody and system interconnections within and between organizations, verification cyber
2784 supply chain security training, verification of suppliers claims of conformance to security,
2785 product/component integrity, and validation tools and techniques for noninvasive approaches
2786 to detecting counterfeits or malware (e.g., Trojans) using inspection for genuine components
2787 including manual inspection techniques.

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2789 **CA-1 POLICY AND PROCEDURES**

2790 Supplemental C- SCRM Guidance: Integrate the development and implementation of assessment and
2791 authorization policies and procedures for cyber supply chain security into the control assessment and
2792 authorization policy, and related C-SCRM Strategy/Implementation Plan(s), policies, and system-level
2793 plans. To address cyber supply chain risks, organizations should develop a C-SCRM policy (or, if
2794 required, integrate into existing policies) to direct C-SCRM activities for control assessment and
2795 authorization. The C-SCRM policy should define C-SCRM roles and responsibilities within the
2796 organization for conducting control assessment and authorization, any dependencies among those roles, and
2797 the interaction among the roles. Organization-wide security and privacy risk should be assessed on an
2798 ongoing basis and include supply chain risk assessment results.

2799 Level(s): 1, 2, 3

2800 **CA-2 CONTROL ASSESSMENTS**

2801 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Ensure that the control assessment plan incorporates relevant C-SCRM
2802 controls and control enhancements. The control assessment should cover the assessment of both
2803 information systems and the supply chain and ensure that an organization-relevant baseline set of controls
2804 and control enhancements are identified and used for the assessment. Control assessments can include
2805 information from supplier audits, reviews, and supply chain-related information. Organizations should
2806 develop a strategy for collecting information, including a strategy for engaging with providers on supply
2807 chain risk assessments. Such collaboration helps organizations leverage information from providers, reduce

2808 redundancy, identify potential courses of action for risk responses, and reduce the burden on providers. C-
2809 SCRM personnel should review the control assessment.

2810 Level(s): 2, 3

2811 Control Enhancement(s):

2812 (2) *CONTROL ASSESSMENTS | SPECIALIZED ASSESSMENTS*

2813 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Organizations should use a variety of assessment techniques and
2814 methodologies such as continuous monitoring, insider threat assessment, and malicious user's
2815 assessment. These assessment mechanisms are context-specific and require the organization to
2816 understand its supply chain and to define the required set of measures for assessing and verifying that
2817 appropriate protections have been implemented.

2818 Level(s): 3
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2820 (3) *CONTROL ASSESSMENTS | LEVERAGING RESULTS FROM EXTERNAL ORGANIZATIONS*

2821 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: For C-SCRM, organizations should use external security
2822 assessments for suppliers, developers, system integrators, external system service providers, and other
2823 ICT/OT-related service providers. External assessments include certifications, third-party assessments,
2824 and, in the federal context, prior assessments performed by other departments and agencies.
2825 Organizations such as the International Organization for Standardization (ISO), the National
2826 Information Assurance Partnership (Common Criteria), and the Open Group Trusted Technology
2827 Forum (OTTF) certifications may also be used by non-federal and federal organizations alike, if such
2828 certifications meet agency needs.

2829 Level(s): 3

2830 CA-3 INFORMATION EXCHANGE

2831 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Exchange of information or data between the system and other systems
2832 require scrutiny from a supply chain perspective. This includes understanding the interface characteristics
2833 and connections of those components/systems that are directly interconnected to or the data that is shared
2834 through those components/systems with developers, system integrators, external system service providers,
2835 other ICT/OT-related service providers and, in some cases, suppliers. Ensure that proper service-level
2836 agreements are in place to ensure compliance to system information exchange requirements defined by the
2837 organization, as the transfer of information between systems in different security or privacy domains with
2838 different security or privacy policies introduces risk that such transfers violate one or more domain security
2839 or privacy policies. Examples of such interconnections can include:

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- 2841 a. A shared development and operational environment between the organization and system
 - 2842 integrator;
 - 2843 b. Product update/patch management connection to an off-the-shelf supplier; and
 - 2844 c. Data request and retrieval transactions in a processing system residing on an external service
 - 2845 provider shared environment.
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2847 Organizations should require its prime contractors to implement this control and flow down this
2848 requirement to relevant sub-tier contractors.

2849 Level(s): 3

2850 CA-5 PLAN OF ACTION AND MILESTONES

2851 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: For system-level plan of actions and milestones (POA&Ms),
 2852 organizations need to ensure that a separate POA&M exists for C-SCRM include both information systems
 2853 and the supply chain. The C-SCRM POA&M should include tasks to be accomplished with a
 2854 recommendation for completion before or after system authorization; resources required to accomplish the
 2855 tasks; milestones established to meet the tasks; and the scheduled completion dates for the milestones and
 2856 tasks. The organization should include in its C-SCRM POA&M relevant weaknesses, impact of weaknesses
 2857 on information systems or the supply chain, any remediation to address weaknesses, and any continuous
 2858 monitoring activities. The C-SCRM POA&M should be included as part of the authorization package.

2859 Level(s): 2, 3

2860 CA-6 AUTHORIZATION

2861 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Authorizing officials should include C-SCRM in authorization
 2862 decisions. To accomplish this, supply chain risks and compensating controls documented in C-SCRM Plans
 2863 or system security plans, and C-SCRM plan of action and milestones should be included in the
 2864 authorization package as part of the decision-making process. Risks should be determined and associated
 2865 compensating controls selected based on output from criticality, threat, and vulnerability analyses.
 2866 Authorizing officials may use guidance in Section 2 of this document as well as NISTIR 8179 to guide the
 2867 assessment process.

2868 Level(s): 1, 2, 3

2869 CA-7 CONTINUOUS MONITORING

2870 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: For C-SCRM-specific guidance on this control, see Section 2 of this
 2871 publication.

2872 Level(s): 1, 2, 3

2873 Control Enhancement(s):

2874 (3) *CONTINUOUS MONITORING | TREND ANALYSES*

2875 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Information gathered during continuous monitoring/trend analysis
 2876 serves as input into C-SCRM decisions including criticality analysis, vulnerability and threat analysis,
 2877 and risk assessment. It also provides information that can be used in incident response and potentially
 2878 can identify a cyber supply chain compromise, including insider threat.

2879 Level(s): 3

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2881 FAMILY: CONFIGURATION MANAGEMENT

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2883 FIPS 200 specifies the Configuration Management minimum security requirement as follows:

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2885 *Organizations must: (i) establish and maintain baseline configurations and inventories*
2886 *of organizational information systems (including hardware, software, firmware, and*
2887 *documentation) throughout the respective system development life cycles; and (ii)*
2888 *establish and enforce security configuration settings for information technology*
2889 *products employed in organizational information systems.*

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2891 Configuration Management helps track systems, components, and documentation within the
2892 information systems, networks, and throughout the SDLC. This is important for knowing what
2893 changes were made to those systems, components, and documentation, who made the changes,
2894 and who authorized the changes. Fundamentally, configuration management provides tools to
2895 establish the chain of custody for systems, components, and documentation. Configuration
2896 management also provides evidence for investigations of cyber supply chain compromise when
2897 determining which changes were authorized and which were not, and therefore provides useful
2898 information. Organizations should apply configuration management controls to their own
2899 systems and encourage use of configuration management controls by their suppliers, developers,
2900 system integrators, external system service providers, and other ICT/OT-related service
2901 providers. See NISTIR 7622 for more information on Configuration Management.

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2903 CM-1 POLICY AND PROCEDURES

2904 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Configuration management impacts nearly every aspect of the cyber
2905 supply chain. Configuration Management is critical for organization's ability to establish provenance of
2906 components to include tracking and tracing them through the SDLC and through the supply chain. Properly
2907 defined and implemented configuration management capability provides greater assurance throughout the
2908 SDLC and the supply chain that components are authentic and have not been inappropriately modified.
2909 When defining configuration management policy and procedures, organizations should address the full
2910 SDLC. This should include procedures for introducing and removing components to and from the
2911 organization's information system boundary. Configuration Management policy should incorporate
2912 configuration items, data retention for configuration items and corresponding metadata, and tracking of the
2913 configuration item and its metadata. The organization should coordinate with suppliers, developers, system
2914 integrators, external system service providers, and other ICT/OT-related service providers regarding the
2915 configuration management policy.

2916 Level(s): 1, 2, 3

2917 CM-2 BASELINE CONFIGURATION

2918 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Organizations should establish a baseline configuration of both the
2919 information system and the development environment including documenting, formally reviewing, and
2920 securing the agreement of stakeholders. The purpose of the baseline is to provide a starting point for
2921 tracking the changes to components, code, and/or settings throughout the SDLC. Regular reviews and
2922 updates of baseline configurations (i.e., re-baselining) are critical for traceability and provenance. The
2923 baseline configuration must take into consideration the organization's operational environment and any
2924 relevant suppliers', developers', system integrators', external system service providers', and other ICT/OT-
2925 related service providers' involvement within the organization's information systems and networks. If the

2926 system integrator, for example, uses the existing organization’s infrastructure, appropriate measures should
 2927 be taken to establish a baseline that reflects an appropriate set of agreed-upon criteria for access and
 2928 operation.

2929 Level(s): 2, 3

2930 Control Enhancement(s):

2931 (6) *BASELINE CONFIGURATION | DEVELOPMENT AND TEST ENVIRONMENTS*

2932 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: The organization should maintain or require the maintenance of a
 2933 baseline configuration of applicable suppliers’, developers’, system integrators’, external system
 2934 service providers’, and other ICT/OT-related service providers’ development, test (and if applicable,
 2935 staging) environments as well as any configuration of interfaces.

2936 Level(s): 2, 3

2937 **CM-3 CONFIGURATION CHANGE CONTROL**

2938 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Organizations should determine, implement, monitor, and audit
 2939 configuration settings and change controls within the information systems and networks and throughout the
 2940 SDLC. This control supports traceability for C-SCRM. The below NIST SP 800-53 Rev. 5 control
 2941 enhancements CM-3 (1), (2), (4), and (8) are mechanisms that can be used for C-SCRM to collect and
 2942 manage change control data.

2943 Level(s): 2, 3

2945 (1) *CONFIGURATION CHANGE CONTROL | AUTOMATED DOCUMENTATION, NOTIFICATION, AND*
 2946 *PROHIBITION OF CHANGES*

2947 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Organizations should define a set of system changes that are critical
 2948 to the protection of the information system and the underlying or interoperating systems and networks.
 2949 These changes may be defined based on a criticality analysis (including components, processes, and
 2950 functions) and where vulnerabilities exist that are not yet remediated (e.g., due to resource constraints).
 2951 The change control process should also monitor for changes that may affect an existing security
 2952 control to ensure that this control continues to function as required.

2953 Level(s): 2, 3

2955 (2) *CONFIGURATION CHANGE CONTROL | TESTING, VALIDATION, AND DOCUMENTATION OF*
 2956 *CHANGES*

2957 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Test, validate, and document changes to the system before
 2958 finalizing the implementation of the changes.

2959 Level(s): 2, 3

2961 (4) *CONFIGURATION CHANGE CONTROL | SECURITY AND PRIVACY REPRESENTATIVES*

2962 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Require organization security and privacy representatives] to be
 2963 members of the configuration change control function.

2964 Level(s): 2, 3

2966 (8) *CONFIGURATION CHANGE CONTROL | PREVENT OR RESTRICT CONFIGURATION CHANGES*

2967 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Prevent or restrict changes to the configuration of the system under
 2968 organization-defined circumstances.
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 2970 Level(s): 2, 3

2971 **CM-4 IMPACT ANALYSIS**

2972 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Organizations should take under consideration changes to the
 2973 information system and underlying or interoperable systems and networks to determine whether the impact
 2974 of these changes affects existing security control(s) and warrants additional or different protection to
 2975 maintain an acceptable level of cyber supply chain risk. Ensure that stakeholders, such as system engineers
 2976 and system security engineers are included in the impact analysis activities to provide their perspectives for
 2977 C-SCRM. NIST SP 800-53 Rev. 5 control enhancement CM-4 (1) is a mechanism that can be used to
 2978 protect the information system and from vulnerabilities that may be introduced through the test
 2979 environment.
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 2981 Level(s): 3

2982 **(1) IMPACT ANALYSES | SEPARATE TEST ENVIRONMENTS**

2983 Analyze changes to the system in a separate test environment before implementation in an operational
 2984 environment, looking for security and privacy impacts due to flaws, weaknesses, incompatibility, or
 2985 intentional malice
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 2987 Level(s): 3
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 2989 Related Control(s): SA-11, SC-7
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2991 **CM-5 ACCESS RESTRICTIONS FOR CHANGE**

2992 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Organizations should ensure that requirements regarding physical and
 2993 logical access restrictions for changes to the information systems and networks are defined and included in
 2994 the organization's implementation of access restrictions. Examples include access restriction for changes to
 2995 centrally managed processes for software component updates and the deployment of updates or patches.
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 2997 Level(s): 2, 3
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 2999 Control Enhancements:

3000 **(1) ACCESS RESTRICTIONS FOR CHANGE | AUTOMATED ACCESS ENFORCEMENT AND AUDIT RECORDS**

3001 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Organizations should implement mechanisms to ensure automated
 3002 access enforcement and auditing of the information system and the underlying systems and networks.
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 3004 Level(s): 3

3005 **(6) ACCESS RESTRICTIONS FOR CHANGE | LIMIT LIBRARY PRIVILEGES**

3006 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Organizations should note that software libraries may be considered
 3007 configuration items, access to which should be managed and controlled.
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 3009 Level(s): 3

3010 **CM-6 CONFIGURATION SETTINGS**

3011 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Organizations should oversee the function of modifying configuration
 3012 settings for their information systems and networks and throughout the SDLC. Methods of oversight
 3013 include periodic verification, reporting, and review. Resulting information may be shared with various
 3014 parties that have access to, are connected to, or engage in creation of the organization's information
 3015 systems and networks on a need-to-know basis. Changes should be tested and approved before they are
 3016 implemented. Configuration settings should be monitored and audited to alert designated organizational
 3017 personnel when a change has occurred.

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 3019 Level(s): 2, 3

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 3021 Control Enhancement(s):

3022 (1) *CONFIGURATION SETTINGS | AUTOMATED MANAGEMENT, APPLICATION, AND VERIFICATION*

3023 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: The organization should, when feasible, employ automated
 3024 mechanisms to manage, apply, and verify configuration settings.

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 3026 Level(s): 3

3027 (2) *CONFIGURATION SETTINGS | RESPOND TO UNAUTHORIZED CHANGES*

3028 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: The organization should ensure that designated security or IT
 3029 personnel are alerted regarding unauthorized changes to configuration settings. When suppliers,
 3030 developers, system integrators, external system service providers, and other ICT/OT-related service
 3031 providers are responsible for such unauthorized changes, this qualifies as a C-SCRM incident that
 3032 should be recorded and tracked to monitor trends. For a more comprehensive view, a specific,
 3033 predefined set of C-SCRM stakeholders should assess the cyber supply chain risk impact of
 3034 unauthorized changes in the supply chain. When impact is assessed, relevant stakeholders should help
 3035 define and implement appropriate mitigation strategies to ensure a comprehensive resolution.

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 3037 Level(s): 3

3038 **CM-7 LEAST FUNCTIONALITY**

3039 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Least functionality reduces the attack surface of cyber supply chain
 3040 risks. Organizations should select components that allow the flexibility and option for specifying and
 3041 implementing least functionality. Organizations should ensure least functionality in their information
 3042 systems and networks and throughout SDLC. NIST SP 800-53 Rev. 5 control enhancement CM-7 (9)
 3043 mechanism can be used to protect information systems and networks from vulnerabilities that may be
 3044 introduced by the use of unauthorized hardware being connected to organizational systems.

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 3046 Level(s): 3

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 3048 Control Enhancement(s):

3049 (1) *LEAST FUNCTIONALITY | PERIODIC REVIEW*

3050 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Organizations should require its prime contractors to implement
 3051 this control and flow down this requirement to relevant sub-tier contractors.

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 3053 Level(s): 2, 3

3054 (4) *LEAST FUNCTIONALITY | UNAUTHORIZED SOFTWARE*

3055 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Organizations should define requirements and deploy appropriate
 3056 processes to specify and detect software that is not allowed. This can be aided by defining a

3057 requirement to, at a minimum, not use disreputable or unauthorized software. Organizations should
 3058 require its prime contractors to implement this control and flow down this requirement to relevant sub-
 3059 tier contractors.

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 3061 Level(s): 2, 3

3062 (5) *LEAST FUNCTIONALITY | AUTHORIZED SOFTWARE*

3063 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Organizations should define requirements and deploy appropriate
 3064 processes to specify allowable software. This can be aided by defining a requirement to use only
 3065 reputable software. This can include requirements for alerts when new software and updates to
 3066 software are introduced into the organization's environment. An example of such requirements is to
 3067 allow open source software only if the code is available for an organization's evaluation and
 3068 determined to be acceptable for use.

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 3070 Level(s): 3

3071 (6) *LEAST FUNCTIONALITY | CONFINED ENVIRONMENTS WITH LIMITED PRIVILEGES*

3072 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: The organization should ensure that code authentication
 3073 mechanisms such as digital signatures are implemented when executing code to assure the integrity of
 3074 software, firmware, and information of the information systems and networks.

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 3076 Level(s): 2, 3

3077 (7) *LEAST FUNCTIONALITY | CODE EXECUTION IN PROTECTED ENVIRONMENTS*

3078 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: The organization should obtain binary or machine-executable code
 3079 directly from the OEM/developer or other acceptable, verified source.

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 3081 Level(s): 3
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3083 (8) *LEAST FUNCTIONALITY | BINARY OR MACHINE EXECUTABLE CODE*

3084 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: When exceptions are made to use software products without
 3085 accompanying source code or from sources with limited or no warranty because of compelling mission
 3086 or operational requirements, approval by the authorizing official should be contingent upon the
 3087 organization explicitly incorporating cyber supply chain risks in the assessment of such software
 3088 products and the implementation of compensating controls to address any identified and assessed risks.

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 3090 Level(s): 2, 3
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3092 (9) *LEAST FUNCTIONALITY | PROHIBITING THE USE OF UNAUTHORIZED HARDWARE*

3093 Organizations should define requirements and deploy appropriate processes to specify and detect
 3094 hardware that is not allowed. This can be aided by defining a requirement to, at a minimum, not use
 3095 disreputable or unauthorized hardware. Organizations should require its prime contractors to
 3096 implement this control and flow down this requirement to relevant sub-tier contractors

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 3098 Level(s): 2, 3
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3100 **CM-8 SYSTEM COMPONENT INVENTORY**

- 3101 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Organizations should ensure that critical component assets within the
3102 information systems and networks are included in the asset inventory. The inventory must include
3103 information for critical component accountability. Inventory information includes, for example, hardware
3104 inventory specifications, software license information, software version numbers, component owners, and
3105 for networked components or devices, machine names and network addresses. Inventory specifications
3106 include, for example, manufacturer, device type, model, serial number, and physical location.
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3108 Level(s): 2, 3
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3110 Control Enhancement(s):
- 3111 (1) *SYSTEM COMPONENT INVENTORY | UPDATES DURING INSTALLATION AND REMOVAL*
- 3112 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: When installing, updating, or removing an information system,
3113 information system component, or network component, the organization needs to update the inventory
3114 to ensure traceability for tracking critical components. In addition, the information system's
3115 configuration needs to be updated to ensure an accurate inventory of supply chain protections, and re-
3116 baselined accordingly.
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3118 Level(s): 3
- 3119 (2) *SYSTEM COMPONENT INVENTORY | AUTOMATED MAINTENANCE*
- 3120 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: The organization should implement automated maintenance
3121 mechanisms to ensure that changes to component inventory for the information systems and networks
3122 are monitored for installation, update, and removal. When automated maintenance is performed with a
3123 predefined frequency and with the automated collation of relevant inventory information about each
3124 defined component, the organization should ensure that updates are available to relevant stakeholders
3125 for evaluation. Predefined frequencies for data collection should be less predictable in order to reduce
3126 the risk of an insider threat bypassing security mechanisms.
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3128 Level(s): 3
- 3129 (4) *SYSTEM COMPONENT INVENTORY | ACCOUNTABILITY INFORMATION*
- 3130 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: The organization should ensure that accountability information is
3131 collected for information system and network components. The system/component inventory
3132 information should identify those individuals who originate an acquisition as well as intended end
3133 users, including any associated personnel who may administer or use the system/components.
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3135 Level(s): 3
- 3136 (6) *SYSTEM COMPONENT INVENTORY | ASSESSED CONFIGURATIONS AND APPROVED DEVIATIONS*
- 3137 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Assessed configurations and approved deviations must be
3138 documented and tracked. Any changes to the baseline configurations of information systems and
3139 networks require a review by relevant stakeholders to ensure that the changes do not result in increased
3140 cyber supply chain risk.
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3142 Level(s): 3
- 3143 (7) *SYSTEM COMPONENT INVENTORY | CENTRALIZED REPOSITORY*
- 3144 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Organizations may choose to implement centralized inventories that
3145 include components from all organizational information systems, networks, and their components.
3146 Centralized repositories of inventories provide opportunities for efficiencies in accounting for
3147 information systems, networks, and their components. Such repositories may also help organizations to
3148 rapidly identify the location and responsible individuals of components that have been compromised,

3149 breached, or are otherwise in need of mitigation actions. The organization should ensure that
3150 centralized inventories include supply chain-specific information required for proper component
3151 accountability (e.g., supply chain relevance and information system, network, or component owner).
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3153 Level(s): 3

3154 (8) *SYSTEM COMPONENT INVENTORY | AUTOMATED LOCATION TRACKING*

3155 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: When employing automated mechanisms for tracking of
3156 information system components by physical location, the organization should incorporate information
3157 system, network, and component tracking needs to ensure accurate inventory.

3158 Level(s): 2, 3
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3160 (9) *SYSTEM COMPONENT INVENTORY | ASSIGNMENT OF COMPONENTS TO SYSTEMS*

3161 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: When assigning components to systems, the organization should
3162 ensure that the information systems and networks with all relevant components are inventoried,
3163 marked, and properly assigned. This facilitates quick inventory of all components relevant to
3164 information systems and networks and enables tracking of components that are considered critical and
3165 require differentiating treatment as part of the information system and network protection activities.
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3167 Level(s): 3

3168 **CM-9 CONFIGURATION MANAGEMENT PLAN**

3169 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Organizations should ensure that C-SCRM is incorporated into the
3170 configuration management planning activities. Organizations should require its prime contractors to
3171 implement this control and flow down this requirement to relevant sub-tier contractors.
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3173 Level(s): 2, 3.

3174 Control Enhancement(s):
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3176 (1) *CONFIGURATION MANAGEMENT PLAN | ASSIGNMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY*

3177 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Organizations should ensure that all relevant roles are defined to
3178 address configuration management activities for information systems and networks. Organizations
3179 should ensure requirements and capabilities for configuration management are appropriately addressed
3180 or included in the following cyber supply chain activities: requirements definition, development,
3181 testing, market research and analysis, procurement solicitations and contracts, component installation
3182 or removal, system integration, operations, and maintenance.
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3184 Level(s): 2, 3
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3186 **CM-10 SOFTWARE USAGE RESTRICTIONS**

3187 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Organizations should ensure that licenses for software used within their
3188 information systems and networks are documented, tracked, and maintained. Tracking mechanisms should
3189 provide for the ability to trace users and use of licenses to access control information and processes. As an
3190 example, when an employee is terminated, a “named user” license, should be revoked and license
3191 documentation should be updated to reflect this change.
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3193 Level(s): 2, 3

3194 Control Enhancement(s):

3195 (1) *SOFTWARE USAGE RESTRICTIONS | OPEN-SOURCE SOFTWARE*

3196 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: When considering software, organizations should review all options
3197 and corresponding risks including open source or commercially licensed components. When using
3198 open source software (OSS), the organization should understand and review the open source
3199 communities’ typical procedures regarding provenance, configuration management, sources, binaries,
3200 reusable frameworks, reusable libraries’ availability for testing and use, and any other information that
3201 may impact cyber supply chain risk. Numerous open source solutions are currently in use by
3202 organizations, including in integrated development environments (IDEs) and web servers. The
3203 organization should:

- 3204 a. Track the use of OSS and associated documentation;
- 3205 b. Ensure that the use of OSS adheres to the licensing terms and that these terms are acceptable to the
- 3206 organization
- 3207 c. Document and monitor the distribution of software as it relates to licensing agreement to control
- 3208 copying and distribution; and
- 3209 d. Evaluate and periodically audit the OSS’s cyber supply chain as provided by the open source
- 3210 developer (e.g., information regarding provenance, configuration management, use of reusable
- 3211 libraries, etc.). This evaluation can be done reasonably easily by the organization through
- 3212 obtaining existing and often public documents as well as using experience based on software
- 3213 update and download processes in which the organization may have participated.

3214 Level(s): 2, 3

3217 **CM-11 USER-INSTALLED SOFTWARE**

3218 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: This control extends to organizational information system and network
3219 users who are not employed by the organization. These users may be suppliers, developers, system
3220 integrators, external system service providers, and other ICT/OT-related service providers.

3221 Level(s): 2, 3

3223 **CM-12 INFORMATION LOCATION**

3224 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Information residing in different physical locations may be subject to
3225 different cyber supply chain risks, depending on the specific location of the information. Components
3226 originating or operating from different physical locations may also be subject to different supply chain
3227 risks, depending on the specific location of origination or operations. Organizations should manage these
3228 risks through limiting access control, specifying allowable or disallowable geographic locations for
3229 backup/recovery, patching/upgrades, and information transfer/sharing. NIST SP 800-53 Rev. 5 control
3230 enhancement CM-12 (1) is a mechanism that can be used to enable automated location of components.

3231 Level(s): 2, 3

3232 Control Enhancement(s):

3235 (1) *INFORMATION LOCATION | AUTOMATED TOOLS TO SUPPORT INFORMATION LOCATION*

3236 Use automated tools to identify organization-defined information on organization-defined system
3237 components to ensure controls are in place to protect organizational information and individual
3238 privacy.

3239 Level(s): 2, 3

3241 CM-13 DATA ACTION MAPPING

3242 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: In addition to personally identifiable information, understanding and
3243 documenting a map of system data actions for sensitive or classified information is necessary. Data action
3244 mapping should also be conducted to map internet of things (IoT) devices, embedded or stand-alone IoT
3245 systems, or IoT System of System data actions. Understanding what classified or IoT information is being
3246 processed, its sensitivity and/or effect on a physical thing or physical environment, how the sensitive or IoT
3247 information is being processed (e.g., if the data action is visible to an individual or is processed in another
3248 part of the system), and by whom provides a number of contextual factors that are important to assessing
3249 the degree of risk. Data maps can be illustrated in different ways, and the level of detail may vary based on
3250 the mission and business needs of the organization. The data map may be an overlay of any system design
3251 artifact that the organization is using. The development of this map may necessitate coordination between
3252 program and security personnel regarding the covered data actions and the components that are identified
3253 as part of the system.

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3255 Level(s): 2, 3
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3257 CM-14 SIGNED COMPONENTS

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3259 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Organizations should verify that the acquired hardware and software
3260 components are genuine and valid by using digitally signed components. Verifying components before
3261 allowing installation helps organizations reduce cyber supply chain risks.

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3263 Level(s): 3

3264 **FAMILY: CONTINGENCY PLANNING**

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3266 FIPS 200 specifies the Contingency Planning minimum security requirement as follows:

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3268 *Organizations must establish, maintain, and effectively implement plans for emergency*
 3269 *response, backup operations, and post-disaster recovery for organizational information*
 3270 *systems to ensure the availability of critical information resources and continuity of*
 3271 *operations in emergency situations.*

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3273 Cyber supply chain contingency planning includes planning for alternative suppliers of system
 3274 components, alternative suppliers of systems and services, denial of service attacks to the supply
 3275 chain, and planning for alternate delivery routes for critical system components. Such
 3276 contingency plans help ensure existing service providers have an effective continuity of
 3277 operations pan, especially, when the provider is delivering services in support of a critical
 3278 mission function. Additionally, many techniques used for contingency planning, such as
 3279 alternative processing sites, have their own cyber supply chains with their own attendant cyber
 3280 supply chain risks. Organizations should ensure they understand and manage cyber supply chain
 3281 risks and dependencies related to the contingency planning activities as necessary.

3282 **CP-1 POLICY AND PROCEDURES**

3283 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Organizations should integrate C-SCRM into the contingency planning
 3284 policy and related SCRM Strategy/Implementation Plan, policies, and SCRM Plan. The policy cover
 3285 information systems and the supply chain network and, at a minimum, address scenarios such as:

- 3286 a. Unplanned component failure and subsequent replacement;
- 3287 b. Planned replacement related to feature improvements, maintenance, upgrades, and modernization;
- 3288 and
- 3289 c. Product and/or service disruption.

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3291 Level(s): 1, 2, 33292 **CP-2 CONTINGENCY PLAN**

3293 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Organizations should define and implement a contingency plan for the
 3294 supply chain information systems and network to ensure preparations are in place to mitigate against the
 3295 loss or degradation of data or operations. Contingencies should be put in place for the supply chain,
 3296 network and information systems (especially critical components), and processes to ensure protection
 3297 against compromise, provide appropriate failover, and timely recovery to an acceptable state of operations.

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3299 Level(s): 2, 33300 Control Enhancement(s):3301 (1) *CONTINGENCY PLAN | COORDINATE WITH RELATED PLANS*

3302 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Coordinate contingency plan development for supply chain risks
 3303 with organizational elements responsible for related plans.

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3305 Level(S): 2, 33306 (2) *CONTINGENCY PLAN | CAPACITY PLANNING*

3307 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: This enhancement helps availability of the supply chain network or
3308 information system components.

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3310 Level(s): 2, 3

3311 (7) *CONTINGENCY PLAN | COORDINATE WITH EXTERNAL SERVICE PROVIDERS*

3312 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Organizations should ensure that supply chain network, information
3313 systems and components provided by an external service provider have appropriate failover (to include
3314 personnel, equipment, and network resources) to reduce or prevent service interruption or ensure
3315 timely recovery. Organizations should ensure that contingency planning requirements are defined as
3316 part of the service-level agreement. The agreement may have specific terms addressing critical
3317 components and functionality support in case of denial of service to ensure continuity of operation.
3318 Organizations should coordinate with external service providers to identify service providers' existing
3319 contingency plan practices and build on them as required by the organization's mission and business
3320 needs. Such coordination will aid in cost reduction and efficient implementation. Organizations should
3321 require its prime contractors that provide a mission/business-critical or -enabling service or product to
3322 implement this control and flow down this requirement to relevant sub-tier contractors.

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3324 Level(s): 3

3325 (8) *CONTINGENCY PLAN | IDENTIFY CRITICAL ASSETS*

3326 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Ensure that critical assets (including hardware, software, and
3327 personnel) are identified to ensure that appropriate contingency planning requirements are defined and
3328 applied to ensure continuity of operation. A key step in this process is to complete a criticality analysis
3329 on components, functions, and processes to identify all critical assets. See Section 2 and NISTIR 8179
3330 for additional guidance on criticality analyses.

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3332 Level(s): 3

3333 **CP-3 CONTINGENCY TRAINING**

3334 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Organizations should ensure that critical suppliers are included in
3335 contingency training.

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3337 Level(s): 2, 3

3338 Control Enhancement(s):

3339 (1) *CONTINGENCY TRAINING | SIMULATED EVENTS*

3340 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Organizations should ensure that suppliers, developers, system
3341 integrators, external system service providers, and other ICT/OT-related service providers who have
3342 roles and responsibilities in providing critical services are included in contingency training exercises.

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3344 Level(s): 3

3345 **CP-4 CONTINGENCY PLAN TESTING**

3346 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Organizations should ensure that critical suppliers are included in
3347 contingency testing. The organization, in coordination with the service provider(s) should test whether
3348 continuity/resiliency capabilities, such as failover from a primary production site to a back-up site, perform
3349 as required. This testing may occur separately from a training exercise or be performed during the exercise.
3350 Organizations should reference their C-SCRM threat assessment output to develop scenarios to test how
3351 well the organization is able to withstand and/or recover from a C-SCRM threat event.

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3353 Level(s): 2, 3
- 3354 **CP-6 ALTERNATE STORAGE SITE**
- 3355 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: When managed by suppliers, developers, system integrators, external
3356 system service providers, and other ICT/OT-related service providers, alternate storage sites are considered
3357 within an organization’s cyber supply chain network. Organizations should apply appropriate cyber supply
3358 chain controls to those storage sites.
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3360 Level(s): 2, 3
- 3361 Control Enhancement(s):
- 3362 (1) *ALTERNATE STORAGE SITE | SEPARATION FROM PRIMARY SITE*
- 3363 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: This enhancement helps resiliency of supply chain network,
3364 information systems, and information system components.
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3366 Level(s): 2, 3
- 3367 **CP-7 ALTERNATE PROCESSING SITE**
- 3368 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: When managed by suppliers, developers, system integrators, external
3369 system service providers, and other ICT/OT-related service providers, alternate storage sites are considered
3370 within an organization’s cyber supply chain. Organizations should apply appropriate cyber supply chain
3371 controls to those processing sites.
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3373 Level(s): 2, 3
- 3374 **CP-8 TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES**
- 3375 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Organizations should incorporate alternate telecommunication service
3376 providers for their cyber supply chain and to support critical information systems.
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3378 Level(s): 2, 3
- 3379 Control Enhancement(s):
- 3380 (3) *TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES | SEPARATION OF PRIMARY AND ALTERNATE PROVIDERS*
- 3381 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Separation of primary and alternate providers supports cyber supply
3382 chain resilience.
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3384 Level(s): 2, 3
- 3385 (4) *TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES | PROVIDER CONTINGENCY PLAN*
- 3386 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: For C-SCRM, suppliers, developers, system integrators, external
3387 system service providers, and other ICT/OT-related service providers contingency plans should
3388 provide separation in infrastructure, service, process, and personnel, where appropriate.
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3390 Level(s): 2, 3
- 3391 **CP-11 ALTERNATE COMMUNICATIONS PROTOCOLS**

3392 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Organizations should ensure critical suppliers are included in
3393 contingency plans, training, and testing as part of incorporating alternate communications protocol
3394 capability to establish supply chain resilience.
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FAMILY: IDENTIFICATION AND AUTHENTICATION

FIPS 200 specifies the Identification and Authentication minimum security requirement as follows:

Organizations must identify information system users, processes acting on behalf of users, or devices and authenticate (or verify) the identities of those users, processes, or devices, as a prerequisite to allowing access to organizational information systems.

NIST SP 800-161, *Supply Chain Risk Management Practices for Federal Information Systems and Organizations*, expands the FIPS 200 identification and authentication control family to include identification and authentication of components, in addition to individuals (users) and processes acting on behalf of individuals within the cyber supply chain network. Identification and authentication is critical to C-SCRM because it provides traceability of individuals, processes acting on behalf of individuals, and specific systems/components in an organization's cyber supply chain network. Identification and authentication is required to appropriately manage cyber supply chain risks to both reduce risks of cyber supply chain compromise and to generate evidence in case of cyber supply chain compromise.

IA-1 POLICY AND PROCEDURES

3419 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: The organization should, at organizationally-defined intervals, review, enhance, and update their identity and access management policies and procedures to ensure that critical roles and processes within the supply chain network are defined and that the organization's critical systems, components, and processes are identified for traceability. This should include the identity of critical components that may not have been considered under identification and authentication in the past. Note that providing identification for all items within the supply chain would be cost-prohibitive, and discretion should be used. The organization should update related C-SCRM Strategy/Implementation Plan(s), Policies, and C-SCRM Plans.
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3428 Level(s): 1, 2, 3

IA-2 IDENTIFICATION AND AUTHENTICATION (ORGANIZATIONAL USERS)

3430 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Organizations should ensure that identification and requirements are defined and applied for organizational users accessing an ICT/OTsystem or supply chain network. An organizational user may include employees as well as individuals deemed to have the equivalent status of employees (e.g., contractors, guest researchers, etc.) and may include system integrators fulfilling contractor roles. Criteria such as "duration in role" can aid in defining which identification and authentication mechanisms are used. The organization may choose to define a set of roles and associate a level of authorization to ensure proper implementation.
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3438 Level(s): 1, 2, 3

IA-3 DEVICE IDENTIFICATION AND AUTHENTICATION

3440 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Organizations should implement capabilities to distinctly and positively identify devices and software within their supply chain and, once identified, be able to verify that the identity is authentic. Devices that require unique device-to-device identification and authentication should
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3443 be defined by type, by device, or by a combination of type and device. Software that requires authentication
 3444 should be identified through a software identification tag (SWID) that enables verification of the software
 3445 package and authentication of the organization releasing the software package.
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3447 Level(s): 1, 2, 3

3448 **IA-4 IDENTIFIER MANAGEMENT**

3449 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Identifiers allow for greater discoverability and traceability. Within the
 3450 organization's cyber supply chain, identifiers should be assigned to systems, individuals, documentation,
 3451 devices, and components. In some cases, identifiers may be maintained throughout a system's life cycle,
 3452 from concept to retirement, but at a minimum throughout the system's life within the organization.
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3454 For software development, identifiers should be assigned for those components that have achieved
 3455 configuration item recognition. For devices and operational systems, identifiers should be assigned when
 3456 the items enter the organization's supply chain, such as when they are transferred to the organization's
 3457 ownership or control through shipping and receiving or via download.
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3459 Suppliers, developers, system integrators, external system service providers, and other ICT/OT-related
 3460 service providers typically use their own identifiers for tracking purposes within their own supply chain.
 3461 Organizations should correlate those identifiers with the organization-assigned identifiers for traceability
 3462 and accountability.
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3464 Level(s): 2, 3

3465 Related Controls: IA-3 (1), IA-3 (2), IA-3 (3), and IA-3 (4)

3466 Control Enhancement(s):

3467 (6) *IDENTIFIER MANAGEMENT | CROSS-ORGANIZATION MANAGEMENT*

3468 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: This enhancement helps traceability and provenance of elements
 3469 within the cyber supply chain, through the coordination of identifier management among the
 3470 organization and its suppliers, developers, system integrators, external system service providers, and
 3471 other ICT/OT-related service providers. This includes information systems and components as well as
 3472 individuals engaged in supply chain activities.
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3474 Level(s): 1, 2, 3

3475 **IA-5 AUTHENTICATOR MANAGEMENT**

3476 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: This control facilitates traceability and non-repudiation throughout the
 3477 cyber supply chain.
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3479 Level(s): 2, 3

3480 Control Enhancement(s):

3481 (5) *AUTHENTICATOR MANAGEMENT | CHANGE AUTHENTICATORS PRIOR TO DELIVERY*

3482 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: This enhancement provides verification of chain of custody within
 3483 the organization's cyber supply chain.
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3485 Level(s): 3

3486 (9) *AUTHENTICATOR MANAGEMENT | FEDERATED CREDENTIAL MANAGEMENT*

3488 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: This enhancement facilitates provenance and chain of custody
3489 within the organization's cyber supply chain.

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3491 Level(s): 3

3492 **IA-8 IDENTIFICATION AND AUTHENTICATION (NON-ORGANIZATIONAL USERS)**

3493 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Suppliers, developers, system integrators, external system service
3494 providers, and other ICT/OT-related service providers have the potential to engage the organization's
3495 supply chain for service delivery (development/integration services, product support, etc.). Organizations
3496 should manage the establishment, auditing, use, and revocation of identification credentials and
3497 authentication of non-organizational users within the \ supply chain. Organizations should ensure
3498 promptness in performing identification and authentication activities, especially in the case of revocation
3499 management, to help mitigate against cyber supply chain risks such as insider threat.

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3501 Level(s): 2, 3

3502 **IA-9 SERVICE IDENTIFICATION AND AUTHENTICATION**

3503 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Organizations should ensure that identification and authentication is
3504 defined and managed for access to services (i.e., web applications using digital certificates or services or
3505 applications that query a database as opposed to labor-services) throughout the supply chain. Organizations
3506 should ensure they know what services are being procured and from whom. Services procured should be
3507 listed on a validated list of services for the organization or have compensating controls in place.

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3509 Level(s): 2, 3

3510 FAMILY: INCIDENT RESPONSE

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3512 FIPS 200 specifies the Incident Response minimum security requirement as follows:

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3514 *Organizations must: (i) establish an operational incident handling capability for*
3515 *organizational information systems that includes adequate preparation, detection,*
3516 *analysis, containment, recovery, and user response activities; and (ii) track, document,*
3517 *and report incidents to appropriate organizational officials and/or authorities.*

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3519 Cyber supply chain compromises may span suppliers, developers, system integrators, external
3520 system service providers, and other ICT/OT-related service providers. Organizations should
3521 ensure their incident response controls address C-SCRM including what, when and how
3522 information about incidents will be reported or shared by, with, or between suppliers, developers,
3523 system integrators, external system service providers, other ICT/OT-related service providers,
3524 and any relevant interagency bodies. Incident response will help determine whether an incident is
3525 related to the cyber supply chain.

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3527 IR-1 POLICY AND PROCEDURES

3528 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Organizations should integrate C-SCRM into incident response policy
3529 and procedures, and related C-SCRM Strategy/Implementation Plan(s), Policies, and C-SCRM Plan. Policy
3530 and procedures must provide direction about how to address supply chain related incidents and those
3531 cybersecurity incidents that may complicate or impact the cyber supply chain. Individuals working within
3532 specific mission and system environments need to recognize cyber supply chain-related incidents. Incident
3533 response policy should state when and how threats and incidents should be handled, reported, and
3534 managed.

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3536 Additionally, the policy should define when, how, and with whom to communicate to the FASC (Federal
3537 Acquisition Security Council), and other stakeholders or partners within the broader supply chain in the
3538 event of a cyber threat or incident. Departments and agencies must notify the FASC of supply chain risk
3539 information when 1) the FASC requests information relating to a particular source, covered article or
3540 procures; or 2) an executive agency has determined there is a reasonable basis to conclude a substantial
3541 supply chain risk associated with a source, covered procurement, or covered article exists. In such
3542 instances, the executive agency shall provide the FASC with relevant information concerning the source or
3543 covered article, including: (i) supply chain risk information identified through the course of the agency's
3544 activities in furtherance of mitigating, identifying or managing its supply chain risk; and (ii) supply chain
3545 risk information regarding covered procurement actions by the agency under the Federal Acquisition
3546 Supply Chain Security Act of 2018 (FASCSA) 41 U.S.C. § 4713; and any orders issued by the agency
3547 under 41 U.S.C. § 4713. Bidirectional communication with supply chain partners should be defined in
3548 agreements with suppliers, developers, system integrators, external system service providers, and other
3549 ICT/OT-related service providers to inform all involved parties of a cyber supply chain incident. Incident
3550 information may also be shared with organizations such as the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), US
3551 CERT (United States Computer Emergency Readiness Team), and the NCCIC (National Cybersecurity and
3552 Communications Integration Center) as appropriate. Depending on the severity of the incident, the need for
3553 accelerated communications up and down the supply chain may be necessary. Appropriate agreements
3554 should be put in place with suppliers, developers, system integrators, external system service providers, and
3555 other ICT/OT-related service providers to ensure speed of communication, response, corrective actions, and
3556 other related activities. Organizations should require its prime contractors to implement this control and
3557 flow down this requirement to relevant sub-tier contractors.

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3559 In Levels 2 and 3, procedures and organization-specific incident response methods must be in place,
3560 training completed (consider including Operations Security (OPSEC) and any appropriate threat briefing in
3561 training), and coordinated communication established throughout the supply chain to ensure an efficient
3562 and coordinated incident response effort.

3563 Level(s): 1, 2, 3
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3565 Control Enhancement(s):

3566 **(1) POLICY AND PROCEDURES | C-SCRM INCIDENT INFORMATION SHARING**

3567 Organizations should ensure that their incident response policies and procedures provide guidance on
3568 effective information sharing of incidents and other key risk indicators in the cyber supply chain. Guidance
3569 should at a minimum cover the collection, synthesis, and distribution of incident information from a diverse
3570 set of data sources such as publicly data repositories, paid subscription services, and in-house threat
3571 intelligence teams.

3572 Organizations operating in the public sector should include specific guidance on when and how to
3573 communicate with interagency partnerships such as the FASC (Federal Acquisition Security Council) and
3574 other stakeholders or partners within the broader supply chain in the event of a cyber threat or incident.
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3576 Departments and agencies must notify the FASC of supply chain risk information when
3577 1) The FASC requests information relating to a particular source, covered article or procures; or
3578 2) An executive agency has determined there is a reasonable basis to conclude a substantial supply chain
3579 risk associated with a source, covered procurement, or covered article exists.
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3581 In such instances, the executive agency shall provide the FASC with relevant information concerning the
3582 source or covered article, including:

- 3583 i. Supply chain risk information identified through the course of the agency’s activities in
3584 furtherance of mitigating, identifying or managing its supply chain risk; and
- 3585 ii. Supply chain risk information regarding covered procurement actions by the agency under the
3586 Federal Acquisition Supply Chain Security Act of 2018 (FASCSA) 41 U.S.C. § 4713; and any orders
3587 issued by the agency under 41 U.S.C. § 4713.
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3592 **IR-2 INCIDENT RESPONSE TRAINING**

3593 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Organizations should ensure that critical suppliers are included in
3594 incident response training.

3595 Level(s): 2, 3
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3597 **IR-3 INCIDENT RESPONSE TESTING**

3598 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Organizations should ensure that critical suppliers are included in and/or
3599 provided incident response testing.

3600 Level(s): 2, 3
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3602 **IR-4 INCIDENT HANDLING**

3603 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: C-SCRM-specific supplemental guidance provided in control
3604 enhancements.

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3606 Level(s): 1,2,3
- 3607 Control Enhancement(s):
- 3608 (6) *INCIDENT HANDLING | INSIDER THREATS*
- 3609 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: This enhancement helps limit exposure of the C-SCRM information
3610 systems, networks, and processes to insider threats. Organizations should ensure that insider threat
3611 incident handling capabilities account for the potential of insider threats associated with suppliers,
3612 developers, system integrators, external system service providers, and other ICT/OT-related service
3613 providers’ personnel with access to ICT/OT systems within the authorization boundary.
- 3614 Level(s): 1, 2, 3
- 3615 (7) *INCIDENT HANDLING | INSIDER THREATS - INTRA-ORGANIZATION*
- 3616 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: This enhancement helps limit exposure of C-SCRM information
3617 systems, networks, and processes to insider threats. Organizations should ensure that insider threat
3618 coordination includes suppliers, developers, system integrators, external system service providers, and
3619 other ICT/OT-related service providers.
- 3620 Level(s): 1, 2, 3
- 3621 (10) *INCIDENT HANDLING | SUPPLY CHAIN COORDINATION*
- 3622 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: A number of organizations may be involved in managing incidents
3623 and responses for supply chain security. After an initial processing of the incident is completed and a
3624 decision is made to take action (in some cases, the action may be “no action”), the organization may
3625 need to coordinate with their suppliers, developers, system integrators, external system service
3626 providers, other ICT/OT-related service providers, and any relevant interagency bodies to facilitate
3627 communications, incident response, root cause, and corrective actions activities. Organizations should
3628 securely share information through a coordinated set of personnel in key roles to allow for a more
3629 comprehensive incident handling approach. Selecting suppliers, developers, system integrators,
3630 external system service providers, and other ICT/OT-related service providers with mature capabilities
3631 for supporting cyber supply chain incident handling is important for reducing cyber supply chain risk.
3632 If transparency for incident handling is limited due to the nature of the relationship, define a set of
3633 acceptable criteria in the agreement (e.g., contract). A review (and potential revision) of the agreement
3634 is recommended, based on the lessons learned from previous incidents. Organizations should require
3635 its prime contractors to implement this control and flow down this requirement to relevant sub-tier
3636 contractors.
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3638 Level(s): 2
- 3639 (11) *INCIDENT HANDLING | INTEGRATED INCIDENT RESPONSE TEAM*
- 3640 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: An organization should include a forensics team and/or capability
3641 as part of an integrated incident response team for supply chain incidents. Where relevant and
3642 practical, integrated incident response teams should also include necessary geographical representation
3643 as well as suppliers, developers, system integrators, external system service providers, and other
3644 ICT/OT-related service providers.
- 3645 Level(s): 3
- 3646 **IR-5 INCIDENT MONITORING**

3647 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Organizations should ensure agreements with suppliers include
3648 requirements to track and document incidents and response decisions and activities.
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3650 Level(s): 2, 3

3651 **IR-6 INCIDENT REPORTING**

3652 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: C-SCRM-specific supplemental guidance provided in control
3653 enhancement IR-6 (3).
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3655 Level(s): 3

3656 Control Enhancement(s):
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3658 (3) *INCIDENT REPORTING | SUPPLY CHAIN COORDINATION*

3659 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Communications of security incident information from the
3660 organization to suppliers, developers, system integrators, external system service providers, and other
3661 ICT/OT-related service providers or vice-versa requires protection. The organization should ensure
3662 that information is reviewed and approved for sending based on its agreements with the suppliers and
3663 any relevant interagency bodies. Any escalation of or exception from this reporting should be clearly
3664 defined in the agreement. The organization should ensure that incident reporting data is adequately
3665 protected for transmission and received by approved individuals only. Organizations should require its
3666 prime contractors to implement this control and flow down this requirement to relevant sub-tier
3667 contractors.
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3669 Level(s): 3

3670 **IR-7 INCIDENT RESPONSE ASSISTANCE**

3671 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: C-SCRM-specific supplemental guidance provided in control
3672 enhancement IR-7 (2).
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3674 Level(s): 3

3675 Control Enhancement(s):
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3677 (1) *INCIDENT RESPONSE ASSISTANCE | COORDINATION WITH EXTERNAL PROVIDERS*

3678 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Organization's agreements with prime contractors should specify
3679 the conditions under which a government-approved or -designated third party will be available or may
3680 be required to provide assistance with incident response, as well as describe the role and responsibility
3681 of that third party.
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3683 Level(s): 3

3684 **IR-8 INCIDENT RESPONSE PLAN**

3685 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Organizations should coordinate, develop, and implement an incident
3686 response plan that includes information sharing responsibilities with critical suppliers and, in a federal
3687 context, interagency partners and the FASC. Organizations should require its prime contractors to
3688 implement this control and flow down this requirement to relevant sub-tier contractors.
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3690 Related Control(s): IR-10

3691 Level(s): 2, 3
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3693 IR-9 INFORMATION SPILLAGE RESPONSE

3694 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: The supply chain is vulnerable to information spillage. The organization
3695 should include supply chain-related information spills in its information spillage response plan. This may
3696 require coordination with suppliers, developers, system integrators, external system service providers, and
3697 other ICT/OT-related service providers. The details of how this coordination is to be conducted should be
3698 included in the agreement (e.g., contract). Organizations should require its prime contractors to implement
3699 this control and flow down this requirement to relevant sub-tier contractors.

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3701 Level(s): 3

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3703 Related Controls: SA-4
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3705 FAMILY: MAINTENANCE

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3707 FIPS 200 specifies the Maintenance minimum security requirement as follows:

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3709 *Organizations must: (i) perform periodic and timely maintenance on organizational*
3710 *information systems; and (ii) provide effective controls on the tools, techniques,*
3711 *mechanisms, and personnel used to conduct information system maintenance.*

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3713 Maintenance is frequently performed by an entity that is separate from the organization. As
3714 such, maintenance becomes part of the supply chain. Maintenance includes performing updates
3715 and replacements. C-SCRM should be applied to maintenance situations including assessing
3716 the cyber supply chain risks, selecting C-SCRM controls, implementing these controls, and
3717 monitoring them for effectiveness.

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3719 MA-1 POLICY AND PROCEDURES

3720 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Organizations should ensure that C-SCRM is included in maintenance
3721 policies and procedures, and related SCRM Strategy/Implementation Plan, SCRM Policies, and SCRM
3722 Plan(s) for all organizational information systems and networks. With many maintenance contracts,
3723 information on mission, organization, and system-specific objectives and requirements is shared between
3724 the organization and its suppliers, developers, system integrators, external system service providers, and
3725 other ICT/OT-related service providers, allowing for vulnerabilities and opportunities for attack. In many
3726 cases, the maintenance of systems is outsourced to a system integrator and as such, appropriate measures
3727 must be taken. Even when maintenance is not outsourced, the upgrades and patches, frequency of
3728 maintenance, replacement parts, and other aspects of system maintenance are affected by the supply chain.

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3730 Maintenance policies should be defined both for the system and the network. The maintenance policy
3731 should reflect controls based on a risk assessment (including criticality analysis), including controls such as
3732 remote access, roles and attributes of maintenance personnel that have access, the frequency of updates,
3733 duration of contract, logistical path and method used for updates or maintenance, and monitoring and audit
3734 mechanisms. The maintenance policy should state which tools are explicitly allowed or not allowed. For
3735 example, in the case of software maintenance, source code, test cases, and other item accessibility to
3736 maintain a system or components should be stated in the contract.

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3738 Maintenance policies should be refined and augmented at each level. At Level 1, the policy should
3739 explicitly assert that C-SCRM should be applied throughout the SDLC, including maintenance activities.
3740 At Level 2, the policy should reflect the mission operation's needs and critical functions. At Level 3 it
3741 should reflect the specific system needs. The requirements in Level 1, such as nonlocal maintenance,
3742 should flow to Levels 2 and 3; for example, when nonlocal maintenance is not allowed by Level 1, it
3743 should also not be allowed at Levels 2 and 3.

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3745 The organization should communicate applicable maintenance policy requirements to relevant prime
3746 contractors and require they implement this control and flow down this requirement to relevant sub-tier
3747 contractors.

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3749 Level(s): 1, 2, 3

3750 MA-2 CONTROLLED MAINTENANCE

3751 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: C-SCRM-specific supplemental guidance is provided in control
3752 enhancement MA-2 (2).

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3754Control Enhancement(s):

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- CONTROLLED MAINTENANCE | AUTOMATED MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES*

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Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Organizations should ensure that all automated maintenance activities for supply chain systems and networks are controlled and managed according to the maintenance policy. Examples of automated maintenance activities can include COTS product patch updates, call home features with failure notification feedback, etc. Managing these activities may require establishing staging processes with appropriate supporting mechanisms to provide vetting or filtering as appropriate. Staging processes may be especially important for critical systems and components.

Level(s): 33766 **MA-3 MAINTENANCE TOOLS**3767
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Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Maintenance tools are considered part of the supply chain. They also have a supply chain of their own. C-SCRM should be integrated when the organization acquires or upgrades a maintenance tool (e.g., an update to development environment or testing tool), including during the selection, ordering, storage, and integration of the maintenance tool. The organization should perform continuous review and approval of maintenance tools, to include those maintenance tools in use by external service providers. The organization should also integrate C-SCRM when evaluating replacement parts for maintenance tools. This control may be performed at both Levels 2 and 3, depending on how an agency handles the acquisition, operations, and oversight of maintenance tools.

Level(s): 2, 3.Control Enhancement(s):

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- MAINTENANCE TOOLS | INSPECT TOOLS*

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Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: The organization should deploy acceptance testing to verify that the maintenance tools of the ICT supply chain infrastructure are as expected. Maintenance tools should be authorized with appropriate paperwork, verified as claimed through initial verification, and tested for vulnerabilities, appropriate security configurations, and stated functionality.

Level(s): 3

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- MAINTENANCE TOOLS | INSPECT MEDIA*

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Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: The organization should verify that the media containing diagnostic and test programs that suppliers use on the organization's information systems operate as expected and provide only required functions. Use of media from maintenance tools should be consistent with organization's policies and procedures and pre-approved. Organizations should also ensure the functionality does not exceed that which was agreed upon.

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- MAINTENANCE TOOLS | PREVENT UNAUTHORIZED REMOVAL*

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Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Unauthorized removal of systems and network maintenance tools from the cyber supply chain may introduce supply chain risk including, for example, unauthorized modification, replacement with counterfeit, or malware insertion while the tool is outside of the organization's control. Systems and network maintenance tools can include integrated development environment (IDE), testing, or vulnerability scanning. For C-SCRM, it is important that organizations

3800 should explicitly authorize, track, and audit any removal of maintenance tools. Once systems and
 3801 network tools are allowed access to an organization/information system, they should remain the
 3802 property/asset of the system owner and tracked if removed and used elsewhere in the organization. ICT
 3803 maintenance tools either currently in use or in storage should not be allowed to leave the organization's
 3804 premises until they are properly vetted for removal (i.e., maintenance tool removal should not exceed
 3805 in scope what was authorized for removal, and should be completed in accordance with the
 3806 organization's established policies and procedures).

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 3808 Level(s): 3

3809 **MA-4 NONLOCAL MAINTENANCE**

3810 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Nonlocal maintenance may be provided by contractor personnel.
 3811 Appropriate protections should be in place to manage associated risks. Controls applied to internal
 3812 maintenance personnel are applied to any suppliers, developers, system integrators, external system service
 3813 providers, and other ICT/OT-related service providers performing a similar maintenance role and enforced
 3814 through contractual agreements with their external service providers.

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 3816 Level(s): 2, 3

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 3818 Control Enhancement(s):

3819 **(3) NONLOCAL MAINTENANCE | COMPARABLE SECURITY AND SANITIZATION**

3820 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Should any nonlocal maintenance or diagnostic services be
 3821 performed to systems components or systems by suppliers, developers, system integrators, external
 3822 system service providers, and other ICT/OT-related service providers, the organization should ensure
 3823 that:

- 3824 • Appropriate measures are taken to verify that the nonlocal environment meets appropriate
 3825 security levels for maintenance and diagnostics per agreements between the organization and
 3826 vendor;
- 3827 • Appropriate levels of sanitizing are completed to remove any organization-specific data
 3828 residing in components; and
- 3829 • Appropriate diagnostics are completed to ensure that components are sanitized, preventing
 3830 malicious insertion prior to returning to the organizational system and or supply chain
 3831 network.

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 3833 The organization should require its prime contractors to implement this control and flow down this
 3834 requirement to relevant sub-tier contractors.

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 3836 Level(s): 2, 3

3837 **MA-5 MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL**

3838 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Maintenance personnel may be employed by a supplier, developer,
 3839 system integrators, external system service providers, or other ICT/OT-related service providers. As such,
 3840 appropriate protections should be in place to manage associated risks. The same controls applied to
 3841 internal maintenance personnel should be applied to any contractor personnel performing a similar
 3842 maintenance role and enforced through contractual agreements with their external service providers.

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 3844 Level(s): 2, 3

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 3846 Control Enhancement(s):

3847 **(4) MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL | FOREIGN NATIONALS**

3848 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Vetting of foreign nationals with access to critical non-national
3849 security systems/services must take C-SCRM into account and be extended to all relevant contractor
3850 personnel. Organizations should specify in agreements any restrictions or vetting requirements that
3851 pertain to foreign nationals and flow requirement down to relevant sub-contractors.

3852 Level(s): 2, 3
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3854 **MA-6 TIMELY MAINTENANCE**

3855 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: For spare parts, replacement parts, or alternate sources, the organization
3856 should purchase through original equipment manufacturers (OEMs), authorized distributors or authorized
3857 reseller and ensure appropriate lead times. If OEMs are not available, it is preferred to acquire from
3858 authorized distributors. If an OEM or an authorized distributor is not available, then it is preferred to
3859 acquire from an authorized reseller. Organizations should obtain verification on whether the distributor or
3860 reseller is authorized. Where possible, organizations should use an authorized distributor/dealer approved
3861 list. If the only alternative is to purchase from a non-authorized distributor or secondary market, a risk
3862 assessment should be performed, including a revisit of criticality and threat analysis to identify additional
3863 risk mitigations to be used. For example, the organization should check the source of supply for history of
3864 counterfeits, inappropriate practices, or a criminal record. See Section 2 for criticality and threat analysis
3865 details. The organization should maintain a bench stock of critical OEM parts, if feasible, when acquisition
3866 of such parts may not be able to be accomplished within needed timeframes.

3867 Level(s): 3
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3869 **MA-7 FIELD MAINTENANCE**

3870 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Organizations should use trusted facilities when additional rigor and
3871 quality control checks are needed, if at all practical or possible. Trusted facilities should be on an approved
3872 list and have additional controls in place.

3873 Related Control(s): MA-2, MA-4, MA-5.
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3875 Level(s): 3
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3877 **MA-8 MAINTENANCE MONITORING AND INFORMATION SHARING (NEW)**

3878 Control: The organization monitors the status of systems and components, and communicates out-of-
3879 bounds and out-of-spec performance to suppliers, developers, system integrators, external system service
3880 providers, and other ICT/OT-related service providers. The organization should also report this
3881 information to the Government-Industry Data Exchange Program (GIDEP).
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3883 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Tracking failure rates of components provides useful information to the
3884 acquirer to help plan for contingencies, alternate sources of supply, and replacements. Failure rates are also
3885 useful for monitoring quality and reliability of systems and components. This information provides useful
3886 feedback to suppliers, developers, system integrators, external system service providers, and other ICT/OT-
3887 related service providers for corrective action and continuous improvement. In Level 2, agencies should
3888 track and communicate the failure rates to suppliers (OEM and/or an authorized distributor). The failure
3889 rates and the issues that can indicate failures including root causes should be identified by an organization's
3890 technical personnel (e.g., developers, administrators, or maintenance engineers) in Level 3 and
3891 communicated to Level 2. These individuals are able to verify the problem and identify technical
3892 alternatives.

3893 Related Control(s): IR-4(10).
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3895 Level(s): 3
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FAMILY: MEDIA PROTECTION

FIPS 200 specifies the Media Protection minimum security requirement as follows:

Organizations must: (i) protect information system media, both paper and digital; (ii) limit access to information on information system media to authorized users; and (iii) sanitize or destroy information system media before disposal or release for reuse.

Media itself can be a component traversing the cyber supply chain or containing information about the organization's cyber supply chain. This includes both physical and logical media including, for example, system documentation on paper or in electronic files, shipping and delivery documentation with acquirer information, memory sticks with software code, or complete routers or servers that include permanent media. The information contained on the media may be sensitive or proprietary information. Additionally, the media is used throughout the SDLC, from concept to disposal. Organizations should ensure that Media Protection controls are applied to both an organization's media and the media received from suppliers, developers, system integrators, external system service providers, and other ICT/OT-related service providers throughout the SDLC.

MP-1 POLICY AND PROCEDURES

Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Various documents and information on a variety of physical and electronic media are disseminated throughout the cyber supply chain. This information may contain a variety of sensitive information and intellectual property from suppliers, developers, system integrators, external system service providers, and other ICT/OT-related service providers and should be appropriately protected. Media protection policies and procedures should address cyber supply chain concerns including media in the organization's cyber supply chain, as well as media throughout the SDLC.

Level(s): 1, 2

MP-4 MEDIA STORAGE

Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Media storage controls should include C-SCRM activities. Organizations should specify and include in agreements (e.g., contracting language) media storage policies for their suppliers, developers, system integrators, external system service providers, and other ICT/OT-related service providers. The organization should require its prime contractors to implement this control and flow down this requirement to relevant sub-tier contractors.

Level(s): 1, 2

MP-5 MEDIA TRANSPORT

Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: The organization should incorporate C-SCRM activities when media is transported, either by organizational or non-organizational personnel. Some of the techniques to protect media during transport and storage include cryptographic techniques and approved custodian services.

Level(s): 1, 2

MP-6 MEDIA SANITIZATION

3941 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Organizations should specify and include in agreements (e.g.,
3942 contracting language) media sanitization policies for their suppliers, developers, system integrators,
3943 external system service providers, and other ICT/OT-related service providers. Media is used throughout
3944 the SDLC. Media traversing or residing in the cyber supply chain may originate anywhere including from
3945 suppliers, developers, system integrators, external system service providers, and other ICT/OT-related
3946 service providers. It can be new, refurbished, or reused. Media sanitization is critical to ensure that
3947 information is removed before the media is used, reused, or discarded. For media containing privacy or
3948 other sensitive information (e.g. CUI), the organization should require its prime contractors to implement
3949 this control and flow down this requirement to relevant sub-tier contractors.

3950 Level(s): 2, 3

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3952 Related Controls: MP-6(1), MP-6(2), MP-6(3), MP-6(7), MP-6(8)
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3954 **FAMILY: PHYSICAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

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3956 FIPS 200 specifies the Physical and Environmental Protection minimum security requirement as
3957 follows:

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3959 *Organizations must: (i) limit physical access to information systems, equipment, and the*
3960 *respective operating environments to authorized individuals; (ii) protect the physical*
3961 *plant and support infrastructure for information systems; (iii) provide supporting utilities*
3962 *for information systems; (iv) protect information systems against environmental hazards;*
3963 *and (v) provide appropriate environmental controls in facilities containing information*
3964 *systems.*

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3966 Cyber supply chains span the physical and logical world. Physical factors include, for example,
3967 weather and road conditions that may have an impact on transporting cyber components (or
3968 devices) from one location to another between persons or organizations within a supply chain. If
3969 not properly addressed as a part of the C-SCRM risk management processes, physical and
3970 environmental risks may have a negative impact on the organization's ability to receive critical
3971 components in a timely manner, which may in turn impact their ability to perform mission
3972 operations. Organizations should require implementation of appropriate physical and
3973 environmental control within their supply chain.
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3975 **PE-1 POLICY AND PROCEDURES.**

3976 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: The organization should integrate C-SCRM practices and requirements
3977 into physical and environmental protection policy and procedures. The degree of protection should be
3978 commensurate with the degree of integration. The physical and environmental protection policy should
3979 ensure that the physical interfaces of the cyber supply chain have adequate protection and audit for such
3980 protection.

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3982 Level(s): 1, 2, 3

3983 **PE-2 PHYSICAL ACCESS AUTHORIZATIONS**

3984 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Organizations should ensure only authorized individuals with a need for
3985 physical access have access to information or systems (e.g., sensitive or classified). Such authorizations
3986 should specify what the individual is permitted or not permitted to do with regard to their physical access
3987 (e.g. view, alter/configure, insert something, connect something, remove, etc.). Agreements should address
3988 physical access authorization requirements and the organization should require its prime contractors to
3989 implement this control, flowing down this requirement to relevant sub-tier contractors. Authorization for
3990 non-Federal employees should follow an approved protocol, which includes documentation of the
3991 authorization, to include specifying any prerequisites or constraints that pertain to such authorization (e.g.,
3992 individual must be escorted by a Federal employee, individual must be badged, individual is permitted
3993 physical access during normal business hours, etc.).

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3995 Level(s): 2, 3

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3997 Control Enhancement(s):

3998 **(1) PHYSICAL ACCESS AUTHORIZATIONS | ACCESS BY POSITION OR ROLE**

- 3999 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Role-based authorizations for physical access should include
4000 federal (e.g., agency/department employees) and non-federal employees (e.g., suppliers, developers,
4001 system integrators, external system service providers, and other ICT/OT-related service providers).
4002 When role-based authorization is used, the type and level of access allowed for that role or position
4003 must be pre-established and documented.
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4005 Level(s): 2, 3
- 4006 **PE-3 PHYSICAL ACCESS CONTROL**
- 4007 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Physical access control should include individuals and organizations
4008 engaged in the organization’s cyber supply chain. A vetting process should be in place based on
4009 organizational-defined requirements and policy prior to granting access to the cyber supply chain
4010 infrastructure and any relevant elements. Access establishment, maintenance, and revocation processes
4011 should meet organizational access control policy rigor. The speed of revocation for suppliers, developers,
4012 system integrators, external system service providers, and other ICT/OT-related service providers needing
4013 access to physical facilities should be managed in accordance with the activities performed in their
4014 contracts. Prompt revocation is critical when either individual or organizational need no longer exists.
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4016 Level(s): 2, 3
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4018 Control Enhancement(s):
- 4019 **(1) PHYSICAL ACCESS CONTROL | SYSTEM ACCESS**
- 4020 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Physical access controls should be extended to contractor
4021 personnel. Any contractor resources providing services support with physical access to the cyber
4022 supply chain infrastructure and any relevant elements should adhere to access controls. Policies and
4023 procedures should be consistent with those applied to employee personnel with similar levels of
4024 physical access.
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4026 Level(s): 2, 3
- 4027 **(2) PHYSICAL ACCESS CONTROL | FACILITY AND SYSTEMS**
- 4028 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: When determining the extent, frequency, and/or randomness of
4029 facility security checks of facilities, organizations should account for exfiltration risks resulting from
4030 covert listening devices. Such devices may include wiretaps, roving bugs, cell site simulators, and
4031 other eavesdropping technologies that can transfer sensitive information out of organizations.
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4033 Level(s): 2, 3
- 4034 **(5) PHYSICAL ACCESS CONTROL | TAMPER PROTECTION**
- 4035 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Tamper protection is critical for reducing cyber supply chain risks
4036 in products. The organization should implement validated tamper protections techniques within the
4037 cyber supply chain. For critical products, the organization should require and assess whether and to
4038 what extent a supplier has implemented tamper protection mechanism. The assessment may also
4039 include whether and how such mechanisms are required and applied by the supplier’s upstream supply
4040 chain entities.
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4042 Level(s): 2, 3
- 4043 **PE-6 MONITORING PHYSICAL ACCESS**

4044 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Individuals physically accessing the organization’s facilities,
 4045 information, or physical asset(s), including via the cyber supply chain, may be employed by the
 4046 organization’s employees, on-site or remotely located contractors, visitors, other third parties (e.g.,
 4047 maintenance personnel under contract with the contractor organization), or an individual affiliated with an
 4048 organization in the upstream supply chain. The organization should monitor these individuals’ activities to
 4049 reduce associated cyber supply chain risks or require monitoring in agreements.

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 4051 Level(s): 1, 2, 3

4052 **PE-16 DELIVERY AND REMOVAL**

4053 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: This control enhancement reduces cyber supply chain risks introduced
 4054 during the physical delivery and removal of hardware components from the organization’s information
 4055 systems or cyber supply chain.

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 4057 Level(s): 3

4058 **PE-17 ALTERNATE WORK SITE**

4059 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: The organization should incorporate protections to guard against cyber
 4060 supply chain risks associated with organizational employees or contractor personnel within or accessing the
 4061 supply chain infrastructure using alternate work sites. This can include third party personnel who may also
 4062 work from alternate worksites.

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 4064 Level(s): 3

4065 **PE-18 LOCATION OF SYSTEM COMPONENTS**

4066 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Physical and environmental hazards or disruptions have an impact on
 4067 the availability of products that are or will be acquired and physically transported to the organization’s
 4068 locations. For example, organizations should incorporate the manufacturing, warehousing, or distribution
 4069 location of information system components critical for agency operations when planning for alternative
 4070 suppliers for these components.

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 4072 Level(s): 1, 2, 3

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 4074 Related Controls: CP-6, CP-7

4075 **PE-20 ASSET MONITORING AND TRACKING**

4076 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: The organization should, whenever possible and practical, use asset
 4077 location technologies to track system and components transported between entities across the supply chain,
 4078 between protected areas, or in storage awaiting implementation, testing, maintenance, or disposal. Methods
 4079 include RFID, digital signatures, or blockchains. These technologies help protect against:

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- 4081 a. Diverting system or component for counterfeit replacement;
 - 4082 b. Loss of confidentiality, integrity, or availability of system or component function and data
 4083 (including data contained within the component and data about the component); and
 - 4084 c. Interrupting supply chain and logistics processes for critical components. In addition to providing
 4085 protection capabilities, asset location technologies also help gather data that can be used for
 4086 incident management.

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 4088 Level(s): 2, 3

4089 **PE-23 FACILITY LOCATION**

4090 Supplemental ICT SCRM Guidance: Organizations should incorporate Facility Location when assessing
4091 risk associated with suppliers. Factors may include geographic location (e.g., Continental United States
4092 (CONUS), Outside the Continental United States (OCONUS)), physical protections in place at one or more
4093 of the relevant facilities, local management and control of such facilities, environmental hazard potential
4094 (e.g., Located in a high risk seismic zone), and alternative facility locations. For critical vendors or
4095 products, organizations should specifically address any requirements or restrictions concerning the vendors
4096 (or their upstream supply chain providers) facility locations in contracts and flow down this requirement to
4097 relevant sub-level contractors.

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4099 Level(s): 2, 3

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4101 Related Controls: SA-9(8)

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4108 **FAMILY: PLANNING**

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4110 FIPS 200 specifies the Planning minimum security requirement as follows:

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4112 *Organizations must develop, document, periodically update, and implement security*
 4113 *plans for organizational information systems that describe the security controls in*
 4114 *place or planned for the information systems and the rules of behavior for individuals*
 4115 *accessing the information systems.*

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4117 C-SCRM should influence security planning, including such activities as security architecture,
 4118 coordination with other organizational entities, and development of System Security Plans.

4119 When acquiring products and services from suppliers, developers, system integrators, external
 4120 system service providers, and other ICT/OT-related service providers, organizations may be
 4121 sharing facilities with those organizations, have employees of these entities on the organization's
 4122 premises, or use information systems that belong to those entities. In these and other applicable
 4123 situations, organizations should coordinate their security planning activities with these entities to
 4124 ensure appropriate protection of an organization's processes, information systems, as well as of
 4125 the systems and components traversing the cyber supply chain. When establishing security
 4126 architectures, organizations should provide for component and supplier diversity to manage the
 4127 cyber supply chain risks to include suppliers going out of business or stopping the production of
 4128 specific components. Finally, as stated in Section 2 and Appendix C, organizations should
 4129 integrate C-SCRM controls into their Risk Response Frameworks (Levels 1 and 2) as well as C-
 4130 SCRM Plans (Level 3).

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4132 **PL-1 POLICY AND PROCEDURES**

4133 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Security planning policy and procedures should integrate C-SCRM.
 4134 This includes creating, disseminating, and updating security policy, operational policy, and procedures for
 4135 C-SCRM to shape acquisition or development requirements and the follow-on implementation, operations,
 4136 and maintenance of systems and system interfaces and network connections. The C-SCRM policy and
 4137 procedures provide inputs into and take guidance from C-SCRM Strategy & Implementation Plan at Level
 4138 1. The C-SCRM policy and procedures provide guidance to and take inputs from System Security Plan and
 4139 C-SCRM Plan at Level 3. In Level 3, ensure that the full SDLC is covered from the C-SCRM perspective.

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4141 Level(s): 2

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4143 Related Controls: PL-2, PM-304144 **PL-2 SYSTEM SECURITY AND PRIVACY PLANS**

4145 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: The system security plan (SSP) should integrate C-SCRM. The
 4146 organization may choose to develop a stand-alone C-SCRM plan for an individual system or integrate
 4147 SCRM controls into their SSP. The system security plan and/or system-level C-SCRM plan provide inputs
 4148 into and take guidance from the C-SCRM Strategy & Implementation Plan at Level 1 and C-SCRM policy
 4149 at Levels 1 and 2. In addition to coordinating within the organization, the organization should coordinate
 4150 with suppliers, developers, system integrators, external system service providers, and other ICT/OT-related
 4151 service providers to develop and maintain their SSPs. For example, building and operating a system
 4152 requires a significant amount of coordination and collaboration between the organization and system
 4153 integrator personnel. Such coordination and collaboration should be addressed in the system security plan

4154 or stand-alone C-SCRM plan. These plans should also take into account that suppliers or external service
 4155 providers may not be able to customize to the acquirer's requirements. It is recommended that suppliers,
 4156 developers, system integrators, external system service providers, and other ICT/OT-related service
 4157 providers also develop C-SCRM plans for non-federal (i.e., contractor) systems that are processing federal
 4158 agency information, and flow down this requirement to relevant sub-level contractors.
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4160 Section 2, Appendix C, and Appendix D provide guidance on C-SCRM strategy, policy, and plan. Controls
 4161 in this publication (NIST SP 800-161 Rev. 1) should be used for the C-SCRM portion of the SSP.
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4163 Level(s): 3

4164 Related Controls: PM-30
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4166 **PL-4 RULES OF BEHAVIOR**

4167 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Rules of behavior apply to contractor personnel as well as to internal
 4168 agency personnel. Contractor organizations are responsible for ensuring that their employees follow
 4169 applicable rules of behavior. Individual contractors should not be granted access to agency systems or data
 4170 until they have acknowledged and demonstrated compliance with this control. Failure to meet this control
 4171 can result in removal of access for such individuals.
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4173 Level(s): 2, 3
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4175 **PL-7 CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS**

4176 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Concept of operations (CONOPS) should describe how the
 4177 organization intends to operate the system from the perspective of C-SCRM. It should integrate C-SCRM
 4178 and be managed and updated throughout the SDLC to address cyber supply chain risks to the applicable
 4179 system.
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4181 Level(s): 3

4182 **PL-8 SECURITY AND PRIVACY ARCHITECTURES**

4183 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Security and privacy architecture defines and directs implementation of
 4184 security and privacy-protection methods, mechanisms, and capabilities to the underlying systems and
 4185 networks, as well as the information system that is being created. Security architecture is fundamental to C-
 4186 SCRM because it helps to ensure security is built-in throughout the SDLC. Organizations should consider
 4187 implementing zero-trust architectures. organization should also ensure that the security architecture is well
 4188 understood by system developers/engineers and system security engineers. This control applies to both
 4189 federal agency and non-federal agency employees.
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4191 Level(s): 2, 3

4192 Control Enhancement(s):
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4194 (2) *SECURITY AND PRIVACY ARCHITECTURES | SUPPLIER DIVERSITY*

4195 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Supplier diversity provides options for addressing information
 4196 security and cyber supply chain concerns. The organization should incorporate this control as it relates
 4197 to suppliers, developers, system integrators, external system service providers, and other ICT/OT-
 4198 related service providers.
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4200 The organization should plan for potential replacement of suppliers, developers, system integrators,
4201 external system service providers, and other ICT/OT-related service providers in case one is no longer
4202 able to meet the organization's requirements (e.g., company goes out of business or does not meet
4203 contractual obligations).

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4205 Incorporate supplier diversity for off-the-shelf (commercial or government) components during
4206 acquisition security assessments. Evaluation of alternatives should include, for example, feature parity,
4207 interoperability, commodity components, and ability to provide multiple delivery paths.

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4209 Level(s): 2, 3
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4211 **PL-9 CENTRAL MANAGEMENT**

4212 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: C-SCRM controls are managed centrally at Level 1 through C-
4213 SCRM Strategy & Implementation Plan, and at Levels 1 and 2 through C-SCRM Policy. C-SCRM
4214 PMO described in Section 2, centrally manages C-SCRM controls at those two Levels. At Level 3, C-
4215 SCRM controls are managed on an information system basis through SSP and/or C-SCRM Plan.

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4217 Level(s): 1, 2
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4219 **PL-10 BASELINE SELECTION**

4220 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Organizations should include C-SCRM controls in their control
4221 baselines. Organizations should identify and select C-SCRM controls based on C-SCRM requirements
4222 identified within each of the levels. A C-SCRM PMO may assist in identifying C-SCRM control
4223 baselines that meet common C-SCRM requirements for different groups, communities of interest, or
4224 the organization as a whole.

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4226 Level(s): 1, 2

4227 FAMILY: PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

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4229 FIPS 200 does not specify Program Management minimum security requirements.

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4231 NIST SP 800-53 Rev. 5 states that “the program management controls ... are implemented at the
4232 organization level and not directed at individual information systems.” Those controls apply to
4233 the entire organization (i.e., federal agency) and support the organization’s overarching
4234 information security program. Program management controls support and provide inputs and
4235 feedback to organization-wide C-SCRM activities.

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4237 All Program Management controls should be applied in a C-SCRM context. Within federal
4238 agencies the C-SCRM PMO function or a similar is responsible for implementing Program
4239 Management controls. Section 3 provides guidance on C-SCRM PMO and its functions and
4240 responsibilities.

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4242 PM-2 INFORMATION SECURITY PROGRAM LEADERSHIP ROLE

4243 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Senior information security officer (e.g., CISO) and senior agency
4244 official responsible for acquisition (e.g., Chief Acquisition Officer (CAO) or Senior Procurement Executive
4245 (SPE)) have key responsibilities for C-SCRM and the overall cross-organizational coordination and
4246 collaboration with other applicable senior personnel within the organization such as the CIO, the head of
4247 facilities/physical security, and the risk executive (function). This coordination should occur regardless of
4248 specific department and agency organizational structure and specific titles of relevant senior personnel.
4249 The coordination could be executed by C-SCRM PMO or another similar function. Section 2 provides
4250 more guidance on C-SCRM roles and responsibilities.

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4252 Level(s): 1, 2

4253 PM-3 INFORMATION SECURITY AND PRIVACY RESOURCES

4254 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: An organization’s C-SCRM program- requires dedicated, sustained
4255 funding and human resources to successfully implement agency C-SCRM requirements. Section 3 of this
4256 document provides guidance on dedicated funding for C-SCRM programs. The organization should also
4257 ensure that C-SCRM requirements are integrated into major IT investments to ensure that the funding is
4258 appropriately allocated through the capital planning and investment request process. For example, should
4259 an RFID infrastructure be required to improve C-SCRM to secure and improve inventory or logistics
4260 management efficiency of the organization’s supply chain, appropriate IT investments are likely required to
4261 ensure successful planning and implementation. Other examples include any investment into the
4262 development or test environment for critical components. In such a case, funding and resources are needed
4263 to acquire and maintain appropriate information systems, networks, and components to meet specific C-
4264 SCRM requirements that support the mission.

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4266 Level(s): 1, 2

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4268 PM-4 PLAN OF ACTION AND MILESTONES PROCESS

4269 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: C-SCRM items should be included in the POA&M at all levels.

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4271 Level(s): 2, 3

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4273 Related Controls: CA-5, PM-30
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4275 **PM-5 SYSTEM INVENTORY**

4276 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Having a current system inventory is foundational for C-SCRM. Not
4277 having a system inventory may lead to organization's inability to identify system and supplier criticality
4278 which will result in inability to conduct C-SCRM activities. To ensure that all applicable suppliers are
4279 identified and categorized for criticality, organizations should include relevant supplier information in the
4280 system inventory and maintain its currency and accuracy.

4281 Level(s): 2, 3
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4284 **PM-6 MEASURES OF PERFORMANCE**

4285 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Organizations should use measures of performance to track
4286 implementation, efficiency, effectiveness, and impact of C-SCRM activities. C-SCRM PMO is responsible
4287 for creating C-SCRM measures of performance in collaboration with other applicable stakeholders to
4288 include identifying appropriate audience and decision makers and providing guidance on data collection,
4289 analysis, and reporting.

4290 Level(s): 1, 2
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4293 **PM-7 ENTERPRISE ARCHITECTURE**

4294 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: C-SCRM should be integrated when designing and maintaining
4295 enterprise architecture.

4296 Level(s): 1, 2
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4299 **PM-8 CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN**

4300 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: C-SCRM should be integrated when developing and maintaining critical
4301 infrastructure plan.

4302 Level(s): 1
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4305 **PM-9 RISK MANAGEMENT STRATEGY**

4306 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Risk management strategy should address cyber supply chain risks.
4307 Section 2, Appendix C, and Appendix D of this document provide guidance on integrating C-SCRM into
4308 Risk Management Strategy.

4309 Level(s): 1
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4312 **PM-10 AUTHORIZATION PROCESS**

4313 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: C-SCRM should be integrated when designing and implementing
4314 authorization processes.

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4316 Level(s): 1, 2
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4318 **PM-11 MISSION AND BUSINESS PROCESS DEFINITION**

4319 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Organization's mission and business processes should address cyber
4320 supply chain risks. When addressing mission/business process definitions, the organization should ensure
4321 that C-SCRM activities are incorporated into the support processes for achieving mission success. For
4322 example, a system supporting a critical mission function that has been designed and implemented for easy
4323 removal and replacement should a component fail may require the use of somewhat unreliable hardware
4324 components. A C-SCRM activity may need to be defined to ensure that the supplier makes component
4325 spare parts readily available if replacement is needed.

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4327 Level(s): 1, 2, 3
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4329 **PM-12 INSIDER THREAT PROGRAM**

4330 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: An insider threat program should include C-SCRM and be tailored for
4331 both federal and non-federal agency individuals who have access to agency systems and networks. This
4332 control applies to contractors and subcontractors and should be implemented throughout the SDLC.

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4334 Level(s): 1, 2, 3

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4336 **PM-13 SECURITY AND PRIVACY WORKFORCE**

4337 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Security and privacy workforce development and improvement should
4338 ensure that relevant C-SCRM topics are integrated into the content and initiatives produced by the program.
4339 Section 2 provides information on C-SCRM roles and responsibilities. NIST SP 800-161 can be used as a
4340 source of topics and activities to include in the security and privacy workforce program.

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4342 Level(s): 1, 2
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4344 **PM-14 TESTING, TRAINING, AND MONITORING**

4345 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Organization's testing, training, and monitoring processes should
4346 include C-SCRM activities. C-SCRM PMO can provide guidance and support on how to integrate C-
4347 SCRM into testing, training, and monitoring plans.

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4349 Level(s): 1, 2
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4351 **PM-15 SECURITY AND PRIVACY GROUPS AND ASSOCIATIONS**

4352 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Contact with security and privacy groups and associations should
4353 include C-SCRM practitioners and those with C-SCRM responsibilities. Acquisition, legal, critical
4354 infrastructure, and supply chain groups and associations should be incorporated. C-SCRM PMO can help

4355 identify agency personnel who could benefit from participation, specific groups to participate in, and
4356 relevant topics.

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4358 Level(s): 1, 2
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4360 **PM-16 THREAT AWARENESS PROGRAM**

4361 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Threat awareness program should include threats emanating from the
4362 supply chain. When addressing supply chain threat awareness, knowledge should be shared between
4363 stakeholders within the boundaries of the organization's information sharing policy. C-SCRM PMO can
4364 help identify C-SCRM stakeholders to include in threat information sharing, as well as potential sources of
4365 information for supply chain threats.

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4367 Level(s): 1, 2
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4369 **PM-17 PROTECTING CONTROLLED UNCLASSIFIED INFORMATION ON EXTERNAL SYSTEMS**

4370 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Policy and procedures for controlled unclassified information (CUI) on
4371 external systems should include protecting relevant cyber supply chain information. Conversely, it should
4372 include protecting agency information residing in external systems, because such external systems are part
4373 of agency supply chain.

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4375 Level(s): 2
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4377 **PM-18 PRIVACY PROGRAM PLAN**

4378 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Privacy Program Plan should include C-SCRM. Organizations should
4379 require its prime contractors to implement this control and flow down this requirement to relevant sub-tier
4380 contractors.

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4382 Level(s): 1, 2
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4384 **PM-19 PRIVACY PROGRAM LEADERSHIP ROLE**

4385 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Privacy program leadership role should be included is a stakeholder in
4386 applicable C-SCRM initiatives and activities.

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4388 Level(s): 1
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4390 **PM-20 DISSEMINATION OF PRIVACY PROGRAM INFORMATION**

4391 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Dissemination of privacy program information should be protected from
4392 cyber supply chain risks.

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4394 Level(s): 1, 2
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4396 **PM-21 ACCOUNTING OF DISCLOSURES**

4397 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Accounting of disclosures should be protected from cyber supply chain
4398 risks.

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4400 Level(s): 1, 2
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4402 **PM-22 PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION QUALITY MANAGEMENT**

4403 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Personally identifiable information (PII) quality management should
4404 take into account and manage cyber supply chain risks to this information.

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4406 Level(s): 1, 2
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4408 **PM-23 DATA GOVERNANCE BODY**

4409 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Data governance body is a stakeholder in C-SCRM and as such should
4410 be included in cross-agency collaboration and information sharing of C-SCRM activities and initiatives
4411 (e.g., by participating in inter-agency bodies such as the FASC).

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4413 Level(s): 1
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4415 **PM-25 MINIMIZATION OF PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION USED IN TESTING,
4416 TRAINING, AND RESEARCH**

4417 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Cyber supply chain risks to personally identifiable information should
4418 be addressed by minimization policies and procedures described in this control.

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4420 Level(s): 2
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4422 **PM-26 COMPLAINT MANAGEMENT**

4423 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Complaint management process and mechanisms should be protected
4424 from cyber supply chain risks. Organizations should also integrate C-SCRM security and privacy controls
4425 when fielding complaints from vendors or the general public (e.g., departments and agencies fielding
4426 inquiries related to exclusions and removals).

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4428 Level(s): 2, 3
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4430 **PM-27 PRIVACY REPORTING**

4431 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Privacy reporting process and mechanisms should be protected from
4432 cyber supply chain risks.

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4434 Level(s): 2, 3
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4436 **PM-28 RISK FRAMING**

4437 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: C-SCRM should be included in risk framing. Section 2 and Appendix
4438 C provide detail guidance on integrating C-SCRM into risk framing.

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4440 Level(s): 1
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- 4442 **PM-29 RISK MANAGEMENT PROGRAM LEADERSHIP ROLES**
- 4443 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Risk management program leadership roles should include C-SCRM
4444 responsibilities and be included in C-SCRM collaboration across the organization. Section 2 and Appendix
4445 C provide detail guidance C-SCRM roles and responsibilities.
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4447 Level(s): 1
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- 4449 **PM-30 SUPPLY CHAIN RISK MANAGEMENT STRATEGY**
- 4450 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Supply Chain Risk Management Strategy (also known as C-SCRM
4451 Strategy) should be complemented with a C-SCRM Implementation Plan that lays out detailed initiatives
4452 and activities for the organization with timelines and responsible parties. This implementation plan can be
4453 a POA&M or be included in a POA&M. Based on the C-SCRM Strategy and Implementation Plan at
4454 Level 1, the organization should select and document common C- SCRM controls that need to address the
4455 organization, program, and system-specific needs. These controls should be iteratively integrated the C-
4456 SCRM Policy at Levels 1 and 2, and C-SCRM Plan (or SSP if required) at Level 3. See Section 2 and
4457 Appendix C for further guidance on risk management.
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4459 Level(s): 1, 2
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4461 Related Controls: PL-2
- 4462 **PM-31 CONTINUOUS MONITORING STRATEGY**
- 4463 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Continuous monitoring strategy and program should integrate C-SCRM
4464 controls at Levels 1, 2, and 3 in accordance with Supply Chain Risk Management Strategy.
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4466 Level(s): 1, 2, 3
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4468 Related Controls: PM-30
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- 4470 **PM-32 PURPOSING**
- 4471 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Extending systems assigned to support specific mission or business
4472 functions beyond their initial purpose subjects those systems to unintentional risks to include cyber supply
4473 chain risks. Application of this control should include explicit incorporation of cyber supply chain
4474 exposures.
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4476 Level(s): 2, 3
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FAMILY: PERSONNEL SECURITY

FIPS 200 specifies the Personnel Security minimum security requirement as follows:

Organizations must: (i) ensure that individuals occupying positions of responsibility within organizations (including third-party service providers) are trustworthy and meet established security criteria for those positions; (ii) ensure that organizational information and information systems are protected during and after personnel actions such as terminations and transfers; and (iii) employ formal sanctions for personnel failing to comply with organizational security policies and procedures.

Personnel that have access to an organization's cyber supply chain should be covered by the organization's personnel security controls. These personnel include acquisition and contracting professionals, program managers, supply chain and logistics professionals, shipping and receiving staff, information technology professionals, quality professionals, mission and business owners, system owners, and information security engineers. Organizations should also work with suppliers, developers, system integrators, external system service providers, and other ICT/OT-related service providers to ensure they apply appropriate personnel security controls to the personnel that interact with the organization's supply chain, as appropriate.

PS-1 POLICY AND PROCEDURES

Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: At each level, personnel security policy and procedures, and related C-SCRM Strategy/Implementation Plan, C-SCRM Policies, and C-SCRM Plan(s) need to define the roles for the personnel who are engaged in the acquisition, management, and execution of supply chain security activities. These roles also need to state acquirer personnel responsibilities with regards to relationships with suppliers, developers, system integrators, external system service providers, and other ICT/OT-related service providers. Policies and procedures need to consider the full system development life cycle of systems and the roles and responsibilities needed to address the various supply chain infrastructure activities.

Level 1: Applicable roles include risk executive, CIO, CISO, contracting, logistics, delivery/receiving, acquisition security, and other functions providing supporting supply chain activities.

Level 2: Applicable roles include program executive and individuals (e.g., non-federal employees including contractors) within the acquirer organization responsible for program success (e.g., Program Manager and other individuals).

Level 3: Applicable roles include system engineers or system security engineers throughout the operational system life cycle from requirements definition, development, test, deployment, maintenance, updates, replacements, delivery/receiving, and IT.

Roles for supplier, developer, system integrator, external system service provider, and other ICT/OT-related service provider personnel responsible for the success of the program should be noted in an agreement between acquirer and these parties (e.g., contract).

The organization should require its prime contractors to implement this control and flow down this requirement to relevant sub-tier contractors.

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4531 Related Control(s): SA-4
- 4532 **PS-3 PERSONNEL SCREENING**
- 4533 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: To mitigate insider threat risks, personnel screening policies and
4534 procedures should be extended to any contractor personnel with authorized access to information systems,
4535 system components, or information system services. Continuous monitoring activities should be
4536 commensurate with the contractor's level of access to sensitive, classified, or regulated information and
4537 should be consistent with broader organizational policies. Screening requirements should be incorporated
4538 into agreements and flowdown to sub-tier contractors.
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4540 Level(s): 2, 3
- 4541 **PS-6 ACCESS AGREEMENTS**
- 4542 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: The organization should define and document access agreements for all
4543 contractors or other external personnel that may have a need to access the organization's data, systems, or
4544 network, whether physically or logically. Access agreements should state the appropriate level and method
4545 of access to the information system and supply chain network. Additionally, terms of access should be
4546 consistent with the organization's information security policy and may need to specify additional
4547 restrictions, such as allowing access during specific timeframes, from specific locations, or by only
4548 personnel who have satisfied additional vetting requirements. The organization should deploy audit
4549 mechanisms to review, monitor, update, and track access by these parties in accordance with the access
4550 agreement. As personnel vary over time, the organization should implement a timely and rigorous
4551 personnel security update process for the access agreements.
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4553 When information systems and network products and services are provided by an entity within the
4554 organization, there may be an existing access agreement in place. When such an agreement does not exist,
4555 it should be established.
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4557 NOTE: While the audit mechanisms may be implemented in Level 3, the agreement process with required
4558 updates should be implemented at Level 2 as a part of program management activities.
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4560 The organization should require its prime contractors to implement this control and flow down this
4561 requirement to relevant sub-tier contractors.
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4563 Level(s): 2, 3
- 4564 **PS-7 EXTERNAL PERSONNEL SECURITY**
- 4565 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Third-party personnel that have access to organization's information
4566 systems and networks must meet the same personnel security requirements as organizational personnel.
4567 Examples of such third-party personnel can include the system integrator, developer, supplier, or external
4568 service provider used for delivery, contractors or service providers that are using the ICT/OT systems, or
4569 supplier maintenance personnel brought in to address component technical issues not solvable by the
4570 organization or system integrator.
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4572 Level(s): 2
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4574 **FAMILY: PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION PROCESSING AND**
4575 **TRANSPARENCY**

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4577 Personally identifiable information processing and transparency is a new control family,
4578 developed specifically to address PII processing and transparency concerns.

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4580 The organization should keep in mind that some suppliers have comprehensive security and
4581 privacy practices and systems that may go above and beyond the organization's requirements.
4582 The organizations should work with suppliers to understand the extent of their privacy practices
4583 and how they meet the organization's needs.

4584 **PT-1 POLICY AND PROCEDURES**

4585 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Organizations should ensure that supply chain concerns are included in
4586 PII processing and transparency policies and procedures, and related C-SCRM Strategy/Implementation
4587 Plan, C-SCRM Policies, and C-SCRM Plan. The policy can be included as part of the general security and
4588 privacy policy or can be represented by multiple policies.

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4590 The procedures can be established for the security and privacy program in general and individual
4591 information systems. These policy and procedures should address purpose, scope, roles, responsibilities,
4592 management commitment, coordination among organizational entities, and privacy compliance to support
4593 systems/components within information systems or the supply chain.

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4595 Policies and procedures need to be in place to ensure contracts state what PII data will be shared, which
4596 contractor personnel may have access to the PII, controls protecting PII, and how long it can be kept and
4597 what happens to it at the end of a contract.

4598 a. When working with a new supplier, ensure that the agreement includes the most recent set of
4599 applicable security requirement.

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4601 Contractors need to abide by relevant laws and policies regarding information (PII and other sensitive
4602 information)

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4604 The organization should require its prime contractors to implement this control and flow down this
4605 requirement to relevant sub-tier contractors.

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4611 **FAMILY: RISK ASSESSMENT**

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4613 FIPS 200 specifies the Risk Assessment minimum security requirement as follows:

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4615 *Organizations must periodically assess the risk to organizational operations (including*
4616 *mission, functions, image, or reputation), organizational assets, and individuals,*
4617 *resulting from the operating of organizational information systems and the associated*
4618 *processing, storage, or transmission of organizational information.*

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4620 NIST SP 800-161 Rev. 1 provides guidance for managing an organization's cyber supply chain
4621 risks and expands this control to integrate cyber supply chain risk assessment activities, as
4622 described in *Section 2* and *Appendix C*.

4623 **RA-1 POLICY AND PROCEDURES**

4624 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Risk assessments should be performed at the enterprise,
4625 mission/program, and operational levels of the organization. The system-level risk assessment should
4626 include both the cyber supply chain infrastructure (e.g., development and testing environments, and
4627 delivery systems) and the information system/components traversing the cyber supply chain. System-level
4628 risk assessments significantly intersect with the SDLC and should complement the organizations broader
4629 RMF activities which take part during the SDLC. A criticality analysis will ensure that mission-critical
4630 functions and components are given higher priority due to their impact to the mission, if compromised. The
4631 policy should include cyber supply chain-relevant roles applicable to performing and coordinating risk
4632 assessments across the organization (see Section 2 for the listing and description of roles). Applicable roles
4633 within suppliers, developers, system integrators, external system service providers, and other ICT/OT-
4634 related service providers should be defined.

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4636 Level(s): 1, 2, 34637 **RA-2 SECURITY CATEGORIZATION**

4638 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Security categorization is critical to C-SCRM at Levels 1, 2, and 3. In
4639 addition to FIPS 199 categorization, for C-SCRM, security categorization should be based on the criticality
4640 analysis which is performed as part of the SDLC. See Section 2 and NISTIR 8179 for a detailed description
4641 of criticality analysis.

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4643 Level(s): 1, 2, 3

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4645 Related Controls: RA-9

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4647 **RA-3 RISK ASSESSMENT**

4648 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Risk assessments should include an analysis of criticality, threats,
4649 vulnerabilities, likelihood, and impact, as described in detail in Appendix C, *C-SCRM Activities in the Risk*
4650 *Management Process*. Data to be reviewed and collected includes C-SCRM-specific roles, processes, and
4651 results of system/component and services acquisitions, implementation, and integration. Risk assessments
4652 should be performed at Levels 1, 2, and 3. Risk assessments at higher levels should consist primarily of a
4653 synthesis of various risk assessments performed at lower levels and used for understanding the overall
4654 impact with the Level (e.g., at the organization or mission/function levels). C-SCRM risk assessments
4655 should complement and inform risk assessments which are performed as ongoing activities throughout the
4656 SDLC and processes should be appropriately aligned to or integrated into ERM processes and governance.

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4658 Level(s): 1, 2, 3

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4660 Related Control(s): RA-3(1)

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4662 **RA-5 VULNERABILITY MONITORING AND SCANNING**

4663 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Vulnerability monitoring should cover suppliers, developers, system
4664 integrators, external system service providers, and other ICT/OT-related service providers in the
4665 organization's supply chain. This includes employing data collection tools to maintain a continuous state of
4666 awareness about potential vulnerability to suppliers as well as the information systems/ system
4667 components/ and raw inputs they provide through the cyber supply chain. Vulnerability monitoring
4668 activities should take place at all three levels of the organization. Scoping vulnerability monitoring
4669 activities requires organizations to consider suppliers as well as their sub-suppliers. Organizations should
4670 consider use of the *Impact Analysis Tool for Interdependent Cyber Supply Chain Risks* outlined in NISTIR
4671 8272 to track and maintain visibility into the relevant components within their supply chain.

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4673 Level(s): 2, 3

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4675 Control Enhancement(s):

4676 **(3) VULNERABILITY MONITORING AND SCANNING | BREADTH AND DEPTH OF COVERAGE**

4677 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Organizations monitoring the cyber supply chain for vulnerabilities
4678 should express breadth of monitoring based on the criticality and/or risk profile of the supplier or
4679 product/component, and the depth of monitoring based on the level of the supply chain monitoring
4680 takes place at (e.g., sub-supplier). Where possible – a component inventory (e.g., hardware, software)
4681 may aid organizations in capturing the breadth and depth of the products/components within their
4682 cyber supply chain that may need to be monitored and scanned for vulnerabilities.

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4684 Level(s): 2, 3

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4686 **(6) VULNERABILITY MONITORING AND SCANNING | AUTOMATED TREND ANALYSIS**

4687 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Organizations should track trends, over time, in vulnerability to
4688 components within the cyber supply chain. This information may help organizations develop
4689 procurement strategies that reduce risk exposure density within the supply chain.

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4691 Level(s): 2, 3

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4693 **RA-7 RISK RESPONSE**

4694 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Organizations should integrate cyber supply chain risk response
4695 capabilities into the overall organization’s response posture, ensuring these responses are aligned to and fall
4696 within the boundaries of the organization’s tolerance for risk. Risk Response should include consideration
4697 of risk response identification, evaluation of alternatives, and risk response decision activities.

4698 Level(s): 1, 2, 3
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4700 **RA-9 CRITICALITY ANALYSIS**

4701 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Organizations should complete a criticality analysis as a prerequisite
4702 input to cyber supply chain risk assessment activities. First, organizations complete a criticality analysis as
4703 part of the *Frame* step of the C-SCRM Risk Management Process. Then, findings generated in *Assess* step
4704 activities (e.g., criticality analysis, threat analysis, vulnerability analysis, and mitigation strategies) update
4705 and tailor the criticality analysis. A symbiotic relationship exists between the criticality analysis and other
4706 *Assess* step activities in that they inform and enhance one another. For a high-quality criticality analysis –
4707 organizations should employ it iteratively throughout the SLDC and concurrently across the 3 levels.

4708 Level(s): 1, 2, 3
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4710 **RA-10 THREAT HUNTING**

4711 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: C-SCRM Threat Hunting activities should supplement the organizations
4712 internal Threat Hunting activities. As a critical part of the cyber supply chain risk management process –
4713 organizations should actively monitor for threats to their cyber supply chain. This requires a collaborative
4714 effort between C-SCRM and other cyber defense-oriented functions within the organization. Threat hunting
4715 capabilities may also be provided via a shared services organization, especially when an organization lacks
4716 the resources to perform threat hunting activities themselves. Typical activities include information sharing
4717 with peer organizations and actively consuming threat intelligence feeds that flag potential indicators of
4718 increased cyber supply chain risks, such as cyber incidents, mergers and acquisitions, and Foreign
4719 Ownership, Control or Influence (FOCI) that may be of concern. Cyber Supply Chain Threat intelligence
4720 should seek out threats to the organization’s suppliers as well as information systems/ system components/
4721 and raw inputs they provide. Intelligence gathered enables organizations to proactively identify and
4722 respond to threats emanating from the supply chain.

4723 Level(s): 1, 2, 3
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4727 FAMILY: SYSTEM AND SERVICES ACQUISITION

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4729 FIPS 200 specifies the System and Services Acquisition minimum security requirement as
4730 follows:

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4732 *Organizations must: (i) allocate sufficient resources to adequately protect*
4733 *organizational information systems; (ii) employ system development life cycle*
4734 *processes that incorporate information security considerations; (iii) employ software*
4735 *usage and installation restrictions; and (iv) ensure that third-party providers employ*
4736 *adequate security measures to protect information, applications, and/or services*
4737 *outsourced from the organization.*

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4739 Organizations acquire ICT/OT products and services through system and services acquisition.
4740 These controls address the activities of an acquirer, as well as the activities of suppliers,
4741 developers, system integrators, external system service providers, and other ICT/OT-related
4742 service providers and related upstream supply chain relationships. They address both physical
4743 and logical aspects of cyber supply chain security, from detection to SDLC and security
4744 engineering principles. C-SCRM concerns are already prominently addressed in NIST SP 800-
4745 53 Rev. 5. NIST SP 800-161 Rev. 1 adds further detail and refinement to these controls.
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4747 SA-1 POLICY AND PROCEDURES

4748 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: System and services acquisition policy and procedures should address
4749 C-SCRM throughout the acquisition management life cycle process, to include purchases made via charge
4750 cards. C-SCRM procurement actions and resultant contracts should include requirements language or
4751 clauses that address which controls are mandatory or desirable and may include implementation
4752 specifications, state what is accepted as evidence that the requirement is satisfied, and how conformance to
4753 requirements will be verified and validated. C-SCRM should also be included as an evaluation factor.
4754 These applicable procurements should not be limited to only those that are directly related to providing an
4755 ICT/OT product or service; while C-SCRM considerations must be applied to these purchases, C-SCRM
4756 should also be considered for any and all procurements of products or services in which there may be an
4757 unacceptable risk of a supplied product or service contractor compromising the integrity, availability, or
4758 confidentiality of an organization's information. This initial assessment should occur during the
4759 acquisition planning phase and will be minimally informed by an identification and understanding of the
4760 criticality of the organization's mission functions, its high value assets, and the sensitivity of the
4761 information that may be accessible by the supplied product or service provider. In addition, organizations
4762 should develop policies and procedures that address supply chain risks that may arise during contract
4763 performance, such as a change of ownership or control of the business or when actionable information is
4764 learned that indicates a supplier or a product is a target of a supply chain threat. Supply chains evolve
4765 continuously through mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, and other partnership agreements. The
4766 policy should help organizations understand these changes and use thus obtained information to inform
4767 their C-SCRM activities. Organizations can obtain status of such changes through, for example, monitoring
4768 public announcements about company activities or any communications initiated by suppliers, developers,
4769 system integrators, external system service providers, and other ICT/OT-related service providers. See
4770 Section 3 for further guidance on C-SCRM in the federal acquisition process.

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4772 Level(s): 1, 2, 3

4773 SA-2 ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES

4774 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: The organization should incorporate C-SCRM requirements when
4775 determining and establishing the allocation of resources.

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4777 Level(s): 1, 2

4778 **SA-3 SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT LIFE CYCLE**

4779 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: There is a strong relationship between the SDLC and C-SCRM
4780 activities. The organization should ensure that C-SCRM activities integrated into the SDLC for both the
4781 organization and for applicable suppliers, developers, system integrators, external system service providers,
4782 and other ICT/OT-related service providers. In addition to traditional SDLC activities, such as requirements
4783 and design, the SDLC includes activities such as inventory management, acquisition and procurement, and
4784 logical delivery of systems and components. See *Section 2* and *Appendix C* for further guidance on SDLC.

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4786 Level(s): 1, 2, 3

4787 **SA-4 ACQUISITION PROCESS**

4788 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Organizations are to include C-SCRM requirements, descriptions, and
4789 criteria in applicable contractual agreements.

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4791 a. Organizations are to establish baseline and tailor-able C-SCRM requirements to apply and
4792 incorporate into contractual agreements when procuring a product or service from suppliers,
4793 developers, system integrators, external system service providers, and other ICT/OT-related
4794 service providers; These include but are not limited to:
- 4795 1. C-SCRM requirements that cover regulatory mandates (e.g. prohibition of certain ICT/OT or
4796 suppliers; address identified and selected controls that are applicable to reducing cyber-
4797 supply chain risk that may be introduced by a procured product or service; and provide
4798 assurance that the contractor is sufficiently responsible, capable, and trustworthy.
 - 4799 2. Requirements for critical elements in the supply chain to demonstrate a capability to
4800 remediate emerging vulnerabilities based on open source information and other sources;
 - 4801 3. Requirements for managing intellectual property ownership and responsibilities for elements
4802 such as software code, data and information, the manufacturing/development/integration
4803 environment, designs, and proprietary processes when provided to the organization for review
4804 or use;
 - 4805 4. Requirements that address the expected life span of the product or system and any
4806 element(s) which may be in a critical path based on their life span, as well as what is required
4807 when end-of-life is near or has been reached. Organizations should conduct research or solicit
4808 information from bidders or existing providers under contract to understand what end-of-life
4809 options exist (i.e., replace, upgrade, migrate to a new system, etc.).
 - 4810 5. Articulate any circumstances when secondary market components may be permitted.
- 4811 b. Requirements for functional properties, configuration, and implementation information, as well as any
4812 development methods, techniques, or practices which may be relevant; Identify and specify C-SCRM
4813 evaluation criteria, to include weighting of such criteria
- 4814 c. Organizations should:
- 4815 1. Establish a plan for acquisition of spare parts to ensure adequate supply and execute the plan,
4816 if/when applicable;
 - 4817 2. Establish a plan for acquisition of alternative sources of supply, as may be necessary during
4818 continuity events or if/when a disruption to the supply chain occurs,
- 4819 d. Work with suppliers, developers, system integrators, external system service providers, and other
4820 ICT/OT-related service providers to identify and define existing and acceptable incident response
4821 and information sharing processes, including inputs on vulnerabilities from other organizations
4822 within their supply chains;
- 4823 e. Establish and maintain verification procedures and acceptance criteria for delivered products and
4824 services;

- 4825 f. Ensure that the continuous monitoring plan includes supply chain aspects in its criteria such as.
- 4826 including the monitoring of functions/ports/protocols in use. See Section 2 and Appendix C;
- 4827 g. Ensure the contract addresses the monitoring of suppliers', developers', system integrators',
- 4828 external system service providers', and other ICT/OT-related service providers' information
- 4829 systems located within the supply chain infrastructure. Monitor and evaluate the acquired work
- 4830 processes and work products where applicable;
- 4831 h. Communicate processes for reporting information security weaknesses and vulnerabilities detected
- 4832 during the use of ICT/OT products or services and ensure reporting to appropriate stakeholders,
- 4833 including OEMs where relevant;
- 4834 i. Review and confirm sustained compliance s with the terms and conditions of the agreement on an
- 4835 ongoing basis; and
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4837 Level(s): 1, 2, 3

4838 Related Controls: SA-4 (1), (2), (3), (6) and (7)

4839 Control Enhancement(s):

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- 4842 (5) *ACQUISITION PROCESS | SYSTEM, COMPONENT, AND SERVICE CONFIGURATIONS*

4843 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: If an organization needs to purchase components, they need to

4844 ensure that the product specifications are “fit for purpose” and meet the organization’s requirements,

4845 whether purchasing directly from the OEM, channel partners, or secondary market.

4846 Level(s): 3

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- 4848 (7) *ACQUISITION PROCESS | NIAP-APPROVED PROTECTION PROFILES*

4849 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: This control enhancement requires that the organization build,

4850 procure, and/or use U.S. government protection profile-certified information assurance (IA)

4851 components when possible. NIAP certification can be achieved for OTS (COTS and GOTS).

4852 Level(s): 2, 3

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- 4855 (8) *ACQUISITION PROCESS | CONTINUOUS MONITORING PLAN FOR CONTROLS*

4856 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: This control enhancement is relevant to C-SCRM and plans for

4857 continuous monitoring of control effectiveness and should therefore be extended to suppliers,

4858 developers, system integrators, external system service providers, and other ICT/OT-related service

4859 providers.

4860 Level(s): 2, 3

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4862 **SA-5 SYSTEM DOCUMENTATION**

4863 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Information system documentation should include relevant C- SCRM

4864 concerns (e.g., C-SCRM plan).

4865 Level(s): 3

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4867 **SA-8 SECURITY AND PRIVACY ENGINEERING PRINCIPLES**

4868 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: The following security engineering techniques are helpful in managing

4869 cyber supply chain risks:

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- 4871 a. Anticipate the maximum possible ways that the ICT/OT product or service can be misused and
- 4872 abused in order to help identify how to protect the product or system from such uses. Address
- 4873 intended and unintended use scenarios in architecture and design;
- 4874 b. Design network and security architectures, systems and components based on the organization’s
- 4875 risk tolerance as determined by risk assessments (see Section 2 and Appendix C);
- 4876 c. Document and gain management acceptance and approval for risks that are not fully mitigated;
- 4877 d. Limit the number, size, and privilege levels of critical elements; using criticality analysis will aid
- 4878 in determining which elements or functions are critical. See criticality analysis in Appendix C, and
- 4879 NISTIR 8179 *Criticality Analysis Process Model: Prioritizing Systems and Components*;
- 4880 e. Use security mechanisms that help to reduce opportunities to exploit supply chain vulnerabilities,
- 4881 including, for example, encryption, access control, identity management, and malware or
- 4882 tampering discovery;
- 4883 f. Design information system components and elements to be difficult to disable (e.g., tamper-
- 4884 proofing techniques) and, if disabled, trigger notification methods such as audit trails, tamper
- 4885 evidence, or alarms;
- 4886 g. Design delivery mechanisms (e.g., downloads for software) to avoid unnecessary exposure or
- 4887 access to the cyber supply chain and the systems/components traversing the cyber supply chain
- 4888 during delivery; and
- 4889 h. Design relevant validation mechanisms to be used during implementation and operation.
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Level(s): 1, 2, 3

4892 **SA-9 EXTERNAL SYSTEM SERVICES**

4893 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: C-SCRM supplemental guidance is provided in control enhancements.

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Control Enhancement(s):

4896 (1) *EXTERNAL SYSTEM SERVICES | RISK ASSESSMENTS AND ORGANIZATIONAL APPROVALS*

4897 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: See Appendix C - Assess, and Appendices D and E.

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Level(s): 2, 3

4900 (3) *EXTERNAL SYSTEM SERVICES | ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN TRUST RELATIONSHIP WITH PROVIDERS*

4901 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Relationships with providers (“providers” within the context of this

4902 enhancement may include suppliers, developers, system integrators, external system service providers,

4903 and other ICT/OT-related service providers) should meet the following supply chain security

4904 requirements:

- 4905 a. Requirements definition is complete and reviewed for accuracy and completeness including the
- 4906 assignment of criticality to various components as well as defining operational concepts and
- 4907 associated scenarios for intended and unintended use in requirements;
- 4908 b. Requirements are based on needs, relevant compliance drivers, criticality analysis, and cyber
- 4909 supply chain risk assessment;
- 4910 c. Cyber-supply chain threats, vulnerabilities, and associated risks are identified and documented;
- 4911 d. Organizational data and information integrity, confidentiality, and availability requirements are
- 4912 defined and shared with the system suppliers, developers, system integrators, external system
- 4913 service providers, and other ICT/OT-related service providers as appropriate;
- 4914 e. Consequences of noncompliance with C-SCRM requirements and information system security
- 4915 requirements are defined and documented;
- 4916 f. Clear delineation of accountabilities, roles, and responsibilities between contractors when multiple
- 4917 disparate providers are engaged in supporting a system or mission/business function.
- 4918 g. Requirements for service contract completion and what defines the end of the suppliers’,
- 4919 developers’, system integrators’, external system service providers’, or other ICT/OT-related

4920 service providers' relationship. This is important to know for re-compete, potential change in
4921 provider, and to manage system end-of-life processes.

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4923 Level(s): 1, 2, 3

4924 (4) *EXTERNAL SYSTEM SERVICES | CONSISTENT INTERESTS OF CONSUMERS AND PROVIDERS*

4925 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: "Providers" in the context of this enhancement may include
4926 suppliers, developers, system integrators, external system service providers, and other ICT/OT-related
4927 service providers.

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4929 Level(s): 3

4930 (5) *EXTERNAL SYSTEM SERVICES | PROCESSING, STORAGE, AND SERVICE LOCATION*

4931 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Location may be under the control of the suppliers, developers,
4932 system integrators, external system service providers, and other ICT/OT-related service providers.
4933 Organizations should assess C-SCRM risks associated with a given geographic location and apply an
4934 appropriate risk response, which may include defining locations that are or are not acceptable and
4935 ensuring appropriate protections are in place to address any associated C-SCRM risks.

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4937 Level(s): 3

4938 **SA-10 DEVELOPER CONFIGURATION MANAGEMENT**

4939 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Developer configuration management is critical for reducing cyber
4940 supply chain risks. By conducting configuration management activities, developers reduce occurrence and
4941 likelihood of flaws, while increasing accountability and ownership for the changes. Developer
4942 configuration management should be performed both by developers internal to federal agencies and
4943 integrators or external service providers.

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4945 Level(s): 2, 3

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4947 Related Controls: SA-10 (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), and (6)

4948 **SA-11 DEVELOPER TESTING AND EVALUATION**

4949 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Depending on the origins of components, this control may be
4950 implemented differently. For OTS (off-the-shelf) components, the acquirer should conduct research (e.g.,
4951 via publicly available resources) or request proof to determine whether the supplier (OEM) has performed
4952 such testing as part of their quality/security processes. When the acquirer has control over the application
4953 and the development processes, they should require this testing as part of the SDLC. In addition to the
4954 specific types of testing activities described in the enhancements, examples of C-SCRM-relevant testing
4955 include testing for counterfeits, verifying the origins of components, examining configuration settings prior
4956 to integration, and testing interfaces. These types of tests may require significant resources and should be
4957 prioritized based on criticality, threat, and vulnerability analyses (described in Section 2 and Appendix C),
4958 and the effectiveness of testing techniques. Organizations may also require third-party testing as part of
4959 developer security testing.

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4961 Level(s): 1, 2, 3

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4963 Related Controls: SA-11 (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8), and (9)

4964 **SA-15 DEVELOPMENT PROCESS, STANDARDS, AND TOOLS**

4965 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Providing documented and formalized development processes to guide
 4966 internal and system integrator developers is critical to organizations efforts to effectively mitigate cyber
 4967 supply chain risks. The organization should apply national and international standards and best practices
 4968 when implementing this control. Using existing standards promotes consistency of implementation, reliable
 4969 and defensible process, if implemented properly, and interoperability. The organization’s
 4970 development/maintenance, test, and deployment environments should all be covered by this control. The
 4971 tools included in this control can be manual or automated. Use of automated tools aids thoroughness,
 4972 efficiency, and scale of analysis that helps address cyber supply chain risks in the development process.
 4973 Additionally, the output of such activities and tools provides useful inputs for C-SCRM processes described
 4974 in Section 2 and Appendix C. This control has applicability to both the internal organization’s processes,
 4975 information systems, and networks as well as applicable system integrators’ processes, systems, and
 4976 networks.

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 4978 Level(s): 2, 3

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 4980 Related Controls: SA-15 enhancements (1), (2), (5), (6), and (7)

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 4982 Control Enhancement(s):

4983 **(3) DEVELOPMENT PROCESS, STANDARDS, AND TOOLS | CRITICALITY ANALYSIS**

4984 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: This enhancement identifies critical components within the
 4985 information system. Doing so will help determine the specific C-SCRM activities to be implemented
 4986 for critical components. See C-SCRM Criticality Analysis described in Appendix C for additional
 4987 context.

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 4989 Level(s): 2, 3

4990 **(4) DEVELOPMENT PROCESS, STANDARDS, AND TOOLS | THREAT MODELING AND VULNERABILITY**
 4991 **ANALYSIS**

4992 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: This enhancement provides threat modeling/vulnerability analysis
 4993 for the relevant federal agency and contractor information systems and networks. Performing this
 4994 analysis will help integrate C-SCRM into code refinement and modification activities. See C-SCRM
 4995 threat and vulnerability analyses described in Appendix C for additional context.

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 4997 Level(s): 2, 3

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 4999 Related Control(s): SA-15(5), SA-15(6), SA-15(7)

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5001 **(8) DEVELOPMENT PROCESS, STANDARDS, AND TOOLS | REUSE OF THREAT AND VULNERABILITY**
 5002 **INFORMATION**

5003 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: This enhancement encourages developers to reuse threat and
 5004 vulnerability information produced by prior development efforts and lessons learned from using the
 5005 tools to inform ongoing development efforts. Doing so will help determine C-SCRM activities
 5006 described in Section 2 and Appendix C.

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 5008 Level(s): 3

5009 **SA-16 DEVELOPER-PROVIDED TRAINING**

5010 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Developer-provided training for external and internal (in-house)
 5011 developers is critical to C-SCRM. It addresses training the individuals responsible for federal systems and
 5012 networks to include applicable development environments. Developer-provided training in this control also

5013 applies to the individuals who select system and network components. Developer-provided training should
 5014 include C-SCRM material to ensure that 1) developers are aware of potential threats and vulnerabilities
 5015 when developing, testing, and maintaining hardware and software; and 2) individuals responsible for
 5016 selecting system and network components incorporate C-SCRM when choosing such components.

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 5018 Level(s): 2, 3

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 5020 Related Controls: AT-3

5021 SA-17 DEVELOPER SECURITY AND PRIVACY ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN

5022 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: This control facilitates the use of C-SCRM information to influence
 5023 system architecture, design, and component selection decisions, including security functions. Examples
 5024 include identifying components that compose system architecture and design or selecting specific
 5025 components to ensure availability through multiple supplier or component selections.

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 5027 Level(s): 2, 3

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 5029 Related Controls: SA-17 (1) and (2)

5030 SA-20 CUSTOMIZED DEVELOPMENT OF CRITICAL COMPONENTS

5031 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: The organization may decide, based on their cyber supply chain risk
 5032 assessment, that they require customized development of certain critical components. This control provides
 5033 additional guidance on this activity.

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 5035 Level(s): 2, 3

5036 SA-21 DEVELOPER SCREENING

5037 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: The organization should implement screening processes for their
 5038 internal developers. For system integrators who may be providing key developers that address critical
 5039 components, the organization should ensure that appropriate processes for developer screening have been
 5040 used. Screening of developers should be included as a contractual requirement and be a flow-down
 5041 requirement to relevant sub-level subcontractors who provide development services or who have access to
 5042 the development environment.

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 5044 Level(s): 2, 3

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 5046 Control Enhancement(s):

5047 (1) *DEVELOPER SCREENING | VALIDATION OF SCREENING*

5048 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Internal developer screening should be validated. Organizations
 5049 may validate system integrator developer screening by requesting summary data from the system
 5050 integrator to be provided post-validation.

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 5052 Level(s): 2, 3

5053 SA-22 UNSUPPORTED SYSTEM COMPONENTS

5054 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Acquiring products directly from qualified original equipment
 5055 manufacturers (OEMs) or their authorized distributors and resellers significantly reduces many cyber
 5056 supply chain risks. In the case of unsupported system components, the organization should use authorized
 5057 distributors with an ongoing relationship with the supplier of the unsupported system components.

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When purchasing alternate sources for continued support, organizations should acquire directly from vetted original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) or their authorized distributors and resellers. Decisions about using alternate sources require input from the organization's engineering resources regarding the differences in alternate component options. For example, if an alternative is to acquire an open source software component, what are the open source community development, test, acceptance, and release processes?

Level(s): 2, 3

5069 FAMILY: SYSTEM AND COMMUNICATIONS PROTECTION

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5071 FIPS 200 specifies the System and Communications Protection minimum security requirement
5072 as follows:

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5074 *Organizations must: (i) monitor, control, and protect organizational communications*
5075 *(i.e., information transmitted or received by organizational information systems) at the*
5076 *external boundaries and key internal boundaries of the information systems; and (ii)*
5077 *employ architectural designs, software development techniques, and systems*
5078 *engineering principles that promote effective information security within*
5079 *organizational information systems.*

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5081 An organization's communications infrastructure is composed of ICT/OT components and
5082 systems, which have their own supply chains. These communications allow users or
5083 administrators to remotely access an organization's systems and to connect to the Internet, with
5084 other ICT/OT within the organization, contractor systems, and occasionally supplier systems. An
5085 organization's communications infrastructure may be provided and supported by suppliers,
5086 developers, system integrators, external system service providers, and other ICT/OT-related
5087 service providers.
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5089 SC-1 POLICY AND PROCEDURES

5090 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: System and communications protection policies and procedures should
5091 address cyber supply chain risks to the organization's processes, systems, and networks. Organization-level
5092 and program-specific policies help establish and clarify these requirements and corresponding procedures
5093 provide instructions for meeting these requirements. Policies and procedures should include the
5094 coordination of communications among and across multiple organizational entities within the organization
5095 as well as communications methods, external connections, and processes used between the organization
5096 and its suppliers, developers, system integrators, external system service providers, and other ICT/OT-
5097 related service providers.

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5099 Level(s): 1, 2, 3

5100 SC-4 INFORMATION IN SHARED RESOURCES

5101 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: The organization may share information system resources with system
5102 suppliers, developers, system integrators, external system service providers, and other ICT/OT-related
5103 service providers. Protecting information in shared resources in support of various supply chain activities is
5104 challenging when outsourcing key operations. Organizations may either share too much, increasing their
5105 risk, or share too little, making it difficult for the suppliers, developers, system integrators, external system
5106 service providers, and other ICT/OT-related service providers to be efficient in their service delivery. The
5107 organization should work with developers to define a structure/process of information sharing including the
5108 data shared, method of sharing, and to whom (the specific roles) it is provided. Appropriate privacy,
5109 dissemination, handling, and clearance requirements should be accounted for in the information sharing
5110 process.

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5112 Level(s): 2, 3

5113 SC-5 DENIAL-OF-SERVICE PROTECTION

5114 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: C-SCRM Guidance supplemental guidance is provided in control
5115 enhancement SC-5 (2).
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5117 Control Enhancement(s):

5118 (2) *DENIAL-OF-SERVICE PROTECTION | CAPACITY, BANDWIDTH, AND REDUNDANCY*

5119 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: The organization should include requirements for excess capacity,
5120 bandwidth, and redundancy into agreements with suppliers, developers, system integrators, external
5121 system service providers, and other ICT/OT-related service providers.
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5123 Level(s): 2

5124 **SC-7 BOUNDARY PROTECTION**

5125 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: The organization should implement appropriate monitoring mechanisms
5126 and processes at the boundaries between the agency systems and suppliers', developers', system
5127 integrators', external system service providers', and other ICT/OT-related service providers' systems.
5128 Provisions for boundary protections should be incorporated into agreements with suppliers, developers,
5129 system integrators, external system service providers, and other ICT/OT-related service providers. There
5130 may be multiple interfaces throughout the organization's and supplier systems and networks and the SDLC.
5131 Appropriate vulnerability, threat, and risk assessments should be performed to ensure proper boundary
5132 protections for both supply chain components as well as supply chain information flow. The vulnerability,
5133 threat, and risk assessment can aid in scoping boundary protection to a relevant set of criteria and help
5134 manage associated costs. For contracts with external service providers, organizations should ensure that the
5135 provider satisfies boundary control requirements pertinent to environments and networks within their span
5136 of control. Further detail is provided in Section 2 and Appendix C.
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5138 Level(s): 2

5139 Control Enhancement(s):
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5141 (13) *BOUNDARY PROTECTION | ISOLATION OF SECURITY TOOLS, MECHANISMS, AND SUPPORT*
5142 *COMPONENTS*

5143 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: The organization should provide separation and isolation of
5144 development, test, and security assessment tools, and operational environments and relevant
5145 monitoring tools within the organization's information systems and networks. This control applies the
5146 entity responsible for creating software and hardware, to include federal agencies and prime
5147 contractors. As such this controls applies to the federal agency and applicable supplier information
5148 systems and networks. Organizations should require its prime contractors to implement this control
5149 and flow down this requirement to relevant sub-tier contractors. If a compromise or information
5150 leakage happens in any one environment, the other environments should still be protected through the
5151 separation/isolation mechanisms or techniques.
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5153 Level(s): 3

5154 Related Controls: SR-3(3)
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5157 (14) *BOUNDARY PROTECTION | PROTECT AGAINST UNAUTHORIZED PHYSICAL CONNECTIONS*

5158 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: This control is relevant to C-SCRM as it applies to external service
5159 providers.
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5161 Level(s): 2,3
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5163 Related Controls: SR-3(3)

5164 (19) *BOUNDARY PROTECTION | BLOCKS COMMUNICATION FROM NON-ORGANIZATIONALLY*
5165 *CONFIGURED HOSTS*

5166 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: This control is relevant to C-SCRM as it applies to external service
5167 providers.

5168 Level(s): 3
5169

5170 **SC-8 TRANSMISSION CONFIDENTIALITY AND INTEGRITY**

5171 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Requirements for transmission confidentiality and integrity should be
5172 integrated into agreements with suppliers, developers, system integrators, external system service
5173 providers, and other ICT/OT-related service providers. Acquirers, suppliers, developers, system integrators,
5174 external system service providers, and other ICT/OT-related service providers may repurpose existing
5175 security mechanisms (e.g., authentication, authorization, or encryption) to achieve organizational
5176 confidentiality and integrity requirements. The degree of protection should be based on the sensitivity of
5177 information to be transmitted and the relationship between the organization and the suppliers, developers,
5178 system integrators, external system service providers, and other ICT/OT-related service providers.

5179 Level(s): 2, 3
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5181 **SC-18 MOBILE CODE**

5182 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: The organization should use this control in various applications of
5183 mobile code within their information systems and networks. Examples include acquisition processes such
5184 as electronic transmission of supply chain information (e.g., email), receipt of software components,
5185 logistics information management in RFID, or transport sensors infrastructure.

5186 Level(s): 3
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5188 Control Enhancement(s):
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5190 (2) *MOBILE CODE | ACQUISITION, DEVELOPMENT, AND USE*

5191 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: The organization should employ rigorous supply chain protection
5192 techniques in the acquisition, development, and use of mobile code to be deployed in the information
5193 system. Examples include ensuring that mobile code originates from vetted sources when acquired, that
5194 vetted system integrators are used for the development of custom mobile code or prior to installing, and
5195 that verification processes are in place for acceptance criteria prior to install in order to verify the source
5196 and integrity of code. Note that mobile code can be both code for the underlying information systems and
5197 networks (e.g., RFID device applications) or for information systems/components.

5198 Level(s): 3
5199

5200 **SC-27 PLATFORM-INDEPENDENT APPLICATIONS**

5201 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: The use of trusted platform-independent applications is essential to C-
5202 SCRM. Platform-independent applications' enhanced portability enables organizations to more readily
5203 switch external service providers in the event that one is compromised, thereby reducing vendor
5204 dependency cyber supply chain risks. This is especially relevant for critical applications that may be relied
5205 on by multiple systems.

5206 Level(s): 2, 3
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5208 **SC-28 PROTECTION OF INFORMATION AT REST**

5209 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: The organization should include provisions for protection of
 5210 information at rest into their agreements with suppliers, developers, system integrators, external system
 5211 service providers, and other ICT/OT-related service providers. The organization should also ensure that
 5212 they provide appropriate protections within the information systems and networks for data at rest for the
 5213 suppliers, developers, system integrators, external system service providers, and other ICT/OT-related
 5214 service providers information, such as source code, testing data, blueprints, and intellectual property
 5215 information. This control should be applied throughout the SDLC including during requirements,
 5216 development, manufacturing, test, inventory management, maintenance, and disposal. Organizations
 5217 should require its prime contractors to implement this control and flow down this requirement to relevant
 5218 sub-tier contractors.

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 5220 Level(s): 2, 3

5221
 5222 Related Controls: SR-3(3)

5223 **SC-29 HETEROGENEITY**

5224 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Heterogeneity techniques include use of different operating systems,
 5225 virtualization techniques, and multiple sources of supply. Multiple sources of supply can improve
 5226 component availability and reduce the impact of a cyber supply chain compromise. In case of a cyber
 5227 supply chain compromise, an alternative source of supply will allow the organizations to more rapidly
 5228 switch to an alternative system/component which may not be affected by the compromise. Also,
 5229 heterogeneous components decrease the attack surface by limiting the impact to the subset of the
 5230 infrastructure that is using vulnerable components.

5231
 5232 Level(s): 2, 3

5233 **SC-30 CONCEALMENT AND MISDIRECTION**

5234 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Concealment and misdirection techniques for C-SCRM include the
 5235 establishment of random resupply times, concealment of location, random change of fake location used,
 5236 and random change/shifting of information storage into alternate servers/storage mechanisms.

5237
 5238 Level(s): 2, 3

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 5240 Control Enhancement(s):

5241 **(2) CONCEALMENT AND MISDIRECTION | RANDOMNESS**

5242 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Supply chain processes are necessarily structured with predictable,
 5243 measurable, and repeatable processes for the purpose of efficiency and cost reduction. This opens up
 5244 the opportunity for potential breach. In order to protect against compromise, the organization should
 5245 employ techniques to introduce randomness into organizational operations and assets in the
 5246 organization's systems or networks (e.g., randomly switching among several delivery organizations or
 5247 routes, or changing the time and date of receiving supplier software updates if previously predictably
 5248 scheduled).

5249
 5250 Level(s): 2, 3

5251 **(3) CONCEALMENT AND MISDIRECTION | CHANGE PROCESSING AND STORAGE LOCATIONS**

5252 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Changes in processing or storage locations can be used to protect
 5253 downloads, deliveries, or associated supply chain metadata. The organization may leverage such
 5254 techniques within the organizations' information systems and networks to create uncertainty into the

5255 activities targeted by adversaries. Establishing a few process changes and randomizing the use of them,
5256 whether it is for receiving, acceptance testing, storage, or other supply chain activities, can aid in
5257 reducing the likelihood of a supply chain event.

5258
5259 Level(s): 2, 3

5260 **(4) CONCEALMENT AND MISDIRECTION | MISLEADING INFORMATION**

5261 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: The organization can convey misleading information as part of
5262 concealment and misdirection efforts to protect the information system being developed and the
5263 organization’s systems and networks. Examples of such efforts in security include honeynets or
5264 virtualized environments. Implementations can be leveraged in conveying misleading information.
5265 These may be considered advanced techniques requiring experienced resources to effectively
5266 implement them.

5267
5268 Level(s): 2, 3

5269 **(5) CONCEALMENT AND MISDIRECTION | CONCEALMENT OF SYSTEM COMPONENTS**

5270 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: The organization may employ various concealment and
5271 misdirection techniques to protect information about the information system being developed and the
5272 organization’s information systems and networks. For example, delivery of critical components to a
5273 central or trusted third-party depot can be used to conceal or misdirect any information regarding the
5274 component use or the organization using the component. Separating components from their associated
5275 information into differing physical and electronic delivery channels and obfuscating the information
5276 through various techniques can be used to conceal information and reduce the opportunity for potential
5277 loss of confidentiality of the component or its use, condition, and other attributes.

5278
5279 Level(s): 2, 3

5280 **SC-36 DISTRIBUTED PROCESSING AND STORAGE**

5281 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Processing and storage can be distributed both across the organization’s
5282 systems and networks and across the SDLC. The organization should ensure that these techniques are
5283 applied in both contexts. The following activities can use distributed processing and storage: development,
5284 manufacturing, configuration management, test, maintenance, and operations. This control applies to the
5285 entity responsible for processing and storage functions or related infrastructure, to include federal agencies
5286 and contractors. As such this controls applies to the federal agency and applicable supplier information
5287 systems and networks. Organizations should require its prime contractors to implement this control and
5288 flow down this requirement to relevant sub-tier contractors.

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5290 Level(s): 2, 3

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5292 Related Controls: SR-3(3)

5293 **SC-37 OUT-OF-BAND CHANNELS**

5294 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: C-SCRM-specific supplemental guidance is provided in control
5295 enhancement SC-37 (1).

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5297 Control Enhancement(s):

5298 **(1) OUT-OF-BAND CHANNELS | ENSURE DELIVERY AND TRANSMISSION**

5299 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: The organization should employ security safeguards to ensure that
5300 only specific individuals or information systems receive the information about the information system

5301 or its development environment and processes. For example, proper credentialing and authorization
5302 documents should be requested and verified prior to the release of critical components such as custom
5303 chips, custom software, or information during delivery.

5304
5305 Level(s): 2, 3

5306 **SC-38 OPERATIONS SECURITY**

5307 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: The organization should ensure that appropriate supply chain threat and
5308 vulnerability information is obtained from and provided to the applicable operational security processes.

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5310 Level(s): 2, 3

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5312 Related Control(s): SR-7

5313 **SC-47 ALTERNATE COMMUNICATIONS PATHS**

5314 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: If necessary and appropriate, suppliers, developers, system integrators,
5315 external system service providers, and other ICT/OT-related service providers should be included in the
5316 alternate communication paths described in this control.

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5318 Level(s): 1, 2, 3

5319 **FAMILY: SYSTEM AND INFORMATION INTEGRITY**

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5321 FIPS 200 specifies the System and Information Integrity minimum security requirement as
5322 follows:

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5324 *Organizations must: (i) identify, report, and correct information and information*
5325 *system flaws in a timely manner; (ii) provide protection from malicious code at*
5326 *appropriate locations within organizational information systems; and (iii) monitor*
5327 *information system security alerts and advisories and take appropriate actions in*
5328 *response.*

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5330 System and information integrity for systems and components traversing the supply chain is
5331 critical for managing cyber supply chain risks. Insertion of malicious code and counterfeits are
5332 two primary examples of cyber supply chain risks, both of which can at least partially be
5333 addressed by deploying system and information integrity controls. Organizations should ensure
5334 that adequate system and information integrity protections are part of C-SCRM.
53355336 **SI-1 POLICY AND PROCEDURES**5337 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: The organization should include C-SCRM in system and information
5338 integrity policy and procedures, including ensuring that program-specific requirements for employing
5339 various integrity verification tools and techniques are clearly defined. System and information integrity for
5340 information systems and components and the underlying information systems and networks is critical for
5341 managing cyber supply chain risks. Insertion of malicious code and counterfeits are two primary examples
5342 of cyber supply chain risks, both of which can be at least partially addressed by deploying system and
5343 information integrity controls.
53445345 Level(s): 1, 2, 3

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5347 Related Controls: SR-1, 9, 10, 115348 **SI-2 FLAW REMEDIATION**5349 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Output of flaw remediation activities provides useful input into ICT/OT
5350 SCRM processes described in Section 2 and Appendix C.
53515352 Level(s): 2, 3

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5354 Control Enhancement(s):5355 **(5) FLAW REMEDIATION | AUTOMATIC SOFTWARE AND FIRMWARE UPDATES**5356 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: The organization should specify the various software assets within
5357 its information systems and networks that require automated updates (both indirect and direct). This
5358 specification of assets should be defined from criticality analysis results, which provide information on
5359 critical and noncritical functions and components (see Section 2 and Appendix C). A centralized patch
5360 management process may be employed for evaluating and managing updates prior to deployment.
5361 Those software assets that require direct updates from a supplier should only accept updates
5362 originating directly from the OEM unless specifically deployed by the acquirer, such as with a
5363 centralized patch management process.
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5365 Level(s): 2

5366 **SI-3 MALICIOUS CODE PROTECTION**

5367 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Because the majority of code operated in federal system is not
5368 developed by the federal government, malicious code threat often originates from the supply chain. This
5369 controls applies to the federal agency and contractors with code-related responsibilities (e.g., code-
5370 development, installing patched, performing system upgrades, etc.) as well as applicable contractor
5371 information systems and networks. Organizations should require its prime contractors to implement this
5372 control and flow down this requirement to relevant sub-tier contractors.

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5374 Level(s): 2, 3

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5376 Related Controls: SA-11; SI-7(15); SI-3(4), (6), (8), and (10); SR-3(3)

5377 **SI-4 SYSTEM MONITORING**

5378 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: This control includes monitoring of vulnerabilities resulting from past
5379 cyber supply chain compromises, such as malicious code implanted during software development and set to
5380 activate after deployment. System monitoring is frequently performed by external service providers.
5381 Service-level agreements with these providers should be structured to appropriately reflect this control.

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5383 Level(s): 1, 2, 3

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5385 Control Enhancement(s):

5386 **(17) SYSTEM MONITORING | INTEGRATED SITUATIONAL AWARENESS**

5387 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: System monitoring information may be correlated with that of
5388 suppliers, developers, system integrators, external system service providers, and other ICT/OT-related
5389 service providers, if appropriate. The results of correlating monitoring information may point to cyber
5390 supply chain vulnerabilities that require mitigation or compromises.

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5392 Level(s): 2, 3

5393 **(19) SYSTEM MONITORING | RISK FOR INDIVIDUALS**

5394 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Persons identified as being of higher risk may include
5395 organizational employees, contractors, and other third parties (e.g., volunteers, visitors) that may have
5396 the need or ability to access to an organization’s system, network, or system environment. In
5397 accordance with policies and procedures and, if relevant, terms of an agreement, and in coordination
5398 with appropriate officials, the organization may implement enhanced oversight of these higher-risk
5399 individuals.

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5401 Level(s): 2, 3

5402 **SI-5 SECURITY ALERTS, ADVISORIES, AND DIRECTIVES**

5403 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: The organization should evaluate security alerts, advisories, and
5404 directives for cyber supply chain impact and follow up if needed. U.S. Cert, FASC, and other authoritative
5405 entities, generate security alerts and advisories that are applicable to C-SCRM. Additional laws and
5406 regulations will impact who and how additional advisories are provided. Organizations should ensure their
5407 information sharing protocols and processes include sharing alerts, advisories, and directives with relevant
5408 parties with whom they have an agreement to deliver products or perform services. Organization’s should
5409 provide direction or guidance as to what actions are to be taken in response to sharing such an alert,
5410 advisory, or directive.

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5412 Level(s): 1, 2, 3
- 5413 **SI-7 SOFTWARE, FIRMWARE, AND INFORMATION INTEGRITY**
- 5414 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: This control applies to the federal agency and applicable supplier
5415 information systems and networks. The integrity of all applicable systems and networks should be
5416 systematically tested and verified to ensure that it remains as required so that the systems/components
5417 traversing through the supply chain are not impacted by unanticipated changes. The integrity of systems
5418 and components should also be tested and verified. Applicable verification tools include: digital signature
5419 or checksum verification, acceptance testing for physical components, confining software to limited
5420 privilege environments such as sandboxes, code execution in contained environments prior to use, and
5421 ensuring that if only binary or machine-executable code is available, it is obtained directly from the OEM
5422 or a verified supplier or distributor. Mechanisms for this control are discussed in detail in NIST SP 800-53
5423 Rev. 5. This controls applies to the federal agency and applicable supplier information systems and
5424 networks. When purchasing an ICT/OT product, an organization should perform due diligence to
5425 understand what a supplier’s integrity assurance practices are. Organizations should require its prime
5426 contractors to implement this control and flow down this requirement to relevant sub-tier contractors.
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5428 Level(s): 2, 3
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5430 Related Controls: SR-3(3)
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5432 Control Enhancement(s):
- 5433 **(14) SOFTWARE, FIRMWARE, AND INFORMATION INTEGRITY | BINARY OR MACHINE EXECUTABLE**
5434 *CODE*
- 5435 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: The organization should obtain binary or machine-executable code
5436 directly from the OEM/developer or other verified source.
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5438 Level(s): 2, 3
- 5439 **(15) SOFTWARE, FIRMWARE, AND INFORMATION INTEGRITY | CODE AUTHENTICATION**
- 5440 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: The organization should ensure that code authentication
5441 mechanisms such as digital signatures are implemented to assure the integrity of software, firmware,
5442 and information.
5443 Level(s): 3
- 5444 **SI-12 INFORMATION MANAGEMENT AND RETENTION**
- 5445 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: C-SCRM should be included in information management and retention
5446 requirements, especially when system integrator, supplier, and external service provider sensitive and
5447 proprietary information is concerned.
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5449 Level(s): 3
- 5450 **SI-20 TAINTING**
- 5451 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Suppliers, developers, system integrators, external system service
5452 providers, and other ICT/OT-related service providers may have access to federal agency sensitive
5453 information. If that is the case, organizations should require its prime contractors to implement this control
5454 and flow down this requirement to relevant sub-tier contractors.
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Level(s): 2, 3

Related Controls: SR-9

5459 **FAMILY: SUPPLY CHAIN RISK MANAGEMENT**

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5461 FIPS 200 does not specify Supply Chain Risk Management minimum security requirements.

5462 NIST SP 800-53 Rev. 5 established a new control family: Supply Chain Risk Management.

5463 Supplemental guidance below expands upon the SR controls and provides further information

5464 and context for their application.

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5466 **SR-1 POLICY AND PROCEDURES**

5467 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: C-SCRM policies is developed at Level 1 for the overall organization
 5468 and at Level 2 for specific missions and functions. C-SCRM policies can be implemented at Levels 1, 2,
 5469 and 3, depending on the level of depth and detail. C-SCRM procedures are developed at Level 2 for
 5470 specific missions and functions and at Level 3 for specific systems. Organizational functions including but
 5471 not limited to information security, legal, risk management, and acquisition should review and concur on
 5472 the development of C-SCRM policies and procedures or providing guidance to system owners for
 5473 developing system-specific C-SCRM procedures.

5474 Level(s): 1, 2, 3

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5476 **SR-2 SUPPLY CHAIN RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN**

5477 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: C-SCRM plans describes implementations, requirements, constraints,
 5478 and implications at the system level. C-SCRM plans are influenced by the organization's other risk
 5479 assessment activities and may inherit and tailor common control baselines defined at Level 1 and 2. C-
 5480 SCRM plans defined at Level 3 works in collaboration with the organization's C-SCRM Strategy and
 5481 Policies (Levels 1 & 2), and the C-SCRM Implementation Plan (Levels 1 & 2) to provide a systematic and
 5482 holistic approach for cyber supply chain risk management across the organization.

5483 C-SCRM plans should be developed as a standalone document and only integrated in existing system
 5484 security plans if organizational constraints require it.

5485 Level(s): 3

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5487 Related Controls: PL-2

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5489 **SR-3 SUPPLY CHAIN CONTROLS AND PROCESSES**

5490 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Section 2 and Appendix C of this document provide detailed guidance
 5491 on implementing this control.

5492 Level(s): 1, 2, 3

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5494 Control Enhancement(s):5495 **(1)** *SUPPLY CHAIN CONTROLS AND PROCESSES | DIVERSE SUPPLY BASE*

5496 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Organizations should diversify their supply base, especially for
 5497 critical ICT/OT products and services. As a part of this exercise the organization should attempt to
 5498 identify single points of failure and risk among primes and lower level entities in the supply chain.
 5499 Criticality analysis as described in NISTIR 8272, *Impact Analysis Tool for Interdependent Cyber*

5500 *Supply Chain Risks* can help determine which suppliers are critical. See Section 2, Appendix C, and
5501 RA-9 for guidance on conducting criticality analysis.

5502 Level(s): 2, 3
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5504 Related Controls: RA-9
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5506 **(3) SUPPLY CHAIN CONTROLS AND PROCESSES | SUB-TIER FLOW DOWN**

5507 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Organizations should require its prime contractors to implement
5508 this control and flow down this requirement to relevant sub-tier contractors throughout the SDLC. The
5509 use of the acquisition process provides an important vehicle to protect the supply chain. Organization
5510 should include as part of procurement requirements the need for suppliers to flow down controls to
5511 subcontractors throughout the SDLC. As part of market research and analysis activities, organization
5512 should conduct robust due diligence research on potential suppliers or products as well as their
5513 upstream dependencies (i.e., 4th and 5th party suppliers). The results of this research can be helpful in
5514 shaping the sourcing approach and refining requirements. Then, during the solicitation and contract
5515 award phase, an evaluation of the cyber supply chain risks associated with a supplier, product, or
5516 service should be completed prior to the contract award decision to ensure the holistic risk profile is
5517 well understood and serves as a weighted factor in award decisions. During the period of performance,
5518 suppliers should be monitored for conformance to the defined controls and requirements, as well as
5519 changes in risk conditions. See Section 3 for guidance on the Role of C-SCRM in the Acquisition
5520 Process.

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5522 Level(s): 2, 3
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5524 **SR-4 PROVENANCE**

5525 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Provenance should be applied to systems, system components, and
5526 associated data throughout the SDLC.

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5528 Level(s): 2, 3
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5530 **SR-5 ACQUISITION STRATEGIES, TOOLS, AND METHODS**

5531 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Section 3 and SA controls provide additional guidance on acquisition
5532 strategies, tools, and methods.

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5534 Level(s): 1, 2, 3

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5536 Related Controls: SA Control Family
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5538 **SR-6 SUPPLIER ASSESSMENTS AND REVIEWS**

5539 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: In general, an organization should consider any information pertinent to
5540 the security, integrity, resilience, quality, trustworthiness, or authenticity of the supplier, or their provided
5541 services or products. Organizations should consider applying this information against a consistent set of
5542 core, baseline factors and assessment criteria to facilitate equitable comparison (between suppliers as well
5543 as over time). Depending upon the specific context and purpose for which the assessment is being
5544 conducting, the organization may select additional factors. The quality of information (e.g., its relevance,

5545 completeness, accuracy, etc.) relied upon for an assessment is also an important consideration. Reference
5546 sources for assessment information should also be documented. The C-SCRM PMO can help define
5547 requirements, methods, and tools for organization's supplier assessments.

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5549 Level(s): 2, 3
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5551 **SR-7 SUPPLY CHAIN OPERATIONS SECURITY**

5552 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: C-SCRM PMO can help determine OPSEC controls that apply to
5553 specific missions and functions. OPSEC controls are particularly important when there is specific concern
5554 about an adversarial threat from or to the organization's supply chain or an element within the supply chain
5555 or the nature of the organization's mission or business operations, its information, and/or its service/product
5556 offerings may make it a more attractive target of an adversarial threat.

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5558 Level(s): 2, 3
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5560 **SR-8 NOTIFICATION AGREEMENTS**

5561 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Organizations should require their suppliers, minimally, have
5562 established notification agreements with those entities within their supply chain that have a role or
5563 responsibility related to that critical service or product.

5564 Level(s): 2, 3
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5566 Related Controls: RA-9

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5568 **SR-9 TAMPER RESISTANCE AND DETECTION**

5569 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Organizations should apply tamper resistance and detection control to
5570 critical components, at a minimum. Criticality analysis can help determine which components are critical.
5571 See Section 2, Appendix C, and RA-9 for guidance on conducting criticality analysis. C-SCRM PMO can
5572 help identify critical components, especially those that are used by multiple missions, functions, and
5573 systems within an organization.

5574 Level(s): 2, 3
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5576 Related Controls: RA-9

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5578 **SR-10 INSPECTION OF SYSTEMS OR COMPONENTS**

5579 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Organizations should inspect critical systems and components, at a
5580 minimum, for assurance that tamper resistance controls are in place and to examine whether there is
5581 evidence of tampering. Products or components should be inspected prior to use and periodically thereafter.
5582 Inspection requirements should also be included in contracts with suppliers, developers, system integrators,
5583 external system service providers, and other ICT/OT-related service providers. Organizations should
5584 require its prime contractors to implement this control and flow down this requirement to relevant sub-tier
5585 contractors and flow down to subcontractors, when relevant.

5586 Criticality analysis can help determine which systems and components are critical and should therefore be
5587 subjected to inspection. See Section 2, Appendix C, and RA-9 for guidance on conducting criticality
5588 analysis. C-SCRM PMO can help identify critical systems and components, especially those that are used
5589 by multiple missions, functions, and systems (for components) within an organization.

5590 Level(s): 2, 3

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5592 Related Controls: RA-9

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5594 **SR-11 COMPONENT AUTHENTICITY**

5595 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Development of anti-counterfeit policy and procedures requires input
5596 from and coordination with acquisition, Information Technology, IT Security, legal, and the C-SCRM
5597 PMO. The policy and procedures should address regulatory compliance requirements, contract
5598 requirements/clauses as well as counterfeit reporting processes to organizations such as GIDEP and/or
5599 other appropriate organizations.

5600 Level(s): 1, 2, 3

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5602 Control Enhancement(s):

5603 (1) *COMPONENT AUTHENTICITY | ANTI-COUNTERFEIT TRAINING*

5604 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: C-SCRM PMO can assist in identifying resources that can provide
5605 anti-counterfeit training and/or may be able to conduct such training for the organization. The C-
5606 SCRM PMO can also assist in identifying which personnel should receive the training.

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5608 Level(s): 2, 3

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5610 (2) *COMPONENT AUTHENTICITY | CONFIGURATION CONTROL FOR COMPONENT SERVICE AND REPAIR*

5611 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Information Technology, IT Security, or the C-SCRM PMO should
5612 be responsible for establishing and implementing configuration control processes for component
5613 service and repair, to include, if applicable, integrating component service and repair into the overall
5614 organizational configuration control processes. Component authenticity should be addressed in
5615 contracts when procuring component servicing and repair support.

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5617 Level(s): 2, 3

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5619 (3) *COMPONENT AUTHENTICITY | ANTI-COUNTERFEIT SCANNING*

5620 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Organizations should conduct anti-counterfeit scanning for critical
5621 components, at a minimum. Criticality analysis can help determine which components are critical and
5622 should be subjected to this scanning. See Section 2, Appendix C, and RA-9 for guidance on conducting
5623 criticality analysis. C-SCRM PMO can help identify critical components, especially those that are
5624 used by multiple missions, functions, and systems within an organization.

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5626 Level(s): 2, 3

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Related Controls: RA-9

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5629 **SR-12 COMPONENT DISPOSAL**

5630 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: IT Security, in coordination with the C-SCRM PMO, can help establish
5631 appropriate component disposal policies, procedures, mechanisms, and techniques.

5632 Level(s): 2, 3

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5634 **SR-13 SUPPLIER INVENTORY (NEW)**

5635 Control:

5636 a. Develop, document, and maintain an accurate and complete inventory of suppliers that present cyber
5637 supply chain risk. This inventory should:

5638 1. Document organization’s suppliers;

5639 2. Identify whether the supplier provides a product and/or service;

5640 3. For each supplier, indicate which programs, projects, and systems are using supplier products and
5641 services

5642 4. For each supplier, assign criticality level to each supplier organization that aligns to the criticality
5643 of the program, project and/or system (or component of system).

5644 b. Review and update supplier inventory [*Assignment: organization-defined frequency*].

5645 Supplemental C-SCRM Guidance: Organizations rely on numerous suppliers to execute their missions and
5646 functions. Many suppliers provide products and services in support of multiple missions, functions,
5647 programs, projects, and systems. Some suppliers are more critical than others, based on the criticality of
5648 missions, functions, programs, projects, systems that their products and services support, as well as the
5649 organization’s level of dependency on the supplier. Organizations should use criticality analysis to help
5650 determine which products and services are critical to determine criticality of suppliers to be documented in
5651 the supplier inventory. See Section 2, Appendix C, and RA-9 for guidance on conducting criticality
5652 analysis.

5653 Level(s): 2, 3

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5655 Related Controls: RA-9

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APPENDIX A: C-SCRM CONTROL SUMMARY

This appendix lists the C-SCRM controls in this publication and maps them to their corresponding NIST SP 800-53 Rev. 5 controls as appropriate. Table A-1 indicates those controls that are defined in NIST SP 800-53 Rev. 5 Low baseline requirements and are deemed to be C-SCRM relevant. Some C-SCRM controls were added to this baseline to form the C-SCRM Baseline. Additionally, controls that should flow down from prime contractors to their relevant sub-tier contractors are listed as Flow Down Controls. Given that C-SCRM is an organization-wide activity that requires selection and implementation of controls at the enterprise, mission/business, and operational levels (Levels 1, 2, and 3 of the organization according to NIST SP 800-39), Table A-1 indicates the organizational levels in which the controls should be implemented. The table highlights C-SCRM controls and enhancements not in NIST SP 800-53 Rev. 5 in red, viz., MA-8 and SR-13.

Table A-1: C-SCRM Control Summary

Control Identifier	Control (or Control Enhancement) Name	C-SCRM Baseline	Flow Down Control	Levels		
				1	2	3
AC-1	Policy and Procedures	x	x	x	x	x
AC-2	Account Management	x			x	x
AC-3	Access Enforcement	x			x	x
AC-3(8)	<i>Access Enforcement | Revocation of Access Authorizations</i>				x	x
AC-3(9)	<i>Access Enforcement | Controlled Release</i>				x	x
AC-4	Information Flow Enforcement		x		x	x
AC-4(6)	<i>Information Flow Enforcement | Metadata</i>				x	x
AC-4(17)	<i>Information Flow Enforcement | Domain Authentication</i>				x	x
AC-4(19)	<i>Information Flow Enforcement | Validation of Metadata</i>				x	x
AC-4(21)	<i>Information Flow Enforcement | Physical or Logical Separation of Information Flows</i>					x
AC-5	Separation of Duties				x	x
(AC-6)	(Least Privilege)	(x)	(N/A)			
AC-6(6)	<i>Least Privilege | Privileged Access by Non-organizational Users</i>				x	x
AC-17	Remote Access	x	x		x	x
AC-17(6)	<i>Remote Access | Protection of Mechanism Information</i>				x	x
AC-18	Wireless Access	x		x	x	x
AC-19	Access Control for Mobile Devices	x			x	x
AC-20	Use of External Systems	x	x	x	x	x
AC-20(1)	<i>Use of External Systems | Limits on Authorized Use</i>				x	x
AC-20(3)	<i>Use of External Systems | Non-organizationally Owned Systems — Restricted Use</i>				x	x
AC-21	Information Sharing			x	x	
AC-22	Publicly Accessible Content	x			x	x
AC-23	Data Mining Protection		x		x	x
AC-24	Access Control Decisions		x	x	x	x
AT-1	Policy and Procedures	x		x	x	
(AT-2)	(Literacy Training and Awareness)	(x)	(N/A)			

AT-2(1)	<i>Literacy Training and Awareness</i> | <i>Practical Exercises</i>					X	
AT-2(2)	<i>Literacy Training and Awareness</i> | <i>Insider Threat</i>	X	X			X	
AT-2(3)	<i>Literacy Training and Awareness</i> | <i>Social Engineering and Mining</i>					X	
AT-2(4)	<i>Literacy Training and Awareness</i> | <i>Suspicious Communications and Anomalous System Behavior</i>					X	
AT-2(5)	<i>Literacy Training and Awareness</i> | <i>Advanced Persistent Threat</i>					X	
AT-2(6)	<i>Literacy Training and Awareness</i> | <i>Cyber Threat Environment</i>					X	
AT-3	Role-based Training	X				X	
AT-3(2)	<i>Role-based Training</i> | <i>Physical Security Controls</i>					X	
AT-4	Training Records	X				X	
AU-1	Policy and Procedures	X			X	X	X
AU-2	Event Logging	X			X	X	X
AU-3	Content of Audit Records	X			X	X	X
AU-6	Audit Record Review, Analysis, and Reporting	X				X	X
AU-6(9)	<i>Audit Record Review, Analysis, and Reporting</i> | <i>Correlation with Information from Nontechnical Sources</i>						X
AU-10	Non-repudiation						X
AU-10(1)	<i>Non-repudiation</i> | <i>Association of Identities</i>					X	
AU-10(2)	<i>Non-repudiation</i> | <i>Validate Binding of Information Producer Identity</i>					X	X
AU-10(3)	<i>Non-repudiation</i> | <i>Chain of Custody</i>					X	X
AU-12	Audit Record Generation	X				X	X
AU-13	Monitoring for Information Disclosure					X	X
AU-14	Session Audit					X	X
AU-16	Cross-organizational Audit Logging					X	X
AU-16(2)	<i>Cross-organizational Audit Logging</i> | <i>Sharing of Audit Information</i>		X			X	X
CA-1	Policy and Procedures	X			X	X	X
CA-2	Control Assessments	X				X	X
CA-2(2)	<i>Control Assessments</i> | <i>Specialized Assessments</i>						X
CA-2(3)	<i>Control Assessments</i> | <i>Leveraging Results from External Organizations</i>						X
CA-3	Information Exchange	X	X				X
CA-5	Plan of Action and Milestones	X				X	X
CA-6	Authorization	X			X	X	X
(CA-7)	(Continuous Monitoring)	(X)	(N/A)				
CA-7(3)	<i>Continuous Monitoring</i> | <i>Trend Analyses</i>						X
CM-1	Policy and Procedures	X			X	X	X
CM-2	Baseline Configuration	X				X	X
CM-2(6)	<i>Baseline Configuration</i> | <i>Development and Test Environments</i>					X	X
CM-3	Configuration Change Control					X	X
CM-3(1)	<i>Configuration Change Control</i> | <i>Automated Documentation, Notification, and Prohibition of Changes</i>					X	X
CM-3(2)	<i>Configuration Change Control</i> | <i>Testing, Validation, and Documentation of Changes</i>					X	X
CM-3(4)	<i>Configuration Change Control</i> | <i>Security and Privacy Representatives</i>					X	X

CM-3(8)	<i>Configuration Change Control | Prevent or Restrict Configuration Changes</i>				X	X
CM-4	Impact Analyses	X				X
CM-4(1)	<i>Impact Analyses | Separate Test Environments</i>					X
CM-5	Access Restrictions for Change	X			X	X
CM-5(1)	<i>Access Restrictions for Change | Automated Access Enforcement and Audit Records</i>					X
CM-5(6)	<i>Access Restrictions for Change | Limit Library Privileges</i>					X
CM-6	Configuration Settings	X			X	X
CM-6(1)	<i>Configuration Settings | Automated Management, Application, and Verification</i>					X
CM-6(2)	<i>Configuration Settings | Respond to Unauthorized Changes</i>					X
CM-7	Least Functionality	X	X			X
CM-7(1)	<i>Least Functionality | Periodic Review</i>				X	X
CM-7(4)	<i>Least Functionality | Unauthorized Software</i>				X	X
CM-7(5)	<i>Least Functionality | Authorized Software</i>					X
CM-7(6)	<i>Least Functionality | Confined Environments with Limited Privileges</i>				X	X
CM-7(7)	<i>Least Functionality | Code Execution in Protected Environments</i>					X
CM-7(8)	<i>Least Functionality | Binary or Machine Executable Code</i>				X	X
CM-7(9)	<i>Least Functionality | Prohibiting the Use of Unauthorized Hardware</i>				X	X
CM-8	System Component Inventory	X			X	X
CM-8(1)	<i>System Component Inventory | Updates During Installation and Removal</i>					X
CM-8(2)	<i>System Component Inventory | Automated Maintenance</i>					X
CM-8(4)	<i>System Component Inventory | Accountability Information</i>					X
CM-8(6)	<i>System Component Inventory | Assessed Configurations and Approved Deviations</i>					X
CM-8(7)	<i>System Component Inventory | Centralized Repository</i>					X
CM-8(8)	<i>System Component Inventory | Automated Location Tracking</i>				X	X
CM-8(9)	<i>System Component Inventory | Assignment of Components to Systems</i>					X
CM-9	Configuration Management Plan		X		X	X
CM-9(1)	<i>Configuration Management Plan | Assignment of Responsibility</i>				X	X
CM-10	Software Usage Restrictions	X			X	X
CM-10(1)	<i>Software Usage Restrictions | Open-source Software</i>				X	X
CM-11	User-installed Software	X			X	X
CM-12	Information Location				X	X
CM-12(1)	<i>Information Location | Automated Tools to Support Information Location</i>				X	X
CM-13	Data Action Mapping				X	X
CM-14	Signed Components					X
CP-1	Policy and Procedures	X		X	X	X
CP-2	Contingency Plan	X			X	X
CP-2(1)	<i>Contingency Plan | Coordinate with Related Plans</i>				X	X

CP-2(2)	<i>Contingency Plan | Capacity Planning</i>					X	X
CP-2(7)	<i>Contingency Plan | Coordinate with External Service Providers</i>		X				X
CP-2(8)	<i>Contingency Plan | Identify Critical Assets</i>						X
CP-3	Contingency Training	X				X	X
CP-3(1)	<i>Contingency Training | Simulated Events</i>					X	X
CP-4	Contingency Plan Testing	X				X	X
CP-6	Alternate Storage Site					X	X
CP-6(1)	<i>Alternate Storage Site | Separation from Primary Site</i>					X	X
CP-7	Alternate Processing Site					X	X
CP-8	Telecommunications Services					X	X
CP-8(3)	<i>Telecommunications Services | Separation of Primary and Alternate Providers</i>					X	X
CP-8(4)	<i>Telecommunications Services | Provider Contingency Plan</i>					X	X
CP-11	Alternate Communications Protocols					X	X
IA-1	Policy and Procedures	X			X	X	X
IA-2	Identification and Authentication (organizational Users)	X			X	X	X
IA-3	Device Identification and Authentication				X	X	X
IA-4	Identifier Management	X				X	X
IA-4(6)	<i>Identifier Management | Cross-organization Management</i>				X	X	X
IA-5	Authenticator Management	X				X	X
IA-5(5)	<i>Authenticator Management | Change Authenticators Prior to Delivery</i>						X
IA-5(9)	<i>Authenticator Management | Federated Credential Management</i>						X
IA-8	Identification and Authentication (non-organizational Users)	X				X	X
IA-9	Service Identification and Authentication					X	X
IR-1	Policy and Procedures	X	X	X	X	X	X
IR-2	Incident Response Training	X				X	X
(IR-4)	(Incident Handling)	(X)	(N/A)				
IR-3	Incident Response Testing					X	X
IR-4(6)	<i>Incident Handling | Insider Threats</i>				X	X	X
IR-4(7)	<i>Incident Handling | Insider Threats — Intra-organization Coordination</i>				X	X	X
IR-4(10)	<i>Incident Handling | Supply Chain Coordination</i>		X			X	
IR-4(11)	<i>Incident Handling | Integrated Incident Response Team</i>						X
IR-5	Incident Monitoring	X				X	X
(IR-6)	(Incident Reporting)	(X)	(N/A)				
IR-6(3)	<i>Incident Reporting | Supply Chain Coordination</i>		X				X
(IR-7)	(Incident Response Assistance)	(X)	(N/A)				
IR-7(2)	<i>Incident Response Assistance | Coordination with External Providers</i>		X				X
IR-8	Incident Response Plan	X	X			X	X
IR-9	Information Spillage Response		X				X
MA-1	Policy and Procedures	X	X	X	X	X	X
(MA-2)	(Controlled Maintenance)	(X)	(N/A)				
MA-2(2)	<i>Controlled Maintenance | Automated Maintenance Activities</i>						X

MA-3	Maintenance Tools				X	X
MA-3(1)	<i>Maintenance Tools | Inspect Tools</i>					X
MA-3(2)	<i>Maintenance Tools | Inspect Media</i>					X
MA-3(3)	<i>Maintenance Tools | Prevent Unauthorized Removal</i>					X
MA-4	Nonlocal Maintenance	X	X		X	X
MA-4(3)	<i>Nonlocal Maintenance | Comparable Security and Sanitization</i>				X	X
MA-5	Maintenance Personnel	X			X	X
MA-5(4)	<i>Maintenance Personnel | Foreign Nationals</i>		X		X	X
MA-6	Timely Maintenance					X
MA-7	Field Maintenance					X
MA-8	Maintenance Monitoring and Information Sharing					X
MP-1	Policy and Procedures	X		X	X	
MP-4	Media Storage		X	X	X	
MP-5	Media Transport			X	X	
MP-6	Media Sanitization	X	X		X	X
PE-1	Policy and Procedures	X		X	X	X
PE-2	Physical Access Authorizations	X	X		X	X
PE-2(1)	<i>Physical Access Authorizations | Access by Position or Role</i>				X	X
PE-3	Physical Access Control	X			X	X
PE-3(1)	<i>Physical Access Control | System Access</i>				X	X
PE-3(2)	<i>Physical Access Control | Facility and Systems</i>				X	X
PE-3(5)	<i>Physical Access Control | Tamper Protection</i>				X	X
PE-6	Monitoring Physical Access	X		X	X	X
PE-16	Delivery and Removal	X				X
PE-17	Alternate Work Site					X
PE-18	Location of System Components			X	X	X
PE-20	Asset Monitoring and Tracking				X	X
PE-23	Facility Location		X		X	X
PL-1	Policy and Procedures	X			X	
PL-2	System Security and Privacy Plans	X	X			X
PL-4	Rules of Behavior	X			X	X
PL-7	Concept of Operations					X
PL-8	Security and Privacy Architectures				X	X
PL-8(2)	<i>Security and Privacy Architectures | Supplier Diversity</i>				X	X
PL-9	Central Management			X	X	
PL-10	Baseline Selection	X			X	X
PM-2	Information Security Program Leadership Role			X	X	
PM-3	Information Security and Privacy Resources			X	X	
PM-4	Plan of Action and Milestones Process				X	X
PM-5	System Inventory				X	X
PM-6	Measures of Performance			X	X	
PM-7	Enterprise Architecture			X	X	
PM-8	Critical Infrastructure Plan			X		
PM-9	Risk Management Strategy			X		
PM-10	Authorization Process			X	X	
PM-11	Mission and Business Process Definition			X	X	X
PM-12	Insider Threat Program			X	X	X
PM-13	Security and Privacy Workforce			X	X	
PM-14	Testing, Training, and Monitoring			X	X	
PM-15	Security and Privacy Groups and Associations			X	X	

PM-16	Threat Awareness Program				x	x	
PM-17	Protecting Controlled Unclassified Information on External Systems					x	
PM-18	Privacy Program Plan		x		x	x	
PM-19	Privacy Program Leadership Role				x		
PM-20	Dissemination of Privacy Program Information				x	x	
PM-21	Accounting of Disclosures				x	x	
PM-22	Personally Identifiable Information Quality Management				x	x	
PM-23	Data Governance Body				x		
PM-25	Minimization of Personally Identifiable Information Used in Testing, Training, and Research					x	
PM-26	Complaint Management					x	x
PM-27	Privacy Reporting					x	x
PM-28	Risk Framing				x		
PM-29	Risk Management Program Leadership Roles				x		
PM-30	Supply Chain Risk Management Strategy				x	x	
PM-31	Continuous Monitoring Strategy				x	x	x
PM-32	Purposing					x	x
PS-1	Policy and Procedures	x	x		x	x	x
PS-3	Personnel Screening	x	x			x	x
PS-6	Access Agreements	x	x			x	x
PS-7	External Personnel Security	x				x	
PT-1	Policy and Procedures		x		x	x	x
RA-1	Policy and Procedures	x			x	x	x
RA-2	Security Categorization	x			x	x	x
RA-3	Risk Assessment	x			x	x	x
RA-5	Vulnerability Monitoring and Scanning	x				x	x
RA-5(3)	<i>Vulnerability Monitoring and Scanning | Breadth and Depth of Coverage</i>					x	x
RA-5(6)	<i>Vulnerability Monitoring and Scanning | Automated Trend Analyses</i>					x	x
RA-7	Risk Response	x			x	x	x
RA-9	Criticality Analysis				x	x	x
RA-10	Threat Hunting				x	x	x
SA-1	Policy and Procedures	x			x	x	x
SA-2	Allocation of Resources	x			x	x	
SA-3	System Development Life Cycle	x			x	x	x
SA-4	Acquisition Process	x			x	x	x
SA-4(5)	<i>Acquisition Process | System, Component, and Service Configurations</i>						x
SA-4(7)	<i>Acquisition Process | NIAP-approved Protection Profiles</i>					x	x
SA-4(8)	<i>Acquisition Process | Continuous Monitoring Plan for Controls</i>					x	x
SA-5	System Documentation	x					x
SA-8	Security and Privacy Engineering Principles	x			x	x	x
(SA-9)	(External System Services)	(x)	(N/A)				
SA-9(1)	<i>External System Services | Risk Assessments and Organizational Approvals</i>					x	x
SA-9(3)	<i>External System Services | Establish and Maintain Trust Relationship with Providers</i>				x	x	x

SA-9(4)	<i>External System Services | Consistent Interests of Consumers and Providers</i>					X
SA-9(5)	<i>External System Services | Processing, Storage, and Service Location</i>					X
SA-10	Developer Configuration Management				X	X
SA-11	Developer Testing and Evaluation			X	X	X
SA-15	Development Process, Standards, and Tools				X	X
SA-15(3)	<i>Development Process, Standards, and Tools | Criticality Analysis</i>				X	X
SA-15(4)	<i>Development Process, Standards, and Tools | Threat Modeling and Vulnerability Analysis</i>				X	X
SA-15(8)	<i>Development Process, Standards, and Tools | Reuse of Threat and Vulnerability Information</i>					X
SA-16	Developer-provided Training				X	X
SA-17	Developer Security and Privacy Architecture and Design				X	X
SA-20	Customized Development of Critical Components				X	X
SA-21	Developer Screening		X		X	X
SA-21(1)	<i>Developer Screening | Validation of Screening</i>				X	X
SA-22	Unsupported System Components	X			X	X
SC-1	Policy and Procedures	X		X	X	X
SC-4	Information in Shared System Resources				X	X
(SC-5)	(Denial-of-service Protection)	(x)	(N/A)			
SC-5(2)	<i>Denial-of-service Protection | Capacity, Bandwidth, and Redundancy</i>				X	
SC-7	Boundary Protection	X			X	
SC-7(13)	<i>Boundary Protection | Isolation of Security Tools, Mechanisms, and Support Components</i>		X			X
SC-7(14)	<i>Boundary Protection | Protect Against Unauthorized Physical Connections</i>				X	X
SC-7(19)	<i>Boundary Protection | Block Communication from Non-organizationally Configured Hosts</i>					X
SC-8	Transmission Confidentiality and Integrity				X	X
SC-18	Mobile Code					X
SC-18(2)	<i>Mobile Code | Acquisition, Development, and Use</i>					X
SC-27	Platform-independent Applications				X	X
SC-28	Protection of Information at Rest		X		X	X
SC-29	Heterogeneity				X	X
SC-30	Concealment and Misdirection				X	X
SC-30(2)	<i>Concealment and Misdirection | Randomness</i>				X	X
SC-30(3)	<i>Concealment and Misdirection | Change Processing and Storage Locations</i>				X	X
SC-30(4)	<i>Concealment and Misdirection | Misleading Information</i>				X	X
SC-30(5)	<i>Concealment and Misdirection | Concealment of System Components</i>				X	X
SC-36	Distributed Processing and Storage		X		X	X
(SC-37)	(Out-of-band Channels)	(x)	(N/A)			X
SC-37(1)	<i>Out-of-band Channels | Ensure Delivery and Transmission</i>				X	X
SC-38	Operations Security				X	X
SC-47	Alternate Communications Paths			X	X	X

SI-1	Policy and Procedures	x		x	x	x
SI-2	Flaw Remediation	x			x	x
SI-2(5)	<i>Flaw Remediation | Automatic Software and Firmware Updates</i>				x	
SI-3	Malicious Code Protection	x	x		x	x
SI-4	System Monitoring	x		x	x	x
SI-4(17)	<i>System Monitoring | Integrated Situational Awareness</i>				x	x
SI-4(19)	<i>System Monitoring | Risk for Individuals</i>				x	x
SI-5	Security Alerts, Advisories, and Directives	x		x	x	x
SI-7	Software, Firmware, and Information Integrity		x		x	x
SI-7(14)	<i>Software, Firmware, and Information Integrity | Binary or Machine Executable Code</i>				x	x
SI-7(15)	<i>Software, Firmware, and Information Integrity | Code Authentication</i>					x
SI-12	Information Management and Retention	x				x
SI-20	Tainting		x		x	x
SR-1	Policy and Procedures	x		x	x	x
SR-2	Supply Chain Risk Management Plan	x				x
SR-3	Supply Chain Controls and Processes	x		x	x	x
SR-3(1)	<i>Supply Chain Controls and Processes | Diverse Supply Base</i>				x	x
SR-3(3)	<i>Supply Chain Controls and Processes | Sub-tier Flow Down</i>		x		x	x
SR-4	Provenance				x	x
SR-5	Acquisition Strategies, Tools, and Methods	x		x	x	x
SR-6	Supplier Assessments and Reviews				x	x
SR-7	Supply Chain Operations Security				x	x
SR-8	Notification Agreements	x			x	x
SR-9	Tamper Resistance and Detection				x	x
SR-10	Inspection of Systems or Components	x	x		x	x
SR-11	Component Authenticity	x		x	x	x
SR-11(1)	<i>Component Authenticity | Anti-counterfeit Training</i>	x			x	x
SR-11(2)	<i>Component Authenticity | Configuration Control for Component Service and Repair</i>	x			x	x
SR-11(3)	<i>Component Authenticity Anti-counterfeit Scanning</i>				x	x
SR-12	Component Disposal	x			x	x
SR-13	Supplier Inventory				x	x

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5677**APPENDIX B: RISK EXPOSURE FRAMEWORK**

5678 There are numerous opportunities for vulnerabilities that impact the enterprise environment or the
5679 system/element to be intentionally or unintentionally inserted, created, or exploited throughout the supply
5680 chain. Exploitation of these vulnerabilities is known as a supply chain threat event. **A Threat Scenario is**
5681 **a set of discrete threat events, associated with a specific potential or identified existing threat source**
5682 **or multiple threat sources, partially ordered in time.** Developing and analyzing threat scenarios can
5683 help organizations have a more comprehensive understanding of the various types of threat events that
5684 can occur and lay the ground work for analyzing the likelihood and impact a specific event or events
5685 would have on an organization. Conducting this analysis is a useful way to discover gaps in controls and
5686 to identify and prioritize appropriate mitigating strategies.¹⁹

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Threat scenarios are generally used in two ways:

- 5690 • To translate the often disconnected information garnered from a risk assessment, such as
5691 described in [NIST SP 800-30 Rev. 1] , into a more narrowly scoped and tangible, story-like
5692 situation for further evaluation. These stories can help organizations to discover dependencies and
5693 additional vulnerabilities requiring mitigation and used for training; and
- 5694 • To determine the impact that the successful exercise of a specific vulnerability would have on the
5695 organization and identify the benefits of mitigating strategies.

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Threat scenarios serve as a key component of the organization's cyber supply chain risk management process described in Appendix C of this publication. An organization forms a threat scenario to analyze a disparate set of threat and vulnerability conditions to assemble a cohesive story that can be analyzed as part of a risk assessment. With a threat scenario defined, the organization can complete a risk assessment to understand how likely the scenario is and what would happen (i.e., the impact) as a result. Ultimately the analyzed components of a threat scenario are used to reach a risk determination which represents the organization's conclusion on its level of exposure to a cyber supply chain risk.

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Once a risk determination has been made – the organization will determine a path for responding to the risk using the Risk Exposure Framework. Within the Risk Exposure Framework – organizations will document the threat scenario, the risk analysis, as well as the identified a risk response strategy and any associated C-SCRM controls.

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This appendix provides an example of a Risk Exposure Framework for C-SCRM that can be used by organizations to develop their own, tailored Risk Exposure Framework for potential and identified threats that best suits their needs. It contains five examples of how this framework may be used. The examples differ slightly in their implementation of the framework so as to show how the framework may be tailored by an organization. Each example identifies one or more vulnerabilities, describes a specific threat source, identifies the expected impact on the organization, and proposes SP 800-161, Rev. 1 C-SCRM controls that would help mitigate the resulting risk.

¹⁹ Additional example threat scenarios and threat lists can be found in the ICT SCRM Task Force: Threat Scenarios Report, February 2021, <https://www.cisa.gov/publication/ict-scrm-task-force-threat-scenarios-report>. This report leveraged the 2015 version of the NIST SP 800-161.

5718 RISK EXPOSURE FRAMEWORK

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5720 **Step 1: Create a Plan for Developing and Analyzing Threat Scenarios**

- 5721 • Identify the purpose of the threat scenario analysis in terms of the objectives, milestones, and
- 5722 expected deliverables;
- 5723 • Identify the scope of organizational applicability, level of detail, and other constraints;
- 5724 • Identify resources to be used, including personnel, time, and equipment; and
- 5725 • Define a Risk Exposure Framework to be used for analyzing scenarios.

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5727 **Step 2: Characterize the Environment**

- 5728 • Identify core mission/business processes and key organizational dependencies;
- 5729 • Describe threat sources that are relevant to the organization. Include the motivation and resources
- 5730 available to the threat source, if applicable;
- 5731 • List known vulnerabilities or areas of concern (Note: Examples of areas of concern include the
- 5732 planned outsourcing of a manufacturing plant, the pending termination of a maintenance contract,
- 5733 or the discontinued manufacture of an element.);
- 5734 • Identify existing and planned controls;
- 5735 • Identify related regulations, standards, policies, and procedures; and
- 5736 • Define an acceptable level of risk (risk threshold) per the organization's assessment of Tactics,
- 5737 Techniques, and Procedures (TTPs), system criticality, and a risk owner's set of mission or
- 5738 business priorities. The level of risk or risk threshold can be periodically revisited and adjusted to
- 5739 reflect the elasticity of the global supply chain, organizational changes, and new mission
- 5740 priorities.

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5742 **Step 3: Develop and Select Threat Event(s) for Analysis**

- 5743 • List possible ways threat sources could exploit known vulnerabilities or impact areas of concern
- 5744 to create a list of events (Note: Historical data is useful in determine this information.);
- 5745 • Briefly outline the series of consequences that could occur as a result of each threat event. These
- 5746 may be as broad or specific as necessary. If applicable, estimate the likelihood and impact of each
- 5747 event;
- 5748 • Eliminate those events that are clearly outside the defined purpose and scope of the analysis;
- 5749 • Describe in more detail the remaining potential threat events. Include the TTPs a threat source
- 5750 may use to carry out attacks (Note: The level of detail in the description is dependent on the needs
- 5751 of the organization.); and
- 5752 • Select for analysis those events that best fit the defined purpose and scope of the analysis. More
- 5753 likely or impactful events, areas of concern to the organization, and an event that can represent
- 5754 several of the other listed events are generally useful candidates.

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5756 **Step 4: Conduct an Analysis using the Risk Exposure Framework**

- 5757 • For each threat event, note any immediate consequences of the event and identify those
- 5758 organizational units and processes that would be affected, taking into account existing and
- 5759 planned controls and the extent to which those controls are able to effectively prevent, withstand,
- 5760 or otherwise mitigate the harm that could result from the threat event, and applicable regulations,
- 5761 standards, policies, and procedures;
- 5762 • Estimate the impact these consequences would have on the mission/business processes,
- 5763 information, assets, as well as the organizational units or other stakeholders affected, preferably
- 5764 in quantitative terms from historical data and taking into account existing and planned controls,
- 5765 and applicable regulations, standards, policies, and procedures (Note: It may be beneficial to
- 5766 identify a "most likely" impact level and a "worst-case" or "100-year" impact level.); and

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- Identify those organizational units, processes, information (access or flows), and/or assets that may or would be subsequently affected, the consequences and the impact levels, until each affected critical affected items has been analyzed, taking into account existing and planned controls, and applicable regulations, standards, policies, and procedures (e.g., If a critical server goes down, one of the first processes affected may be the technology support department, but if they determine a new part is needed to bring the server backup, the procurement department may become involved.).

5775 **Step 5: Determine C-SCRM Applicable Controls**

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- Determine if and which threat scenario events create a risk level that exceeds a risk owner's acceptable level of risk (risk threshold). (Note: In some cases, the level of acceptable risk may be dependent on the capability to implement, or the cost of, mitigating strategies.) Identify opportunities to strengthen existing controls or potential new mitigating controls. Using a list of standard or recommended controls can make this process simpler. This appendix uses the controls in Section 4 of NIST SP 800-161 Rev. 1.
 - Estimate the effectiveness of existing and planned controls at reducing the risk of a scenario;
 - Estimate the capability and resources needed (in terms of money, personnel, time) to implement potential new or strengthened controls; and
 - Identify those C-SCRM controls or combinations of C-SCRM controls that could cause the estimated residual risk of a threat event to drop to an acceptable level in the most resource-effective manner, taking into account any rules or regulations that may apply (Note: Consideration should be given to the potential that one control will help mitigate the risk from more than one event, or that a control may increase the risk of a separate event.).

5791 **Step 6: Evaluate / Feedback**

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- Develop a plan to implement the selected controls and evaluate their effectiveness; and
 - Evaluate the effectiveness of the Risk Exposure Framework and make improvements as needed.

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Table B-1: Sample Risk Exposure Framework

Threat Scenario	Threat	
	Threat Event Description	<p><i>Describe possible ways threat sources could exploit known vulnerabilities or impact areas of concern to create a list of events.</i></p> <p>Threat event: An event or situation that has the potential for causing undesirable consequences or impact.</p>
	Threat Event Outcome	<p><i>Describe the outcome of the threat event.</i></p> <p>Threat Event Outcome: The effect a threat acting upon a vulnerability has on the confidentiality, integrity, and/or availability of the organization’s operations, assets, and/or individuals.</p>
Organizational units / processes/information/ assets/stakeholders affected		<p><i>List the affected organizational units / processes/information/ assets/stakeholders affected.</i></p>
Mitigation Risk	Impact	<p><i>Enter the estimate of the impact the outcome of the consequences would have on the mission/business processes, information, assets, as well as the organizational units or other stakeholders affected, preferably in quantitative terms from historical data and taking into account existing and planned controls, and applicable regulations, standards, policies, and procedures (Note: It may be beneficial to identify a “most likely” impact level and a “worst-case” or “100-year” impact level.)</i></p> <p>The effect on organizational operations, organizational assets, individuals, other organizations, or the Nation (including the national security interests of the United States) of a loss of confidentiality, integrity, or availability of information or a system.</p>
	Likelihood	<p><i>Enter the likelihood a specific event or events would have on an organization</i></p> <p>Likelihood: Chance of something happening</p>
	Risk Score (Impact x Likelihood)	<p><i>Enter the risk score by multiplying impact x likelihood.</i></p> <p><i>A measure of the extent to which an entity is threatened by a potential circumstance or event, and typically a function of: (i) the adverse impacts that would arise if the circumstance or event occurs; and (ii) the likelihood of occurrence.</i></p>
	Acceptable Level of Risk	<p><i>Define an acceptable level of risk (risk threshold) per the organization’s assessment of Tactics, Techniques, and Procedures (TTPs), system criticality, risk appetite and tolerance, and a risk owner’s set strategic goals and objectives.</i></p> <p>Acceptable Risk: A level of residual risk to the organization’s operations, assets, or individuals that falls within the defined risk appetite and risk tolerance thresholds set by the organization.</p>
Mitigation	Potential Mitigating Strategies / C-SCRM Controls	<p><i>List the potential mitigating risk strategies and any relevant C-SCRM controls.</i></p>

		C-SCRM Risk Mitigation: A systematic process for managing cyber supply chain risk exposures, threats, and vulnerabilities throughout the supply chain and developing risk response strategies to the cyber supply chain risks presented by the supplier, the supplied products and services, or the supply chain.
	Estimated Cost of Mitigating Strategies	<i>Enter estimated cost of risk mitigating strategies.</i>
	Change in Likelihood	<i>Identify potential changes in likelihood.</i>
	Change in Impact	<i>Identify potential changes in impact.</i>
	Selected Strategies	<i>List selected strategies to reduce impact.</i>
	Estimated Residual Risk	<i>Enter the estimated amount of residual risk</i> Residual Risk: Portion of risk remaining after security measures have been applied.

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5800 SAMPLE SCENARIOS

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5802 This appendix provides five example threat scenarios specific to the U.S. government using a fictitious
5803 ‘ABC Company’ and the Risk Exposure Framework described above. The examples purposely vary in
5804 level of specificity and detail to show that threat scenarios can be as broad or specific—as detailed or
5805 generic—as necessary. While these scenarios use percentages and basic scoring measures (High,
5806 Moderate, Low) for likelihood, impact, and risk, organizations may use any number of different units of
5807 measure (e.g., CVSS score, etc.). Additionally, these scenarios vary slightly in implementation of the risk
5808 response framework to show the Risk Exposure Framework can be adapted as needed.

5810 SCENARIO 1: Influence or Control by Foreign Governments Over Suppliers²⁰**5811 Background**

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5813 An organization has decided to perform a threat scenario analysis of its Printed Circuit Board (PCB)
5814 suppliers. The scenario will focus on the sensitivity of the business to unforeseen fluctuations in
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5819 ABC Company designs, assembles, and ships 3.5 million personal computers per year. It has a global
5820 footprint both in terms of customer and supply bases. Five years ago, in an effort to reduce the cost of
5821 goods sold, ABC Company shifted a majority of its PCB procurement to Southeast Asia. To avoid being
5822 single sourced, ABC Company finalized agreements with five different suppliers within the country and
5823 has enjoyed a positive partnership with each during this time.

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5831 The organization has established the following fictitious threat for the analysis exercise: Last year, the
5832 country where ABC Company does most of their PCB business has seen a new regime take over the
5833 government. This regime has been more focused on improving finances and business environment within
5834 the country, allowing larger firms who set up headquarters and other major centers within country
5835 advantages to more easily and cost-efficiently do business with suppliers within the same region. In
5836 February of 2019, this now-corrupt regime has passed new legislation establishing an additional 20
5837 percent tax on all electronic components and goods sold outside of the country. This new law was to take
5838 effect on June 1, 2019.

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5840 When the new law was announced, the current ABC Company inventory of PCBs was about 10 percent
5841 of yearly demand, which was the typical inventory level with which they were comfortable. Before June,
5842 ABC Company reached out to all five suppliers to order additional materials, but there was quickly a
5843 shortage due to higher demand from many foreign customers of these products. By June 1, the day the
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²⁰ Scenario 1 prose is slightly modified (e.g., changed company names) from ICT SCRM Task Force: Threat Scenarios Report, February 2021, <https://www.cisa.gov/publication/ict-scrm-task-force-threat-scenarios-report>. This report leveraged the 2015 version of the NIST SP 800-161.

5845 new tax law took effect, ABC Company had reached an inventory level of up to 15 percent of yearly
5846 demand.

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5848 **Outcome**

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5850 Between February and June, ABC Company also looked to partner with new suppliers, but there were
5851 several issues identified. One in every 10 new suppliers ABC Company reached out to required a lead
5852 time for ramping up to desired demand of anywhere from 6 months to 18 months. This would necessitate
5853 additional work on ABC Company's part, including testing samples of the supplier PCBs and finalizing
5854 logistical details, to monitoring supplier-side activities such as procurement of raw materials and
5855 acquisition of additional personnel, production space, etc. necessary to meet the new demand.

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5857 The second issue due to the current contracts with all five current suppliers in Southeast Asia involved
5858 meeting minimum demand requirements, in that ABC Company was committed to purchasing at
5859 minimum 100,000 PCB's per month for the duration of the contracts (which ranged anywhere from 3
5860 months to 24 months in length). This would mean ABC Company could not easily avoid the cost
5861 implications of the new tax. Could ABC Company absorb the cost of the PCBs? With a 20 percent cost
5862 increase, this eroded the margins of a PC from 13.5 percent down to 4.5 percent on average. For some of
5863 the lower-margin ABC Company offerings, it would likely result in discontinuing the line and using the
5864 now more expensive PCB's on higher-end models that could carry more margin.

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5866 **Organizational Units / Processes Affected**

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5870 **Potential Mitigating Strategies / C-SCRM Controls**

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5872 Perform regular assessment and review of supplier risk²¹; Diversify suppliers not only by immediate
5873 location, but also by country, region and other factors; Build cost implications into supplier contracts,
5874 making it easier to part ways with suppliers when costs rise too high (whether by fault of the supplier or
5875 otherwise); Adjust desired inventory levels to better account for unexpected shortage of demand at critical
5876 times; and Employ more resources in countries or regions of key suppliers with the intent to source
5877 advanced notice of new legislature that may negatively affect business.

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²¹ Regular assessment and review of supplier risk mitigating strategy was added to original Scenario 1 text from ICT SCRM Task Force: Threat Scenarios Report, February 2021, <https://www.cisa.gov/publication/ict-scrm-task-force-threat-scenarios-report>. This report leveraged the 2015 version of the NIST SP 800-161.

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Table B-2: Scenario 1

Threat Scenario	Threat Source	Dynamic geopolitical conditions that impact the supply of production components for PCs	
	Vulnerability	Geographical concentration of suppliers for a key production component	
	Threat Event Description	<p>ABC Company shifted a majority of its Printed Circuit Board (PCB) procurement to Southeast Asia to reduce cost of goods sold. In an effort to avoid being single sourced, ABC Company finalized agreements with five different suppliers within the country.</p> <p>The country in which ABC Company conducts most of their PCB business has seen a new regime assume governmental authority. In February of 2019, this now-corrupt regime passed legislation establishing an additional 20 percent tax on all electronic components and goods sold outside of the country. This law was to take effect on June 1, 2019.</p> <p>When the new law was announced, the current ABC Company inventory of PCBs was about 10 percent of yearly demand, at the typical level of inventory with which they were comfortable. Before June, ABC Company reached out to all five suppliers to order additional materials, but there was quickly a shortage due to higher demand from many foreign customers of these products. By June 1, the day the new tax law took effect, ABC Company had reached an inventory level up to 15 percent of annual demand.</p>	
	Threat Event Outcome	<p>ABC Company also looked to partner with new suppliers, but there were issues identified with this approach: 1) One out of every 10 new suppliers to which ABC Company reached out required a lead time to ramp up to desired demand of anywhere from 6 months to 18 months; and 2) Current contracts with all five active suppliers in Southeast Asia stipulated minimum demand requirements, meaning ABC Company was committed to purchasing a minimum of 100,000 PCB's per month for the duration of the contracts (which ranged anywhere from 3 months to 24 months in length). This would mean ABC Company could not easily avoid the cost implications of this new tax. With a 20 percent cost increase, the margins of a PC eroded from 13.5 percent to 4.5 percent, on average.</p>	
Organizational units / processes affected		N/A	
Risk	Impact	High: \$40,000,000 decline in PC product line profit	
	Likelihood	Moderate: 10% annualized probability of occurrence	
	Risk Score (Impact x Likelihood)	High: Inherent Risk Exposure equal to approx. \$4,000,000 in product line profit	
	Acceptable Level of Risk	No greater than 10% probability of greater than \$10,000,000 in product line profit	
Mitig	Potential Mitigating Strategies / C-SCRM Controls	Assess and review supplier risk to include FOCI [SR-6(1)], employ supplier diversity requirements [C-	Perform regular assessment and review of supplier risk; Diversify suppliers not just by immediate

	SCRM_PL-3(1), employ supplier diversity [SCRM_PL-8(2)], and adjust inventory levels [CM-8]	location, but by country, region and other factors; Build cost implications into supplier contracts, making it easier to walk away from suppliers when costs rise too high (whether its fault of the supplier or not); Adjust desired inventory levels to better account for unexpected shortage of demand at critical times; and Employ more resources in countries or regions of key suppliers with the intent to source advanced notice of new legislature that may negatively affect business.
Estimated Cost of Mitigating Strategies	N/A	
Change in Likelihood	Low: 10% probability of occurrence	
Change in Impact	Moderate: \$2,000,000 in product line profit	
Selected Strategies	Combination of strategies using the mitigation noted.	
Estimated Residual Risk	Low: Residual risk exposure 0.02% of PC product line profit margin	

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5882 **SCENARIO 2: Telecommunications Counterfeits**

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5884 **Background**

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5886 A large organization, ABC Company, has developed a system that is maintained by contract with an
 5887 external integration company. The system requires a common telecommunications element that is no
 5888 longer available from the Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM). The OEM has offered a newer
 5889 product as a replacement which would require modifications to the system at a cost of approximately \$1
 5890 million. If the element is not upgraded, the agency and system integrator would have to rely on secondary
 5891 market suppliers for replacements. The newer product provides no significant improvement on the
 5892 element currently being used.

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5894 ABC Company has decided to perform a threat scenario analysis to determine whether to modify the
 5895 system to accept the new product or accept the risk of continuing to use a product that is no longer in
 5896 production.

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5900 The environment is characterized as follows:

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- The system is expected to last ten more years without any major upgrades/modifications and has a 99.9% uptime requirement.

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- 5903 • Over 1000 of the \$200 elements are used throughout the system and approximately 10% are
5904 replaced every year due to regular wear-and-tear, malfunctions, or other reasons. The integrator
5905 has an approximate three-month supply on hand at any given time.
- 5906 • The element is continuously monitored for functionality, and efficient procedures exist to reroute
5907 traffic and replace the element should it unexpectedly fail.
- 5908 • Outages resulting from unexpected failure of the element are rare, localized, and last only a few
5909 minutes. More frequently, when an element fails, the system's functionality is severely reduced
5910 for approximately one to four hours while the problem is diagnosed and fixed or the element
5911 replaced.
- 5912 • Products such as the element in question have been a common target for counterfeiting.
- 5913 • The integrator has policies restricting the purchase of counterfeit goods and a procedure to follow
5914 if a counterfeit is discovered [Ref. SR-11].
- 5915 • The integrator and acquiring agency have limited testing procedures to ensure functionality of the
5916 element before acceptance [Ref. SR-5(2)].
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5918 **Threat Event**

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5920 To support the threat scenario, the agency created a fictitious threat source described as a group motivated
5921 by profit with vast experience creating counterfeit solutions. The counterfeiter is able to make a high
5922 profit margin by creating and selling as genuine products that are visually identical to their genuine
5923 counterparts but which use lower-quality materials. They have the resources to copy most trademark and
5924 other identifying characteristics and insert counterfeits into a supply chain commonly used by the
5925 organization with little to no risk of detection. The counterfeit product is appealing to unaware purchasing
5926 authorities as it is generally offered at a discount, sold as excess inventory or as stockpile.
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5928 If an inferior quality element was inserted into the system, it would likely fail more often than expected,
5929 causing reduced functionality of the system. In the event of a large number of counterfeit products
5930 integrating with genuine parts into the system randomly, the number and severity of unexpected outages
5931 could grow significantly. The agency and integrator decided that the chances a counterfeit product could
5932 be purchased to maintain the system and the estimated potential impact of such an event were high
5933 enough to warrant further evaluation.
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5935 **Threat Scenario Analysis**

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5937 The person(s) purchasing the element from a supplier will be the first affected by a counterfeit product.
5938 Policy requires they attempt to purchase a genuine product from vetted suppliers. This individual would
5939 have to be led to believe that the product is genuine. As the counterfeit product in question is visually
5940 identical to the element desired, and at a discount, there is a high chance the counterfeit will be purchased.
5941 One will be tested to ensure functionality, and then the items will be placed into storage.
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5943 When one of the elements in the system needs replacing, an engineer will install a counterfeit, quickly test
5944 to ensure it is running properly, and record the change. It could take two years for the counterfeit product
5945 to fail, so up to 200 counterfeit elements could be inserted into the system before the first sign of failure.
5946 If all the regularly replaced elements are substituted for counterfeits and each counterfeit fails after two
5947 years, the cost of the system would increase by \$160,000 in ten years. The requisite maintenance time
5948 would also cost the integration company in personnel and other expenses.
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5950 When a counterfeit fails, it will take approximately one to four hours to diagnose and replace the element.
5951 During this time, productivity is severely reduced. If more than one of the elements fails at the same time,
5952 the system could fail entirely. This could cause significant damage to agency operations and violate the

5953 99.9% uptime requirements set forth in the contract. Plus, if it becomes determined that the element failed
5954 because it was counterfeit, additional costs associated with reporting the counterfeit would be incurred.
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5956 **Mitigation Strategy**

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5958 The following were identified as potential mitigating activities (from NIST SP 800-161 Rev. 1):
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- 5960 • Require developers to perform security testing/evaluation at all post-design phases of the SDLC
5961 [Ref. SA-11];
- 5962 • Validate that the information system or system component received is genuine and has not been
5963 altered [Ref. SR-11];
- 5964 • Incorporate security requirements into the design of information systems (security engineering)
5965 [Ref. PL-8, SC-36]; and
- 5966 • Employ supplier diversity requirements [PL-8(2)].
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5968 Based on these controls, the agency was able to devise a strategy that would include:
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- 5970 • Acceptance testing: Examination of elements to ensure they are new, genuine, and that all
5971 associated licenses are valid. Testing methods include, where appropriate: physical inspection by
5972 trained personnel using digital imaging, digital signature verification, serial/part number
5973 verification, and sample electrical testing;
- 5974 • Increasing security requirements into the design of the system by adding redundant elements
5975 along more critical paths (as determined by a criticality analysis) and in order to minimize the
5976 impact of an element failure; and
- 5977 • Search for alternative vetted suppliers/trusted components.
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5979 It was determined that this strategy would cost less than accepting the risk of allowing counterfeits into
5980 the system or modifying the system to accept the upgraded element. The estimated cost for implementing
5981 a more rigorous acquisition and testing program was \$80,000; the cost for increasing security engineering
5982 requirements was \$100,000.
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5984 **Table B-3: Scenario 2**
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Threat Scenario	Threat Source	Counterfeit telecommunications element introduced into supply chain
	Vulnerability	Element no longer produced by OEM Purchasing authorities unable / unwilling to identify and purchase only genuine elements
	Threat Event Description	Threat agent inserts their counterfeit element into a trusted distribution chain. → Purchasing authorities buy the counterfeit element. → Counterfeit elements installed into the system
	Threat Event Outcome	The element fails more frequently than before, increasing the number of outages
Organizational units / processes/information/assets/stakeholders affected		Acquisitions Maintenance OEM / supplier relations Mission-essential functions
(Risk)	Impact	Moderate: Element failure leads to 1-4-hour system downtime

	Likelihood	High: Significant motivation by threat actor and high vulnerability due to agency’s inability to detect counterfeits with 25% annualized probability of premature component failure	
	Risk Score (Impact x Likelihood)	Medium: Significant short-term disruptions that lead downtime to exceed uptime threshold by 0.5% (e.g., 99.4% < 99.9% requirement)	
	Acceptable Level of Risk	Low: System must have less than 10% annualized probability of missing 99% uptime thresholds	
Mitigation	Potential Mitigating Strategies / C-SCRM Controls	Increase acceptance testing capabilities [C-SCRM_SA-9; C-SCRM_SA-10], increase security requirements in design of systems [C-SCRM_PL-2, and employ supplier diversity requirements [C-SCRM_PL-8(2)]	Modify the system to accept element upgrade
	Estimated Cost of Mitigating Strategies	\$180,000	\$1 million
	Change in Likelihood	Low: 8% annualized probability of component failure	
	Change in Impact	Low: Element failure causes failover to redundant system component – cost limited to maintenance and replacement	
	Selected Strategies	Agency-level examination and testing Place elements in escrow until they pass defined acceptance testing criteria Increase security engineering Search for multiple suppliers of the element	
	Estimated Residual Risk	Low: 8% annualized probability of component failures leading to system downtime (i.e., less than 99.9% uptime)	

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SCENARIO 3: Industrial Espionage

Background

ABC Company, a semiconductor (SC) company used by the organization to produce military and aerospace systems, is considering a partnership with a KXY Co. to leverage their fabrication facility. This would represent a significant change in the supply chain related to a critical system element. A committee was formed including representatives from the organization, ABC Company, and the integration company to help identify the impact the partnership would have on the organization and risk-appropriate mitigating practices to enact when the partnership is completed.

Environment

The systems of concern are vital to the safety of military and aerospace missions. While not classified, the element that KXY would be expected to manufacture is unique, patented, and critical to the operational status of the systems. Loss of availability of the element while the system is operational could have significant, immediate impact across multiple agencies and the civilian populous, including loss of life

6006 and millions of dollars in damages. An initial Risk Assessment was accomplished using [NIST SP 800-30
6007 Rev. 1], and the existing level of risk for this is was given a score of “Moderate.”
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6009 KXY currently produces a state-of-the-art, low-cost wafer fabrication with a primarily commercial focus.
6010 The nation-state in which KXY operates has a history of conducting industrial espionage to gain
6011 IP/technology. They have shown interest in semiconductor technology and provided a significant grant to
6012 KXY to expand into the military and aerospace markets. While KXY does not currently have the testing
6013 infrastructure to meet U.S. industry compliance requirements, the nation-state’s resources are significant,
6014 including the ability to provide both concessions as well as incentives to help KXY meet those
6015 requirements.
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6017 The key area of concern was that the nation-state in which KXY operates would be able to use its
6018 influence to gain access to the element or the element’s design.
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6020 The committee reviewed current mitigation strategies in place and determined that ABC Company, the
6021 integration company, and the organization had several existing practices to ensure that the system and all
6022 critical elements, as determined by a criticality analysis, met specific functionality requirements. For
6023 example, the system and critical elements are determined compliant with relevant industry standards. As
6024 part of their requirements under [NIST SP 800-53 Rev.5], the agency had some information protection
6025 requirements (Ref. PM-11). In addition, ABC Company had a sophisticated inventory tracking system
6026 that required that most elements to be uniquely tagged using RFID technology or otherwise identified for
6027 traceability (Ref. SR-4)).
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6030 **Threat Scenario**

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6032 Based on past experience, the organization decided that KXY’s host nation would likely perform one of
6033 two actions if given access to the technology: sell it to interested parties, or insert/identify vulnerabilities
6034 for later exploitation. For either of these threat events to succeed, the host nation would have to
6035 understand the purpose of the element and be given significant access to the element or element’s design.
6036 This could be done with cooperation of KXY’s human resources department, through deception, or by
6037 physical or electronic theft. Physical theft would be difficult given existing physical control requirements
6038 and inventory control procedures. For a modified element to be purchased and integrated with the system,
6039 it would need to pass various testing procedures at both the integrator and agency levels. Testing methods
6040 currently utilized included radiographic examination, material analysis, electrical testing, and sample
6041 accelerated life testing. Modifications to identification labels/schemes would need to be undetectable in a
6042 basic examination. In addition, KXY would need to pass routine audits, which would check KXY’s
6043 processes for ensuring the quality and functionality of the element.
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6045 The committee decided that, despite existing practices, there was a 30% chance that the host nation would
6046 have the motivation and ability to develop harmful modifications to the element without detection, exploit
6047 previously unknown vulnerabilities, or provide the means for one of their allies to do the same. This could
6048 result in a loss of availability or integrity of the system, causing significant harm. Using information from
6049 an initial Risk Assessment accomplished using [NIST SP 800-30 Rev. 1], the committee identified this as
6050 the worst-case scenario with an impact score of “High.”
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6052 There is approximately a 40% chance that the host nation could and would sell the technology to
6053 interested parties, resulting in a loss of technological superiority. If this scenario occurred, friendly
6054 military and civilian lives could be at risk, intelligence operations would be damaged, and more money

6055 would be required to invest in a new solution. The committee assigned an impact score for this scenario
6056 of “Moderate.”

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6058 The committee determined that the overall combined risk score for the vulnerability of concern was
6059 “High.”

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6061 **Mitigating Strategies**

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6063 Using NIST SP 800-161 Rev. 1 as a base, three broad strategies were identified by the committee: (1)
6064 improve traceability capabilities, (2) increase provenance and information requirements, and (3) choose
6065 another supplier. These three options were analyzed in more detail to determine specific implementation
6066 strategies, their impact on the scenarios, and their estimated cost to implement. (Specific technologies and
6067 techniques are not described in this case but would be useful in an actual threat scenario evaluation).

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6069 Improve traceability and monitoring capabilities

- 6070 • CM-8 - SYSTEM COMPONENT INVENTORY
- 6071 • IA-1 - POLICY AND PROCEDURES
- 6072 • SA-10 - DEVELOPER CONFIGURATION MANAGEMENT
- 6073 • SR-8 - NOTIFICATION AGREEMENTS
- 6074 • SR-4 - PROVENANCE

6075 Cost = 20 % increase

6076 Impact = 10 % decrease

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6078 Increase provenance and information control requirements

- 6079 • AC-21 - INFORMATION SHARING
- 6080 • SR-4 - PROVENANCE

6081 Cost = 20 % increase

6082 Impact = 20 % decrease

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6084 Choose another supplier

- 6085 • SR-6- SUPPLIER ASSESSMENTS AND REVIEWS

6086 Cost = 40 % increase

6087 Impact = 80 % decrease

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6089 Based on this analysis, the committee decided to implement a combination of practices:

- 6090 • Develop and require unique, difficult-to-copy labels or alter labels to discourage cloning or
6091 modification of the component [Ref. SR-3(2)];
- 6092 • Minimize the amount of information that is shared to suppliers. Require that the information be
6093 secured [Ref. AC-21]; and
- 6094 • Require provenance be kept and updated throughout the SDLC [Ref. SR-4].

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6096 With this combination of controls, the estimated residual risk was determined to be equivalent with the
6097 existing risk without the partnership at a cost increase that is less than if the organization had changed
6098 suppliers.

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Table B-4: Scenario 3

Threat Scenario	Threat Source	Nation-state with significant resources looking to steal IP		
	Vulnerability	Supplier considering partnership with company that has relationship with threat source		
	Threat Event Description	Nation-state helps KXY meet industry compliance requirements. ABC Company partners with KXY to develop chips		
	Existing Practices	Strong contractual requirements as to the functionality of the system and elements Comprehensive inventory tracking system at ABC Company Industry compliance requirements		
	Threat Event Outcome	Nation-state extracts technology threat actor, modifies technology, or exploits previously unknown vulnerability		
Organizational units / processes/information/assets/stakeholders affected	KXY Supplier ABC Company integrator functionality testing Technology users Other federal agencies / customers			
Risk	Impact	Technology modified / vulnerabilities exploited – High	Technology sold to interested parties – Moderate	
	Likelihood	Moderate	Moderate	
	Risk Score (Impact x Likelihood)	High		
	Acceptable Level of Risk	Moderate		
Mitigation	Potential Mitigating Strategies / C-SCRM Controls	(1) Improve traceability and monitoring capabilities	(2) Increase provenance and information control requirements	(3) Choose another supplier
	Estimated Cost of Mitigating Strategies	20% increase	20% increase	40% increase
	Change in Likelihood	Moderate → Low		
	Change in Impact	High → Moderate		
	Selected Strategies	Develop and require unique, difficult-to-copy labels or alter labels to discourage cloning or modification of the component [C-SCRM_PE-3] Minimize the amount of information that is shared to suppliers. Require that the information be secured [C-SCRM AC-21] Require provenance be kept and updated throughout the SDLC [C-SCRM_SR-4]		
	Estimated Residual Risk	Moderate – The residual risk was determined to be equivalent with the existing risk without the partnership		

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6104 SCENARIO 4: Malicious Code Insertion

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6108 ABC Company has decided to perform a threat scenario analysis on a traffic control system. The scenario
6109 is to focus on software vulnerabilities and should provide general recommendations regarding mitigating
6110 practices.

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6114 The system runs nearly automatically and uses computers running a commonly available operating
6115 system along with centralized servers. The software was created in-house and is regularly maintained and
6116 updated by an integration company on contract for the next five years. The integration company is large,
6117 frequently used by ABC Company in a variety of projects, and has significant resources to ensure that the
6118 system maintains its high availability and integrity requirements.

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6120 Threats to the system could include loss of power to the system, loss of functionality, or loss of integrity
6121 causing incorrect commands to be processed. Some threat sources could include nature, malicious
6122 outsiders, and malicious insiders. The system is equipped with certain safety controls such as backup
6123 generator power, redundancy of design, and contingency plans if the system fails.

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6125 Threat Event

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6127 ABC Company decided that the most concerning threat event would result from a malicious insider
6128 compromising the integrity of the system. Possible attacks could include the threat actor inserting a worm
6129 or a virus into the system, reducing its ability to function, or they could manually control the system from
6130 one of the central servers or by creating a back-door in the server to be accessed remotely. Depending on
6131 the skillfulness of the attack, an insider could gain control of the system, override certain fail-safes, and
6132 cause significant damage.

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6134 Based on this information, ABC Company developed the following fictitious threat event for analysis:

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6136 *John Poindexter, a disgruntled employee of the integration company, decides to insert some*
6137 *open source malware into a component of the system. He then resigns from the firm, leaving no*
6138 *traceability of his work. The malware has the ability to call home to John and provide him*
6139 *access to stop or allow network traffic at any or all 50 of the transportation stations. As a*
6140 *result, unpredictable, difficult-to-diagnose disruptions would occur, causing significant*
6141 *monetary losses and safety concerns.*

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6143 After a Risk Assessment was accomplished using [NIST SP 800-30 Rev. 1], management decided that the
6144 acceptable level of risk for this scenario was "Moderate."

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6146 Threat Scenario Analysis

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6148 If John were successful, a potential course of events could occur as follows:

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6150 John conducts a trial run, shutting off the services of one station for a short time. It would be
6151 discounted as a fluke and have minimal impact. Later, John would create increasingly frequent
6152 disruptions at various stations. These disruptions would cause anger among employees and

6153 customers and some safety concerns. The integration company would be made aware of the
 6154 problem and begin to investigate the cause. They would create a workaround, and make the
 6155 assumption there was a bug in the system. However, because the malicious code would be buried
 6156 and difficult to identify, the integration company wouldn't discover it. John would then create a
 6157 major disruption across several transportation systems at once. The workaround created by the
 6158 integration company would fail due to the size of the attack, and all transportation services would
 6159 be halted. Travelers would be severely impacted, and the media alerted. The method of attack
 6160 would be identified, and the system modified to prevent John from accessing the system again.
 6161 However, the underlying malicious code would remain. Revenue would decrease significantly for
 6162 several months. Legal questions would arise. Resources would be invested in assuring the public
 6163 that the system was safe.
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6165 **Mitigating Practices**

6166 ABC Company identified the following potential areas for improvement:

- 6169 • Establish and retain identification of supply chain elements, processes, and actors [SR-4];
- 6170 • Control access and configuration changes within the SDLC and require periodic code reviews
 6171 [AC-1, AC-2, CM-3];
- 6172 • Require static code testing [RA-9]; and
- 6173 • Incident Handling [IR-4].

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6176 **Table B-5: Scenario 4**
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Threat Scenario	Threat Source	Integrator– Malicious Code Insertion
	Vulnerability	Minimal oversight of integrator activities - no checks and balances for any individual inserting a small piece of code
	Threat Event Description	Disgruntled employee of an Integrator company inserts malicious functionality into traffic navigation software, and then leaves the ABC Company
	Existing Practices	Integrator: peer-review process Acquirer: Contract that sets down time, cost, and functionality requirements
	Threat Event Outcome	50 large metro locations and 500 instances affected by malware. When activated, the malware causes major disruptions to traffic
Organizational units / processes/information/ assets/stakeholders affected		Traffic Navigation System Implementation company Legal Public Affairs
Risk	Impact	High – Traffic disruptions are major and last for two weeks while a work-around is created. Malicious code is not discovered and remains a vulnerability
	Likelihood	High
	Risk Score (Impact x Likelihood)	High

	Acceptable Level of Risk	Moderate
Mitigation	Potential Mitigating Strategies / C-SCRM Controls	C-SCRM_AC-1; C-SCRM_AC-2; C-SCRM_CM-3; C-SCRM_IR-2; C-SCRM_SA-10; C-SCRM_SA-11
	Estimated Cost of Mitigating Strategies	\$2.5 million
	Change in Likelihood	High → Low
	Change in Impact	High (no change)
	Selected Strategies	Combination of strategies using the mitigation noted
	Estimated Residual Risk	Moderate

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SCENARIO 5: Unintentional Compromise

Background

Uninformed insiders replace components with more cost-efficient solutions without understanding the implications to performance, safety, and long-term costs.

ABC Company has concerns about its acquisition policies and has decided to conduct a threat scenario analysis to identify applicable mitigating practices. Any practices selected must be applicable to a variety of projects and have significant success within a year.

Environment

ABC Company acquires many different systems with varying degrees of requirements. Because of the complexity of the environment, ABC Company officials decide they should use a scenario based on an actual past event.

Threat Event

Using an actual event as a basis, the agency designs the following threat event narrative:

Gill, a newly hired program manager, is tasked with reducing the cost of a \$5 million system being purchased to support complex research applications in a unique physical environment. The system would be responsible for relaying information regarding temperature, humidity, and toxic chemical detection as well as storing and analyzing various data sets. There must not be any unscheduled outages more than 10 seconds long, or serious safety concerns and potential destruction of research will occur. ABC Company’s threat assessment committee determined that the acceptable level of risk for this type of event has a score of 2/10.

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6209 Gill sees that a number of components in the system design are priced high compared with similar
6210 components he has purchased in the commercial acquisition space. Gill asks John, a junior
6211 engineer with the integration company, to replace several load balancer/routers in the system
6212 design to save costs.
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6214 **Threat Scenario Analysis**

6215 ABC Company decides that there were three potential outcomes to the scenario:

- 6217 1. It is determined that the modifications are inadequate before any are purchased (30 % chance, no
6218 impact);
- 6219 2. It is determined that the modifications are inadequate during testing (40 % chance, low impact);
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- 6221 3. The inadequacy of the modifications is undetected, the routers are installed in the system, begin
6222 to fail, and create denial of service incidents (30 % chance, high impact).
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6224 **Mitigating Strategies**

6225 Three potential mitigating strategies were identified:

- 6226 • Improve the existing training program [Ref. AT-1] and add configuration management controls to
6227 monitor all proposed changes to critical systems [Ref. CM-1];
- 6228 • Improve the testing requirements [Ref. SA-11]; and
- 6229 • Require redundancy and heterogeneity in the design of systems [Ref. SC-29, SC-36].
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6233 Adding configuration management controls would increase the likelihood that the modifications were
6234 rejected either at the initial stage or during testing, but it was determined that a \$200,000 investment in
6235 training alone could not bring the level of risk to an acceptable level in the time required.
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6237 Improving the testing requirements would increase the likelihood of the modifications being rejected
6238 during testing, but it was determined that no amount of testing alone could bring the level of risk to an
6239 acceptable level.
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6241 Requiring redundancy and heterogeneity in the design of the system would significantly reduce the
6242 impact of this and other events of concern, but could double the cost of a project. In this scenario, it was
6243 determined that an investment of \$2 million would be required to bring the risk to an acceptable level.
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6245 As a result of this analysis, ABC Company decides to implement a combination of practices:

- 6246 • A mandatory, day-long training program for those handling the acquisition of critical systems and
6247 adding configuration management controls requiring changes be approved by a configuration
6248 management board (CMB) (\$80,000 initial investment);
- 6249 • \$60,000 investment in testing equipment and software for critical systems and elements; and
- 6250 • Redundancy and diversity of design requirements as deemed appropriate for each project.
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6252 It was determined that this combination of practices would be most cost-effective for a variety of projects
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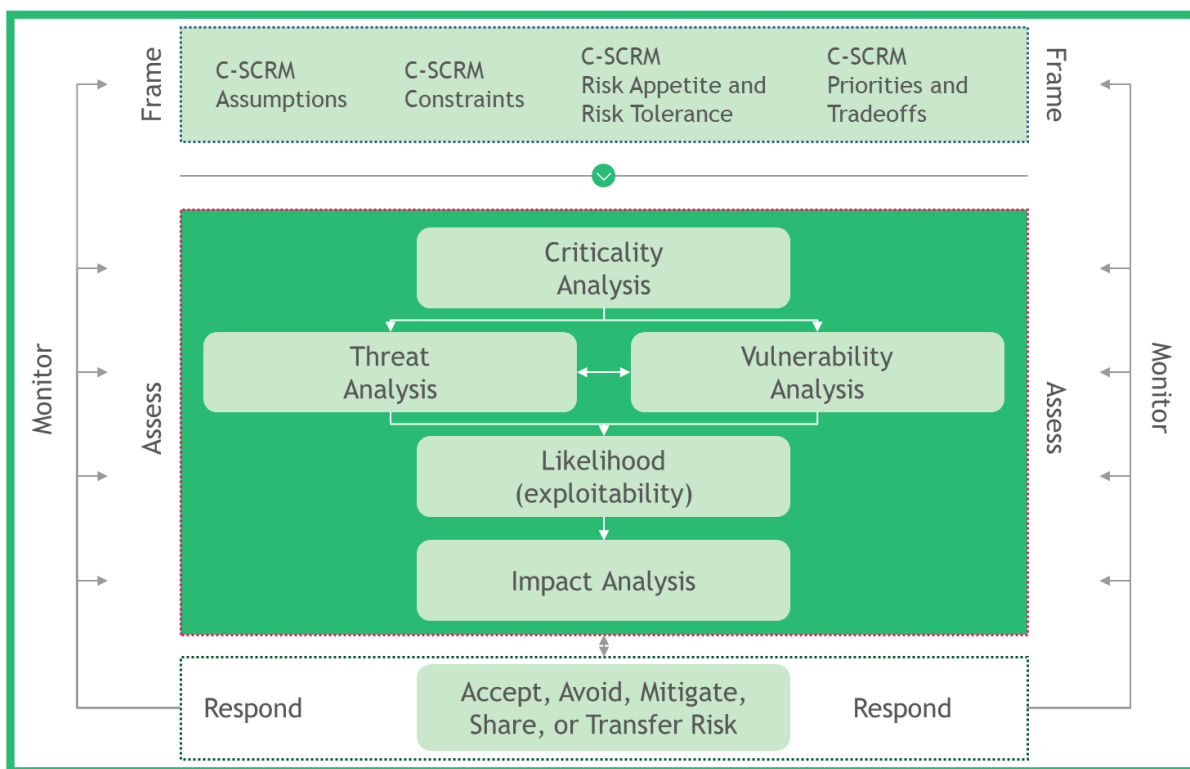
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Table B-6: Scenario 5

Threat Scenario	Threat Source	Internal Employee – Unintentional Compromise		
	Vulnerability	Lax training practices		
	Threat Event Description	A new acquisition officer (AO) with experience in commercial acquisition is tasked with reducing hardware costs. The AO sees that a number of components are priced high and works with an engineer to change the purchase order		
	Existing Practices	Minimal training program that is not considered mandatory Basic testing requirements for system components		
	Threat Event Outcome	Change is found unsuitable before purchase	Change is found unsuitable in testing	Change passes testing, routers installed and start to fail, causing a denial of service situation
Organizational units / processes/information/ assets/stakeholders affected		None	Acquisitions	Acquisitions, System, Users
Risk	Impact	None	Low	High
	Likelihood	Moderate: 30%	High: 40 %	Moderate: 30 %
	Risk Score (Impact x Likelihood)	None	Moderate	Moderate
	Acceptable Level of Risk	Low	Moderate	High
Mitigation	Potential Mitigating Strategies / SCRM Controls	Improve training program and require changes be approved by CMB.	Improve acquisition testing	Improve design of system
	Estimated Cost of Mitigating Strategies	\$200,000	---	\$2 million
	Change in Impact	None – No Change	Low – No Change	High → Low
	Change in Likelihood	30% → 10%	40% → 20%	30% -- No Change
	New Risk Score	None	Low	Moderate
	Selected Strategies	Require mandatory training for those working on critical systems and require approval of changes to critical systems by a configuration management board (Cost = \$100,000)		
	Residual Risk:	Low		

6256 **APPENDIX C: C-SCRM ACTIVITIES IN THE RISK MANAGEMENT PROCESS**

6257 Risk management is a comprehensive process that requires organizations to: (i) frame risk (i.e.,
6258 establish the context for risk-based decisions); (ii) assess risk; (iii) respond to risk once
6259 determined; and (iv) monitor risk on an ongoing basis using effective organizational
6260 communications and a feedback loop for continuous improvement in the risk-related activities of
6261 organizations. Figure 2-3 depicts interrelationships among the risk management process steps,
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6263 ensure that the analysis is inclusive of the various inputs at the organization, mission, and
6264 operations levels.



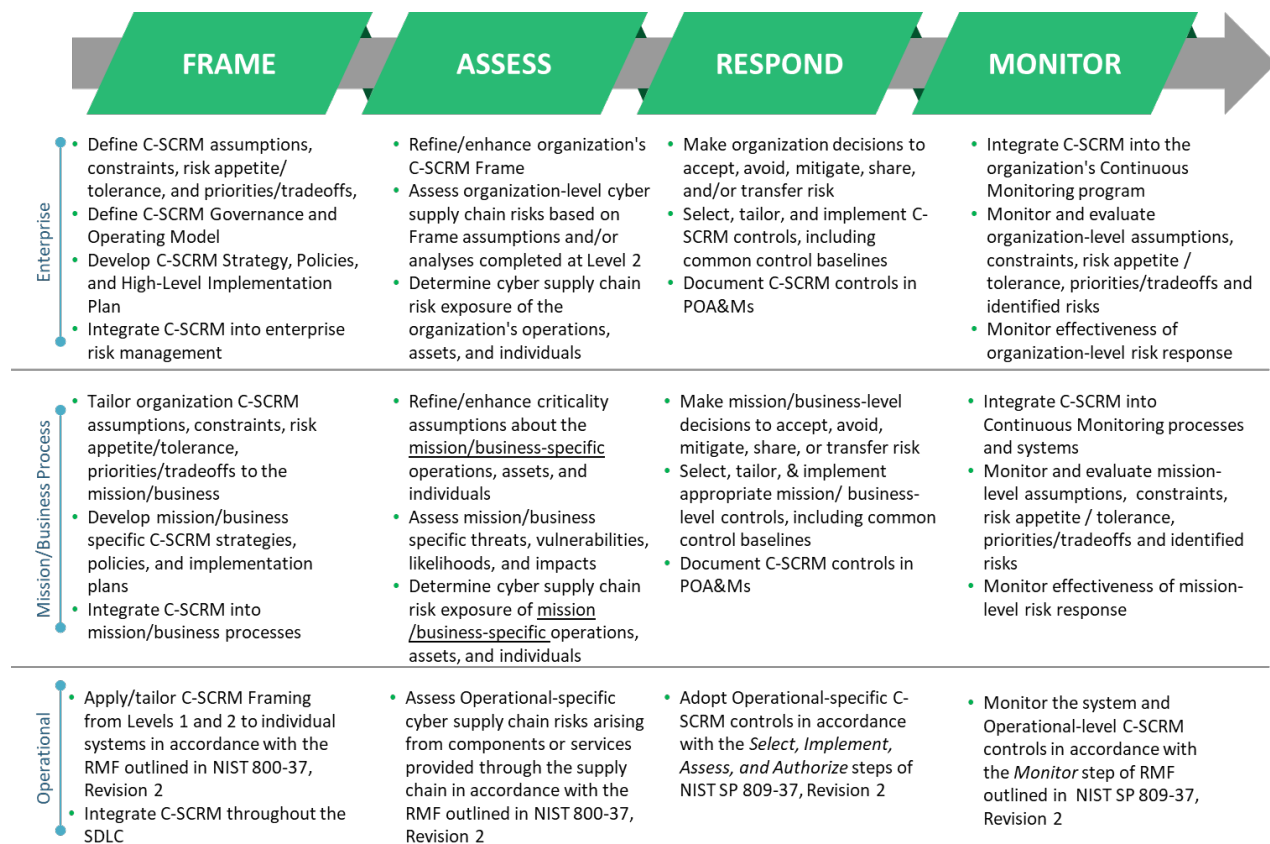
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Fig. C-1: Cyber Supply Chain Risk Management (C-SCRM)

6267 The steps in the risk management process (Frame, Assess, Respond, and Monitor) are iterative
6268 and not inherently sequential in nature. Different individuals may be required to perform the
6269 steps at the same time depending on a particular need or situation. Organizations have significant
6270 flexibility in how the risk management steps are performed (e.g., sequence, degree of rigor,
6271 formality, and thoroughness of application) and in how the results of each step are captured and
6272 shared—both internally and externally. The outputs from a particular risk management step will
6273 directly impact one or more of the other risk management steps in the risk management process.

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6275 Figure C-2 summarizes C-SCRM activities throughout the risk management process as they are
6276 performed within the three risk framework levels. The arrows between different steps of the risk
6277 management process depict simultaneous flow of information and guidance among the steps.
6278 Together the arrows indicate that the inputs, activities, and outputs are continuously interacting
6279 and influencing one another. More details are provided in the forthcoming subsections.

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Fig. C-2: C-SCRM Activities in The Risk Management Process²²

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Figure C-2 depicts interrelationships among the risk management process steps including the order in which each analysis is executed, and the interactions required to ensure the analysis is inclusive of the various inputs at the organization, mission, and operations levels.

The remainder of this section provides a detailed description of C-SCRM activities within the Frame, Assess, Respond, and Monitor steps of the Risk Management Process. The structure of subsections *Frame* through *Monitor* mirrors the structure of NIST SP 800-39, Sections 3.1-3.4. For each step of the Risk Management Process (i.e., Frame, Assess, Respond, Monitor), the structure includes Inputs and Preconditions, Activities, and Outputs and Post-Conditions. Activities are further organized into Tasks according to [NIST SP 800-39]. NIST SP 800-161 cites the steps and tasks of the risk management process but rather than repeating any other content of [NIST SP 800-39], it provides C-SCRM-specific guidance for each step with its Inputs and Preconditions, Activities with corresponding Tasks, and Outputs and Post-Conditions. NIST SP 800-161 adds one task to the tasks provided in [NIST SP 800-39], under the Assess step: Task 2-0, *Criticality Analysis*.

²² More detailed information on the Risk Management Process can be found in Appendix C

6300 Target Audience

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6302 The target audience for this appendix is those individuals with specific C-SCRM responsibilities
6303 for performing the supply chain risk management process across and at each level. Examples
6304 include those process/functional staff responsible for defining the frameworks and
6305 methodologies used by the rest of the organization (e.g., C-SCRM PMO Processes, Enterprise
6306 Risk Management, Mission/Business Process Risk Managers, etc.). Other personnel or entities
6307 are free to make use of the guidance as appropriate to their situation.

6308 Organization-wide Risk Management & the RMF

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6310 Managing cyber supply chain risk requires a concerted and purposeful effort by organizations
6311 across organization, mission/business process, and operational-levels. This document describes
6312 two different but complementary risk management approaches which are iteratively combined to
6313 facilitate effective risk management across the 3 levels.
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6315 The first approach known as FARM consists of 4 steps: Frame, Assess, Respond, Monitor.
6316 FARM is primarily used at Levels 1 and 2 to establish the organization's risk context and
6317 inherent exposure to risk. Then, the risk context from Levels 1 and 2 iteratively informs activities
6318 performed as part of the second approach described in [NIST SP 800-37r2] The Risk
6319 Management Framework (RMF). The RMF predominantly operates at Level 3²³ – the
6320 operational level, and consists of 7 process steps: Prepare, Categorize, Select, Implement,
6321 Assess, Authorize, Monitor². Within the RMF, inputs from FARM at Levels 1 and 2 are
6322 synthesized as part of the RMF Prepare step, then iteratively applied, tailored and updated
6323 through each successive step of the RMF. Ultimately Level 1 and 2 assumptions are iteratively
6324 customized and tailored to fit the specific operational-level or procurement-action context. For
6325 example, an organization may decide on strategic priorities and threats at Level 1 (enterprise
6326 level), which inform the criticality determination of missions/business processes at Level 2,
6327 which in turn influence the system categorization, control selection, and control implementation
6328 as part of the RMF at Level 3 (operational-level). Information flow between the levels is
6329 bidirectional with aggregated Level 3 RMF outputs serving to update and refine assumptions
6330 made at Levels 1 and 2 on a periodic basis.
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6332 FRAME**6333 Inputs and Preconditions**

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6335 *Frame* is the step that establishes context for C-SCRM in all three levels. The scope and
6336 structure of the organizational cyber supply chain, the overall risk management strategy, specific
6337 program/project strategies and plans, and individual information systems are defined in this step.
6338 The data and information collected during Frame provides inputs for scoping and fine-tuning C-
6339 SCRM activities in other risk management process steps throughout the three levels. Frame is
6340 also where guidance in the form of frameworks and methodologies is established as part of the
6341 organization and mission/business process level risk management strategies. These frameworks

²³ The RMF does have some applications at Levels 1 and 2 such as the identification of common controls.

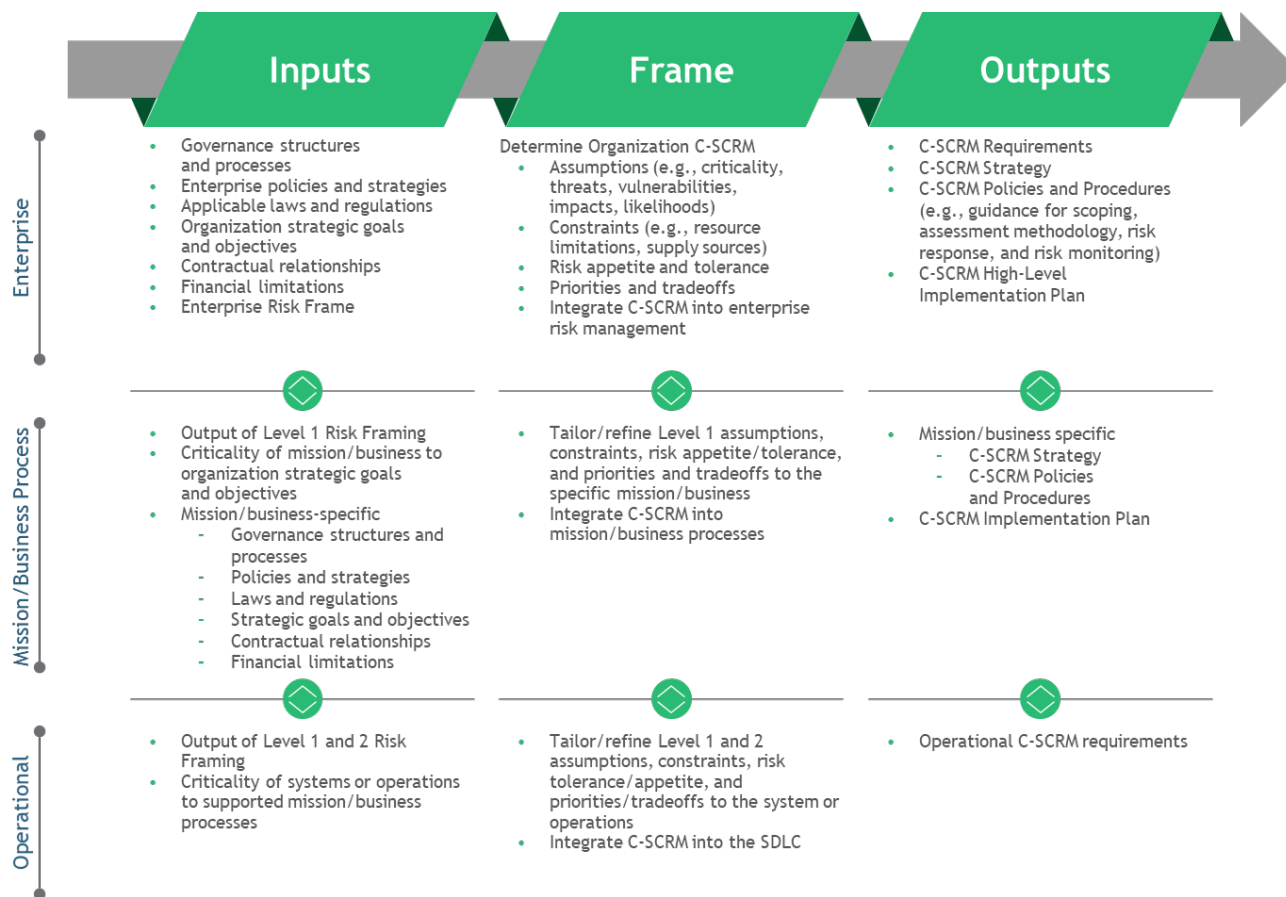
6342 and methodologies provide bounds, standardization, and orientation for cyber supply chain risk
6343 management activities performed within later steps.

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6345 [NIST SP 800-39] defines risk framing as “the set of assumptions, constraints, risk tolerances,
6346 and priorities/trade-offs that shape an organization’s approach for managing risk.” Organization-
6347 wide and C-SCRM risk framing activities should iteratively inform one another. Assumptions
6348 the organization makes about risk should flow down and inform risk framing within C-SCRM
6349 activities (e.g., organization’s strategic priorities). As the organization’s assumptions about cyber
6350 supply chain risk evolve through the execution of C-SCRM activities, these assumptions should
6351 flow up and inform how risk is framed at the enterprise level (e.g., level of risk exposure to
6352 individual suppliers). Inputs into the C-SCRM risk framing process include, but are not limited
6353 to:

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- 6355 • Organization policies, strategies, and governance
- 6356 • Applicable laws and regulations
- 6357 • Agency critical suppliers and contractual services
- 6358 • Organization processes (security, quality, etc.)
- 6359 • Organization threats, vulnerabilities, risks, and risk tolerance
- 6360 • Enterprise architecture
- 6361 • Mission-level goals and objectives
- 6362 • Criticality of missions/processes
- 6363 • Mission-level security policies
- 6364 • Functional requirements
- 6365 • Criticality of supplied system/product components
- 6366 • Security requirements

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6368 C-SCRM risk framing is an iterative process that also uses inputs from the other steps of the risk
6369 management processes (Assess, Respond, and Monitor) as inputs. Figure 2-5 depicts the Frame
6370 Step with its inputs and outputs along the three organizational levels. At the enterprise level, the
6371 organization will be concerned with conditions (i.e., assumptions, constraints, appetites and
6372 tolerances, and priorities and tradeoffs) that are broadly applicable across the organization and
6373 focus on contextualizing cyber supply chain risk to the organization’s strategic goals and
6374 objectives. At the mission/business process level, frame activities focus on the individual mission
6375 and business process segments (e.g., assumptions about a technology assets or service provider’s
6376 role in enabling enterprise-level objectives to be met). Level 2 frame activities take cyber supply
6377 chain risk conditions framed at Level 1, and tailor and contextualize them to reflect the role
6378 cyber supply chain risk has in each individual mission/business process to meet operational
6379 objectives. Finally, at Level 3, conditions outlined at Levels 1 and 2 iteratively inform each step
6380 of the RMF process. Beginning with the Prepare step, conditions outlined at Levels 1 and 2 are
6381 used to establish the context and priorities for managing cyber supply chain risk with respect to
6382 individual information systems, supplied system components, and system services providers.
6383 Then with each subsequent RMF step (Categorize through Monitor), these assumptions are
6384 iteratively updated and tailored to reflect applicable operational-level considerations. Information
6385 flow must be bi-directional between levels as insights discovered while performing lower level
6386 activities may update what is known about conditions outlined in higher levels.

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Fig. C-3: C-SCRM in the Frame Step²⁴

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Figures C-3 – C-6 depict inputs, activities, and outputs of the Frame Step distributed along the three risk management framework levels. The large arrows on the left and right sides of the activities depict the inputs and outputs to and from other steps of the Risk Management Process, with the arrow on the left depicting that steps are in constant interaction. Inputs into the Frame Step include inputs from other steps as well as inputs from the organization risk management process that are shaping the C-SCRM process. Up-down arrows between the levels depict flow of information and guidance from the upper levels to the lower levels and the flow of information and feedback from the lower levels to the upper levels. Together the arrows indicate that the inputs, activities, and outputs are continuously interacting and influencing one another.

As the Frame step is used to define the cyber supply chain risk conditions, organizations may find that Frame activities are performed relatively less often than the latter steps of the FARM process. Organizations may re-perform Frame activities at defined intervals (e.g., annually, bi-

²⁴ More detailed information on the Risk Management Process can be found in Appendix

6406 annually) or based on defined triggers (e.g., based on business changes and/or new or updated
6407 insights from other levels).

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6409 **Activities**

6410 **RISK ASSUMPTIONS**

6411 **TASK 1-1:** Identify assumptions that affect how risk is assessed, responded to, and monitored
6412 within the organization.

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6414 **Supplemental Guidance**

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6416 As a part of identifying cyber supply chain risk assumptions within the broader Risk
6417 Management process (described in [NIST SP 800-39]), agencies should do the following:

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- 6419 • Develop an organization-wide C-SCRM policy;
- 6420 • Identify which mission and business processes and related components are critical to the
6421 organization to determine the **criticality**;
- 6422 • Define which mission and business processes and information systems compose the
6423 cyber supply chain, including relevant contracted services and commercial products;
- 6424 • Prioritize the application of risk treatment for these critical elements, considering factors
6425 such as but not limited to national and homeland security concerns, FIPS 199 impact
6426 level, scope of use, or interconnections/interdependencies to other critical processes and
6427 assets;
- 6428 • Identify, characterize, and provide representative examples of **threat sources**,
6429 **vulnerabilities**, **consequences/impacts**, and **likelihood** determinations related to cyber
6430 supply chain;
- 6431 • Define C-SCRM mission, business, and operational-level requirements;
- 6432 • Select appropriate cyber supply chain risk assessment methodologies, depending on
6433 organizational governance, culture, and diversity of the mission and business processes;
- 6434 • Establish a method for the results of C-SCRM activities to be integrated into the overall
6435 agency Risk Management Process;
- 6436 • Periodically review the cyber supply chain to ensure definition remains current as
6437 evolutions occur over time.

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6439 These supply chain risk assumptions should be aligned as applicable to the organization's
6440 broader set of risk assumptions defined as part of the enterprise risk management program. A key
6441 C-SCRM responsibility (e.g., of the C-SCRM PMO) is identifying which of those assumptions
6442 apply to the cyber supply chain risk context at each successive risk management framework
6443 level. If and when new C-SCRM assumptions are identified, these should be provided as
6444 updates to the enterprise risk assumptions as part of an iterative process.

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6446 *Criticality*

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6448 Critical processes are those processes, which if disrupted, corrupted or disabled, are likely to
6449 result in mission degradation or failure. Mission-critical processes are dependent on their
6450 supporting systems that in turn depend on critical components in those systems (hardware,

6451 software, and firmware). Mission-critical processes also depend on information and processes
6452 (performed by technology or people, to include in some instances, support service contractors),
6453 that are used to execute the critical processes. Those components and processes that underpin
6454 and enable mission-critical processes or deliver defensive—and often commonly shared—
6455 processes (e.g., access control, identity management, and crypto) and unmediated access (e.g.,
6456 power supply) should also be considered critical. A criticality analysis is the primary method by
6457 which mission-critical processes, associated systems/components, and enabling infrastructure
6458 and support services are identified and prioritized. The criticality analysis also involves
6459 analyzing critical suppliers which may not be captured by internal criticality analysis (e.g.,
6460 supply chain interdependencies including 4th and 5th party suppliers)

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6462 Organizations will make criticality determinations as part of enterprise risk management
6463 activities based on the process outlined in [NISTIR 8179].²⁵ Where possible, C-SCRM should
6464 inherit those assumptions and tailor/refine them to include the C-SCRM context. In C-SCRM,
6465 criticality tailoring includes initial criticality analysis of particular projects, products, and
6466 processes in the supply chain in relation to critical processes at each Level. For example, at Level
6467 1 the enterprise may determine the criticality of holistic supplier relationships to the
6468 organization's overall strategic objectives. Then at Level 2, the organization may assess the
6469 criticality of individual suppliers, products and services to specific mission/business processes
6470 and strategic/operational objectives. Finally, at Level 3, the organization may assess the
6471 criticality of the supplied product or service to specific operational state objectives of the
6472 information systems.

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6474 Organizations may begin by identifying key supplier-provided products or services which
6475 contribute to the operation and resiliency of organizational processes and systems. The criticality
6476 determination may be based on the role of each supplier, product, or service in achieving the
6477 required strategic or operational objective of the process or system. Requirements, architecture,
6478 and design inform the analysis and help identify the minimum set of supplier-provided products
6479 and/or services required for operations (i.e., at organization, mission/business process, and
6480 operational-levels). The analysis combines top-down and bottom-up analysis approaches. The
6481 top-down approach in this model enables the organization to identify critical processes and then
6482 progressively narrow the analysis to critical systems that support those processes, and finally to
6483 critical components which support the critical functions of those systems. The bottom-up
6484 approach progressively traces the impact of a malfunctioning, compromised, or unavailable
6485 critical component would have on the system, and in turn, on the related mission and business
6486 process.

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6488 Organizations performing this analysis should include agency system and cyber supply chain
6489 dependencies, to include critical 4th-party suppliers. For example, an organization may find
6490 cyber supply chain risk exposures that result from 3rd-party suppliers receiving critical input or
6491 services from a common 4th-party supplier.

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6493 Determining criticality is an iterative process performed at all levels during both Frame and
6494 Assess. In Frame, criticality determination is expected to be performed at a high level, using the

²⁵ NISTIR 8179: Criticality Analysis Process Model: Prioritizing Systems and Components

6495 available information with further detail incorporated through additional iterations or at the
6496 Assess step. Determining criticality may include, but is not limited to, the following:

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- 6498 • Define criticality analysis procedures to ensure there is a set of documented procedures to
6499 guide the organization's criticality analysis across levels;
- 6500 • Conduct organization and mission-level criticality analysis to identify and prioritize
6501 organization and mission objectives, goals and requirements;
- 6502 • Conduct operational-level criticality analysis (i.e., systems and subsystems) to identify
6503 and prioritize critical workflow paths, system functionalities and capabilities;
- 6504 • Conduct system and subsystem component-level criticality analysis to identify and
6505 prioritize key system and subsystem inputs (e.g., COTS products);
- 6506 • Conduct detailed review (e.g., bottom-up analysis) of impacts and interactions between
6507 organization, mission, system/sub systems, and components/subcomponents to ensure
6508 cross-process interaction and collaboration.

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6510 Please note that criticality can be determined for existing systems or for future system
6511 investments, development, or integration efforts based on system architecture and design. It is an
6512 iterative activity that should be performed when a change warranting iteration is identified in the
6513 Monitor step.

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6515 *Threat Sources*

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6517 For C-SCRM, threat sources include: (i) adversarial threats such as cyber/physical attacks either
6518 to the supply chain or to an information system component(s) traversing the supply chain; (ii)
6519 accidental human errors; (iii) structural failures which include failure of equipment,
6520 environmental controls, resource depletion; and (iv) environmental threats such as geopolitical
6521 disruptions, pandemics, economic upheavals, and natural or man-made disasters. With regard to
6522 adversarial threats, [NIST SP 800-39] states that organizations provide a succinct
6523 characterization of the types of tactics, techniques, and procedures employed by adversaries that
6524 are to be addressed by safeguards and countermeasures (i.e., security controls) deployed at Level
6525 1 (enterprise-level), at Level 2 (mission/business process level), and at Level 3 (information
6526 system/services level)—making explicit the types of threat sources to be addressed as well as
6527 making explicit the threat sources not being addressed by the safeguards/countermeasures.

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6529 Threat information can include but is not limited to historical threat data, factual threat data, or
6530 business entity (e.g., suppliers, developers, system integrators, external system service providers,
6531 and other ICT/OT-related service providers) or technology-specific threat information. Threat
6532 information may come from multiple information sources, including the U.S. Intelligence
6533 Community (for federal agencies), DHS, CISA, the FBI, as well as open-source reporting such as
6534 news and trade publications, partners, suppliers, and customers. When applicable, organizations
6535 may rely on the Federal Acquisition Security Council's (FASC) Information Sharing Agency
6536 (ISA) for supply chain threat information in addition the aforementioned sources. As threat
6537 information may include classified intelligence, it is crucial that departments and agencies have
6538 the capabilities required to process classified intelligence. Threat information obtained as part of
6539 the Frame step should be used to document the organization's long-term assumptions about
6540 threat conditions based on its unique internal and external characteristics. During the Assess step,

6541 updated information is infused into the risk assessment to account for short-term variations in
6542 threat conditions (e.g., due to geopolitical circumstances) as well as to obtain supply chain threat
6543 information that is specifically relevant and essential to inform the risk-based analysis and
6544 decision-making concerning the procurement of a given product or a service.

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6546 Information about cyber supply chain (such as supply chain maps) provides the context for
6547 identifying possible locations or access points for threat sources and agents to affect the cyber
6548 supply chain. The cyber supply chain threats are similar to the information security threats, such
6549 as disasters, attackers, or industrial spies. Table C-1 lists examples of cyber supply chain threat
6550 agents. Appendix D provides Risk Response Plans that provide examples of the Supply Chain
6551 Threat Sources and Threats listed in Table C-1.

Table C-1: Examples of Cyber Supply Chain Threat Sources/Agents

Threat Sources	Threat	Examples
Adversarial: Counterfeiters	Counterfeits inserted into cyber supply chain (see Appendix B Scenario 1)	Criminal groups seek to acquire and sell counterfeit cyber components for monetary gain. Specifically, organized crime groups seek disposed units, purchase overstock items, and acquire blueprints to obtain cyber components intended for sale through various gray market resellers to acquirers. ²⁶
Adversarial: Malicious Insiders	Intellectual property loss	Disgruntled insiders sell or transfer intellectual property to competitors or foreign intelligence agencies for a variety of reasons including monetary gain. Intellectual property includes software code, blueprints, or documentation.
Adversarial: Foreign Intelligence Services	Malicious code insertion (see Appendix B Scenario 3)	Foreign intelligence services seek to penetrate cyber supply chain and implant unwanted functionality (by inserting new or modifying existing functionality) into system to gather information or subverting ²⁷ system or mission operations when system is operational.

²⁶ “Defense Industrial Base Assessment: Counterfeit Electronics,” [Defense Industrial Base Assessment: Counterfeit Electronics].

²⁷ Examples of subverting operations include gaining unauthorized control to cyber supply chain or flooding it with unauthorized service requests to reduce or deny legitimate access to cyber supply chain.

⁵Information and Communications Technology Supply Chain Risk Management Task Force: Threat Evaluation Working. Group: Threat Scenarios Version 2.0

Adversarial: Terrorists	Unauthorized access	Terrorists seek to penetrate or disrupt the cyber supply chain and may implant unwanted functionality to obtain information or cause physical disablement and destruction of systems through the cyber supply chain.
Adversarial: Industrial Espionage/Cyber Criminals	Industrial Espionage/Intellectual Property Loss (see Appendix B Scenario 2)	Industrial spies/cyber criminals seek ways to penetrate cyber supply chain to gather information or subvert system or mission operations (e.g., exploitation of an HVAC contractor to steal credit card information).
Systemic: Legal/Regulatory	Legal/regulatory complications impact the availability of key supplier- provided products and/or services	Weak anti-corruption laws, lack of regulatory oversight, weak intellectual property considerations: this also includes the threats resulting from country-specific laws, policies, and practices intended to undermine competition and free market protections such as the requirement to transfer technology and intellectual property to domestic providers in a foreign country. ⁵
Systemic Economic Risks	Business failure of a key supplier leads to supply chain disruption	Economic risks stem from threats to the financial viability of suppliers and the potential impact to the supply chain resulting from the failure of a key supplier as a result. Other threats to the supply chain that result in economic risks include, but are not limited to, vulnerabilities to cost volatility, reliance on single source suppliers, cost to swap out suspect vendors, and resource constraints due to company size. ⁵
Environmental: Disasters	Geopolitical or natural disaster lead to supply chain disruption	Availability of key supply chain inputs is subject to disruptions from geopolitical upheavals or natural disasters. This is especially the case when suppliers share a common 4th-party supplier,

Structural: Hardware Failure	Inadequate capacity planning leads to outage in cloud platform	A vendor or supplier service without the appropriate capacity controls in place could be subject to disruptions in the event of unexpected surges in resource demand.
Accidental: Negligent Insiders	Configuration error leads to data exposure	Employees and contractors with access to information systems are prone to errors which could result in the disclosure of sensitive data. This is specifically true in cases where training lapses or process gaps increase the opportunities for errors.

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6555 Agencies can identify and refine C-SCRM-specific threats in all three levels. Table C-2
6556 provides examples of threat considerations and different methods for use in characterizing cyber
6557 supply chain threats at different levels.

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Table C-2: Supply Chain Threat Considerations

Level	Threat Consideration	Methods
Level 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organization business and mission • Strategic supplier relationships • Geographical considerations related to the extent of the organization’s cyber supply chain 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish common starting points for identifying cyber supply chain threat. • Establish procedures for countering organization-wide threats such as insertion of counterfeits into critical systems and components.
Level 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mission and business processes • Geographic locations • Types of suppliers (COTS, external service providers, or custom, etc.) • Technologies used organization-wide 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify additional sources of threat information specific to organizational mission and business processes. • Identify potential threat sources based on the locations and suppliers identified through examining available agency cyber supply chain information (e.g., from supply chain map). • Scope identified threat sources to the specific mission and business processes, using the agency the cyber supply chain information. • Establish mission-specific preparatory procedures for countering threat adversaries/natural disasters.

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- Level 3 • SDLC
- Base the level of detail with which threats should be considered on the SDLC phase.
 - Identify and refine threat sources based on the potential for threat insertion within individual SDLC processes.
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6561 *Vulnerabilities*

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6563 A vulnerability is a weakness in an information system, system security procedures, internal
6564 controls, or implementation that could be exploited or triggered by a threat source [FIPS 200],
6565 [NIST SP 800-34 Rev. 1], [NIST SP 800-53 Rev 4], [NIST SP 800-53A Rev. 4], [NIST SP 800-
6566 115]. Within the C-SCRM context, it is any weakness in the supply chain, provided services,
6567 system/component design, development, manufacturing, production, shipping and receiving,
6568 delivery, operation, and component end-of-life that can be exploited by a threat source. This
6569 definition applies to both the services/systems/components being developed and integrated (i.e.,
6570 within the SDLC) and to the cyber supply chain, including any security mitigations and
6571 techniques, such as identity management or access control systems. Vulnerability assumptions
6572 made in the Frame step of the FARM process capture the organization's long-term assumptions
6573 about the organization's weaknesses that can be exploited or triggered by a threat source. These
6574 will become further refined and updated to reflect point-in-time variances during the Assess step.
6575 Organizations may make long-term cyber supply chain vulnerability assumptions about:

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- 6577 • The entities within supply chain itself (e.g., individual supplier relationships);
- 6578 • The critical services provided through the supply chain which support the organization's
6579 critical missions and business processes;
- 6580 • The products/systems/components provided through the supply chain and used within the
6581 SDLC (i.e., being developed and integrated);
- 6582 • The development and operational environment directly impacting the SDLC; and
- 6583 • The logistics/delivery environment that transports systems and components (logically or
6584 physically).

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6586 Vulnerabilities manifest differently across the 3 levels (i.e., organization, mission/business
6587 process, information system). At Level 1, vulnerabilities present as susceptibilities of the
6588 organization at-large due to managerial and operating structures (e.g., policies, governance,
6589 processes) as well as conditions in the supply chain (e.g., concentration of products or services
6590 from a single supplier) or critical enterprise processes (e.g., use of a common system across
6591 critical processes). At Level 2, vulnerabilities are specific to a mission/business process and
6592 result from its operating structures and conditions such as reliance on a specific system or
6593 supplier provided input, or service to achieve specific mission/business process operating
6594 objectives. Level 2 vulnerabilities may vary widely across the different mission/business
6595 processes. Within Level 3, vulnerabilities manifest as supplied product or operational-level
6596 weaknesses or deficiencies arising from the SDLC, system security procedures, internal controls,

6597 implementations, as well as system inputs or services provided through the supply chain (e.g.,
6598 system components, services).

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6600 Organizations should identify approaches to characterize cyber supply chain vulnerabilities
6601 consistent with the characterization of threat sources and events and with the overall approach
6602 employed by the organization for characterizing vulnerabilities. Vulnerabilities may be relevant
6603 to a single threat source or broadly applicable across threat sources (adversarial, structural,
6604 environmental, accidental). For example, a single point of failure in a network may be subject to
6605 disruptions caused by environmental threats (e.g., disasters) as well as adversarial threats
6606 (terrorists). Appendix B provides examples of cyber supply chain threats, based on [NIST SP
6607 800-30 Rev. 1, Appendix B].

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6609 All three levels should contribute to determining the organization’s approach to characterizing
6610 vulnerabilities, with progressively more detail identified and documented in the lower levels.
6611 Table C-3 provides examples of considerations and different methods for use in characterizing
6612 cyber supply chain vulnerabilities at different levels.
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6614 **Table C-3: Cyber Supply Chain Vulnerability Considerations**

Level	Vulnerability Consideration	Methods
Level 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enterprise mission/business • Holistic supplier relationships (e.g., system integrators, COTS, external services) • Geographical considerations related to the extent of the organization’s cyber supply chain • Enterprise/Security Architecture • Criticality 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Examine agency cyber supply chain information including that from supply chain maps to identify especially vulnerable entities, locations, or organizations. • Analyze agency mission for susceptibility to potential supply chain vulnerabilities. • Examine 3rd party provider/ supplier relationships and interdependencies for susceptibility to potential supply chain vulnerabilities. • Review enterprise architecture and criticality to identify areas of weakness requiring more robust cyber supply chain considerations.
Level 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mission and business processes • Geographic locations • Mission/process level supplier dependencies (e.g., outsourced or contracted services) • Technologies used 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refine analysis from Level 1 based on specific mission and business processes and applicable threat and supply chain information. • If appropriate, use the National Vulnerability Database (NVD), including Common Vulnerabilities and Exposures (CVE) and Common Vulnerability Scoring System (CVSS), to characterize, categorize, and

score vulnerabilities²⁸ or other acceptable methodologies.

- Consider using scoring guidance to prioritize vulnerabilities for remediation.

Level 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual technologies, solutions, and services should be considered • Supply chain SDLC inputs such as system components or services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refine analysis based on inputs from related Level 2 missions and business processes. • Use CVEs where available to characterize and categorize vulnerabilities. • Identify weaknesses.
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6616 *Consequences and Impact*

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6618 Impact is the effect on organizational operations, organizational assets, individuals, other
6619 organizations, or the Nation (including the national security interests of the United States) of a
6620 loss of confidentiality, integrity, or availability of information or an information system [NIST
6621 SP 800-53 Rev.5]. Impact estimated within the Frame step represents the organization's long-
6622 term assumptions about the effects different cyber events will have on its primary processes.
6623 These assumptions are updated and refined as part of the Assess step to ensure that point-in-time
6624 relevant information (e.g., market conditions)—which may alter the impact scope, duration, or
6625 magnitude—is appropriately reflected in the analysis.

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6627 When possible, organizations should inherit assumptions made by the organization on
6628 consequences and impact as part of enterprise risk management activities. For example, one of
6629 these activities is performing an impact analysis (BIA) on a periodic business to determine or
6630 revalidate mission-critical and mission-enabling processes, as part of the organization's
6631 continuity and emergency preparedness responsibilities. However, these assumptions may need
6632 to be developed if they do not yet exist. Organizations may maintain impact or loss libraries
6633 which capture the organization's standing assumptions about the impact of different cyber event
6634 types (e.g., disclosure, disruption, destruction, modification) on the organization's assets. These
6635 libraries may break down impact and loss into individual impact types (e.g., operational,
6636 reputational, regulatory/legal fines and penalties, IT recovery/replacement, direct financial,
6637 damage to critical infrastructure sector).

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6639 For C-SCRM, organizations should refine and update their consequences and impact
6640 assumptions to reflect the role that availability, confidentiality and integrity of supplier-provided
6641 products or services have on the organizational operations, assets, and individuals. For example,
6642 depending on its criticality, the loss of a key supplier-provided input or service may reduce the
6643 organization's operational capacity or completely inhibit its operations. In this publication,

²⁸ See <https://nvd.nist.gov/>

6644 impact is always in relation to the organization’s mission and includes the systems or
 6645 components traversing the supply chain as well as the supply chain itself.
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 6647 C-SCRM consequences and impact will manifest differently across all three levels in the risk
 6648 management hierarchy. Impact determinations require a combined top-down and bottom-up
 6649 approach. Table C-4 provides examples of how consequences and impact may be characterized
 6650 at different levels of the organization:
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6652 **Table C-4: Cyber Supply Chain Consequence & Impact Considerations**

Level	Impact Considerations	Methods
Level 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> General enterprise-level impact assumptions Supplier criticality (e.g., holistic supplier relationships) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Examine magnitude of exposure to individual entities within the supply chain. Refine Level 2 analysis to determine aggregate Level 1 impact on the organization’s primary function resulting from cyber events to and through the supply chain.
Level 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Process role in organization’s primary function Supplier criticality to mission/process (inputs and services) 	For each type of cyber event: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refine Level 3 analysis to determine aggregate mission/business process impact due to operational-level impacts from cyber events to and through the supply chain. Examine supplier network to identify business/mission-level impacts due to events affecting individual supplier entities.
Level 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Criticality of upstream and downstream Level 2 processes System criticality Supplier criticality to system operations (system components and services) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Examine the systems aggregated criticality to Level 1 and Level 2 primary processes Examine the criticality of supplied system components or services to the system’s overall function. Examine supplier network to identify individual entities which may disrupt availability of critical system inputs or services.

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 6654 Organizations should look to several sources for information that helps contextualize
 6655 consequences and impact. Historical data is preferential and can be gathered by reviewing
 6656 historical data for the agency, similar peer organizations, supplier organizations, or applicable
 6657 industry surveys. Where gaps in historical data exist, organizations should consider the use of
 6658 expert elicitation protocols (e.g., calibrated estimation training) which make use of the tacit
 6659 knowledge of appropriate individuals across the organization. By interviewing well positioned
 6660 experts (e.g., technology or mission/business owners of assets) organizations can tailor impact
 6661 assumptions to reflect the organization’s unique conditions and dependencies. NISTIR 8286

6662 offers a more in-depth discussion of how different quantitative and qualitative methodologies can
6663 be used to analyze risk.

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6665 The following are examples of cyber supply chain consequences and impact:

- 6666 • An earthquake in Malaysia reduces the amount of commodity Dynamic Random-Access
6667 Memory (DRAM) to 60 percent of the world's supply, creating a shortage for hardware
6668 maintenance and new design;
- 6669 • Accidental procurement of a counterfeit part results in premature component failure,
6670 thereby impacting the organization's mission performance;
- 6671 • Disruption in at a key cloud service provider resulting in operational downtime losses
6672 between \$1.5M – \$15M dollars.

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6674 *Likelihood*

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6676 In an information security risk analysis, likelihood is a weighted factor based on a subjective
6677 analysis of the probability that a given threat is capable of exploiting a given vulnerability
6678 [CNSSI 4009]. General likelihood assumptions should be inherited from the organization's
6679 enterprise risk management process then refined to account for C-SCRM specific implications
6680 however, the general assumptions may need developing if they do not yet exist. Likelihood
6681 analysis in the Frame step sets the organization's long-term assumptions about the relative
6682 likelihood of different adverse cyber events. Likelihood is subject to extreme short-term
6683 variations based on point-in-time conditions (i.e., internal and external) and thus must be updated
6684 and refined as part of the Assess step.

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6686 In adversarial cases a likelihood determination may be made using intelligence trend data,
6687 historical data, and expert intuition on (i) adversary intent; (ii) adversary capability; and (iii)
6688 adversary targeting. In non-adversarial cases (e.g., structural, environmental, accidental),
6689 likelihood determinations will draw on expert intuition and historical data. When available,
6690 historical data may help further reduce uncertainty about what cyber supply chain risks are
6691 probable to occur. Historical data may be sourced from internal sources (e.g., frequency of past
6692 security incidents, threat intelligence on threat activity levels) as well as external sources (e.g.,
6693 peer org. data, info-sharing). Likelihood analysis can leverage many of the same expert
6694 elicitation protocols as consequences and impact. Similar to consequences and impact, likelihood
6695 determinations may rely on qualitative or quantitative form and draw on similar techniques. To
6696 ensure likelihood is appropriately contextualized for decision makers, organizations should make
6697 time-bound likelihood estimates for cyber events affecting the supply chain (e.g., likelihood
6698 within a given year).

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6700 Likelihood analysis will manifest differently across the three levels. Table C-5 captures some of
6701 the considerations and methods specific to each level:

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Table C-5: Cyber Supply Chain Likelihood Considerations

Level	Likelihood Consideration	Methods
Level 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General threat and likelihood assumptions for the organization • Level 2 and 3 likelihood findings • Overall engagement models with suppliers that alter opportunities for contact with threat sources 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analyze critical national infrastructure implications which may increase the organization's target value. • Refine analyses from Levels 2 and 3 to determine aggregate exposure to threat source contact.
Level 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mission/process level threat and likelihood assumptions • Mission/process level engagement model with suppliers (e.g., criticality of assets interacted with) • Level 3 findings for relevant systems 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluate mission/business process level conditions which present opportunities for threat sources to come into contact with processes or assets via the supply chain. • Evaluate the aggregate supply chain threat conditions facing key systems relied upon by the mission/business process.
Level 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organization system threat and likelihood assumptions • Supplier & system target value • Location & operating conditions • Supplier & system security policies, processes, and controls • Nature and degree of supplier contact with system (inputs, services) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analyze nature of system inputs coming through the supply chain into the SDLC which alter likelihood of encountering threat sources. • Evaluate the systems role in Level 1 and Level 2 processes which alter target value for potential adversaries. • Analyze supply chain characteristics (e.g., location of supplier) which may increase the likelihood that a system is affected by a threat source.

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6705 Agencies should determine which approach(es) they will use to determine the likelihood of a
6706 cyber supply chain compromise, consistent with the overall approach used by the agency's risk
6707 management process. Agencies should ensure that appropriate procedures are in place to
6708 thoroughly document any risk analysis assumptions leading to the tabulation of the final risk
6709 score, especially in cases where high or critical impact risks are involved. Visibility into
6710 assumptions may be critical in enabling decision makers to take action.
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6712 RISK MANAGEMENT PROCESS CONSTRAINTS

6713 **TASK 1-2:** Identify constraints²⁹ on the conduct of risk assessment, risk response, and risk
6714 monitoring activities within the organization.

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6716 **Supplemental Guidance**

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6718 Identify the following two types of constraints to ensure the cyber supply chain is integrated into
6719 the agency risk management process:

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- 6721 1. Agency constraints; and
- 6722 2. Cyber supply chain-specific constraints.

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6724 Agency constraints serve as an overall input to framing the cyber supply chain policy at Level 1,
6725 mission requirements at Level 2, and system-specific requirements at Level 3. Table 2-5 lists the
6726 specific agency and cyber supply chain constraints. Cyber supply chain constraints, such as C-
6727 SCRM policy and C-SCRM requirements, may need to be developed if they do not exist.

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Table C-6: Cyber Supply Chain Constraints

Level	Agency Constraints	Cyber Supply Chain Constraints
Level 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enterprise policies, strategies, governance • Applicable laws and regulations • Mission and business processes • Organization processes (security, quality, etc.) • Resource limitations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organization C-SCRM policy based on the existing agency policies, strategies, and governance; applicable laws and regulations; mission and business processes; and organization processes. • Acquisition regulations and policy. • Available, mandated or restricted sources of supply or products.
Level 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mission and business processes • Criticality of processes • Enterprise architecture • Mission-level security policies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • C-SCRM Mission/business requirements that are incorporated into mission/business processes and enterprise architecture. • Supplier service contracts, product warranties and liability agreements.

²⁹ Refer to [NIST SP 800-39], Section 3.1, Task 1-2 for a description of constraints in the risk management context.

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| Level 3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Functional requirements • Security requirements | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Product and Operational-level C-SCRM capabilities. • Supplier-provided system component warranties and service agreements. |
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6731 An organization's C-SCRM policy is a critical vehicle for directing C-SCRM activities. Driven
6732 by applicable laws and regulations, this policy should support applicable organization policies
6733 including acquisition and procurement, information security, quality, and supply chain and
6734 logistics. It should address goals and objectives articulated in the overall agency strategic plan, as
6735 well as specific mission and business processes and business goals, along with the internal and
6736 external customer requirements. It should also define the integration points for C-SCRM with the
6737 agency's Risk Management Process and SDLC.

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6739 C-SCRM policy should define C-SCRM-related roles and responsibilities of the agency C-
6740 SCRM team, any dependencies among those roles, and the interaction among the roles. C-
6741 SCRM-related roles will articulate responsibilities for collecting cyber supply chain threat
6742 intelligence, conducting risk assessments, identifying and implementing risk-based mitigations,
6743 and performing monitoring processes. Identifying and validating roles will help to specify the
6744 amount of effort required to implement the C-SCRM Plan. Examples of C-SCRM-related roles
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- 6747 • C-SCRM PMO that provides overarching cyber supply chain risk guidance to
6748 engineering decisions that specify and select cyber products as the system design is
6749 finalized;
- 6750 • Procurement officer and maintenance engineering responsible for identifying and
6751 replacing the hardware when defective;
- 6752 • Delivery organization and acceptance engineers who verify that the system component is
6753 acceptable to receive into the acquiring organization;
- 6754 • System integrator responsible for system maintenance and upgrades, whose staff resides
6755 in the acquirer facility and uses system integrator development infrastructure and the
6756 acquirer operational infrastructure;
- 6757 • System Security Engineer/Systems Engineer responsible for ensuring that information
6758 system security concerns are properly identified and addressed throughout the SDLC; and
- 6759 • The end user of cyber systems/components/services.

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6761 C-SCRM requirements should be guided by C-SCRM policy(ies), as well as by the mission and
6762 business processes and their criticality at Level 2 and by known functional and security
6763 requirements at Level 3.

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6765 RISK APPETITE AND TOLERANCE

6766 **TASK 1-3:** Identify the levels of risk appetite and tolerance for the organization.

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Risk appetite represents the types and amount of risk, on a broad level, an organization is willing to accept in pursuit of value [NISTIR 8286]. On the other hand, risk tolerance is the organization or stakeholder's readiness to bear the remaining risk after risk response in order to achieve its objectives, with the consideration that such tolerance can be influenced by legal or regulatory requirements [NISTIR 8286]. This definition is adapted from COSO, which states risk tolerance is the acceptable level of variation relative to achievement of a specific objective. Often, risk tolerance is best measured in the same units as those used to measure the related objective [COSO 2011]. Where applicable, organizations should align with risk appetite and tolerance assumptions and thresholds from the enterprise risk management process. For C-SCRM, these assumptions and thresholds should be contextualized to inform decisions in the C-SCRM domain. This may require C-SCRM define its own relevant C-SCRM-specific risk appetite and corresponding tolerance thresholds.

Risk appetite and tolerance strongly influence decisions made about C-SCRM across the three levels. Some organizations may define risk appetite and risk tolerance as part of their broader organization risk management activities (i.e., enterprise risk management). In organizations without a clearly defined risk appetite, Level 1 stakeholders should collaborate with organization leadership to define and articulate the organization's appetite for risk within the scope of the C-SCRM program's mandates. Organizations may choose to tailor risk appetite definitions to specific mission and business processes. In general, risk appetite at Level 1 may be set to empower the organization to meet its value objectives (e.g., high appetite for supplier risk in support of reducing operating costs by 5%). At Level 2 this may translate to relaxed C-SCRM governance structures and processes in alignment with this appetite threshold. Risk appetite definitions at lower levels should always be subject to the constraints provided at the higher levels.

With risk appetite defined, the organization should define its risk tolerance in order to operationalize the risk appetite across the organization. Risk tolerance should be defined for the organization as a whole as well as the specific mission and business processes. Organizations may use risk tolerance to inform cost/benefit decisions made about system components and services provided through the supply chain for systems throughout the SDLC. Risk Appetite and risk tolerance work together to guide C-SCRM decisions at various levels as the organization pursues its objectives.

Table C-7 shows additional examples of how risk appetite and risk tolerance statements work together to frame risk within an organization.

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Table C-7: Risk Appetite & Risk Tolerance

Level	Agency Constraints	Cyber Supply Chain Constraints
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low appetite for risk with respect to market objectives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low tolerance (i.e., no more than 5% probability) for service provider downtime that causes system disruptions to exceed contractual service level agreements (SLAs) by more than 10%.
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low appetite for appetite for risk with respect to production objectives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderate tolerance (i.e., no more than 15% probability) for supply chain disruptions that cause production levels to fall below 80% of target threshold for non-military products. • Near-zero tolerance (i.e., no more than 5% probability) of supply chain disruptions that cause production levels to fall below 80% of target threshold for military products.
3.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low appetite for risk related to national security objectives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low tolerance (i.e., no more than 1% of contractor access authorizations) for inappropriate contractor access that exceeds authorized windows by more than 10% in systems with classified information.
4.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low appetite low appetite for risk related to operational objectives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderate tolerance (i.e., no more than 15% probability) for system component failures causing non-critical system disruptions that exceed maximum allowable thresholds by more than 10%. • Near-zero tolerance (i.e., no more than 3% probability) for system component failures causing disruptions in critical systems that exceed maximum allowable thresholds by more than 10%.

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6810 To ensure leadership has the appropriate information when making risk-based decisions,
 6811 organizations should establish metrics (e.g., Key Performance Indicators (KPIs), Key Risk
 6812 Indicators (KRIs)) to measure performance against defined risk appetite and risk tolerance
 6813 thresholds. Identification of corresponding data sources for measurement should play a key role
 6814 in the organization’s defined processes for setting and refining risk appetite and tolerance
 6815 thresholds. Risk appetite and risk tolerance should be treated as dynamic thresholds by the

6816 organization. This requires periodic update and revision based on internal (e.g., strategy) and
6817 external (e.g., market, environmental) changes which impact the organization.

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6819 Organizations should consider cyber supply chain threats, vulnerabilities, constraints, and
6820 criticality when identifying the overall level of risk appetite and risk tolerance.³⁰

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6823 PRIORITIES AND TRADE-OFFS

6824 **TASK 1-4:** Identify priorities and trade-offs considered by the organization in managing risk.

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6826 Supplemental Guidance

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6828 Priorities and tradeoffs are closely linked to the organization's risk appetite and tolerance
6829 thresholds, which communicate the amount of risk that is acceptable and tolerable to the
6830 organization in pursuit of its objectives. Priorities will take the form of long-term strategic
6831 objectives or near-term strategic imperatives which alter risk decision calculus. From priorities
6832 and tradeoffs, C-SCRM then receives critical strategic context required for Response step
6833 activities such as Evaluation of Alternatives and Risk Response Decision. As a part of
6834 identifying priorities and trade-offs, organizations should consider risk appetite, risk tolerance,
6835 cyber supply chain threats, vulnerabilities, constraints, and criticality.

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6837 Priority and tradeoff considerations will manifest different across the 3 levels. Within Level 1,
6838 priority and tradeoff considerations may favor existing supplier relationships in established
6839 regions at the expense of new supplier cost advantages due to a desire to maintain confidence
6840 and stability. At Level 2, priority and tradeoff considerations may favor centralized C-SCRM
6841 governance models covering product teams in favor of greater security practice standardization.
6842 At Level 3, priorities and tradeoffs may favor system components/subcomponents produced in
6843 certain geographies in an effort to avoid environmental or geopolitical risks to the supply chain.

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6845 Outputs and Post Conditions

6846 Within the scope of NIST SP 800-39, the output of the risk framing step is the risk management
6847 strategy that identifies how organizations intend to assess, respond to, and monitor risk over
6848 time. This strategy should clearly include any identified C-SCRM considerations and should
6849 result in the establishment of C-SCRM-specific processes throughout the agency. These
6850 processes should be documented in one of three ways:

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6852 1. Integrated into existing agency documentation;

6853 2. A separate set of documents addressing C-SCRM; or

6854 3. A mix of separate and integrated documents based on agency needs and operations.

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³⁰ Federal Departments' and Agencies' governance structures vary widely (see [NIST SP 800-100, Section 2.2.2]). Regardless of the governance structure, individual agency risk decisions should apply to the agency and any subordinate organizations, but not in the reverse direction.

6856 The following information should be provided as an output of the risk framing step, regardless of
6857 how the outputs are documented:

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- 6859 • C-SCRM Policy;
- 6860 • Criticality including prioritized mission and business processes and FIPS 199 impact;
- 6861 • Cyber supply chain risk assessment methodology and guidance;
- 6862 • Cyber supply chain risk response guidance;
- 6863 • Cyber supply chain risk monitoring guidance;
- 6864 • C-SCRM mission/business requirements;
- 6865 • Revised mission/business processes and enterprise architecture with C-SCRM
- 6866 considerations integrated;
- 6867 • Operational-level C-SCRM requirements; and
- 6868 • Acquisition security guidance/requirements.

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6870 Outputs from the risk framing step are enabling pre-requisites to effectively manage cyber
6871 supply chain risk and serve as inputs to the risk assessment, risk response, and risk monitoring
6872 steps.

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6874 **ASSESS**

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6877 Assess is the step where assumptions, established methodologies and collected data is used to
6878 conduct a risk assessment. Numerous inputs (including criticality, risk appetite and tolerance,
6879 threats, and vulnerability analysis results; stakeholder knowledge; and policy, constraints, and
6880 requirements) are combined and analyzed to gauge the likelihood and impact of a cyber supply
6881 chain compromise. Assess step activities are used to update the organizations long-term risk-
6882 framing assumptions to account for near-term variations and changes.

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6884 A cyber supply chain risk assessment should be integrated into the overall organization risk
6885 assessment process. C-SCRM risk assessment results should be used and aggregated as
6886 appropriate to communicate potential or actual cyber supply chain risks relevant to each risk
6887 management framework level. Figure 2-6 depicts the Assess Step with its inputs and outputs
6888 along the three levels.

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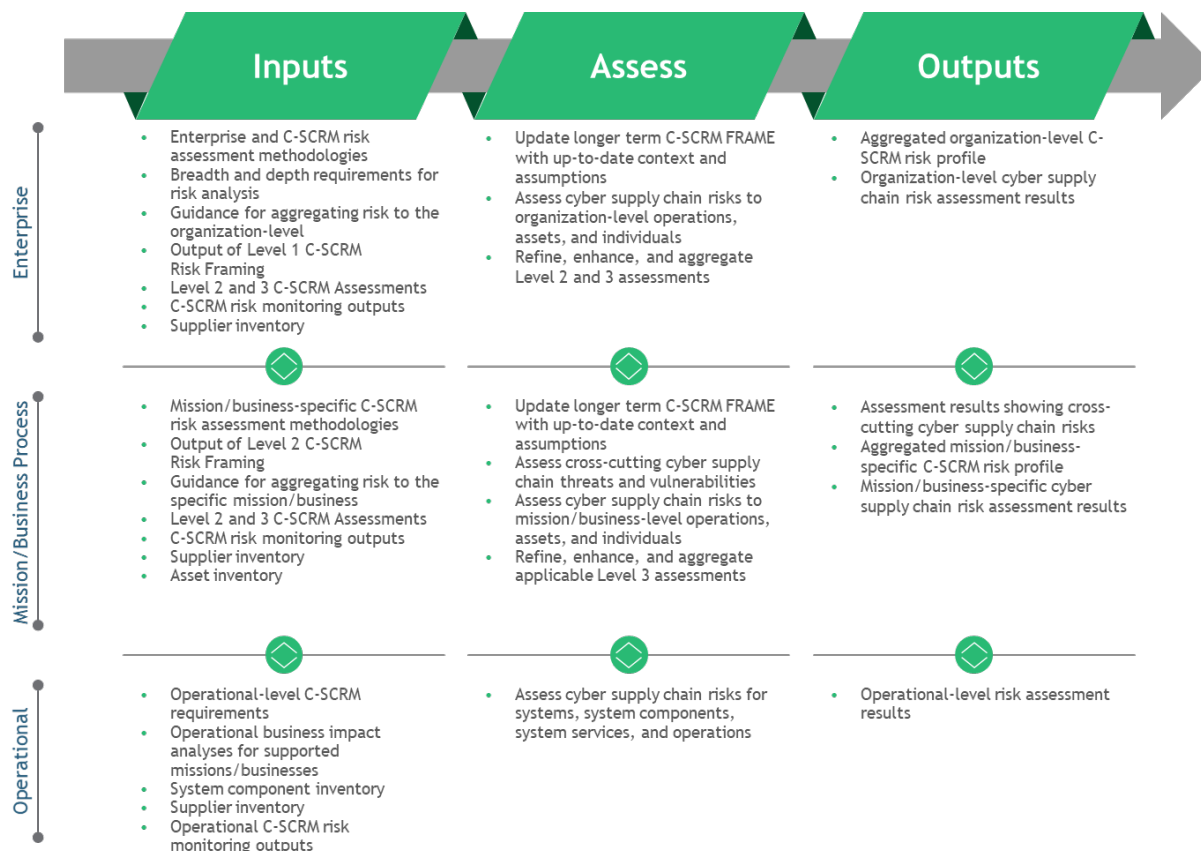


Fig. C-3: C-SCRM in the Assess Step³¹

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6892 Criticality, vulnerability, and threat analyses are essential to the supply chain risk assessment
 6893 process. The order of activities begins with updating the criticality analysis to ensure the
 6894 assessment is scoped to minimally include relevant critical mission and business processes and to
 6895 understand the relevance and impact of cyber supply chain elements on these mission and
 6896 business processes. As depicted in Figure C-4, vulnerability and threat analyses can then be
 6897 performed, in any order, but should be performed iteratively to ensure that all applicable threats
 6898 and vulnerabilities have been identified to understand which vulnerabilities may be more
 6899 susceptible to exploitation by certain threats, and, if and as applicable, to associate identified
 6900 vulnerabilities and threats to one or more mission and business processes or supply chain
 6901 elements. Once viable threats and potential or actual vulnerabilities are assessed, this information
 6902 will be used to evaluate the likelihood of exploitability—a key step to understanding impact.
 6903 This is a synthesis point for criticality analysis, vulnerability analysis, and threat analysis and
 6904 helps to further clarify and contextualize impact to support an informed and justifiable risk
 6905 decision.
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6907 **Activities**

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6909 **CRITICALITY ANALYSIS**

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³¹ More detailed information on the Risk Management Process can be found in Appendix C

6911 **TASK 2-0:** Update Criticality Analysis of mission and business processes, systems, and system
6912 components to narrow the scope (and resource needs) for C-SCRM activities to those most
6913 important to mission success.

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6915 **Supplemental Guidance**

6916 Criticality analysis should include the cyber supply chain for both the organization and
6917 applicable suppliers, developers, system integrators, external system service providers, and other
6918 ICT/OT-related service providers, as well as relevant non-system services and products.

6919 Criticality analysis assesses the direct impact they each have on the mission priorities. The cyber
6920 supply chain includes the SDLC for applicable systems, services, and components because the
6921 SDLC defines whether security considerations are built into the systems/components or added
6922 after systems/components have been created.

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6924 Organizations should update and tailor criticality established during the Frame step of the risk
6925 management process, including FIPS 199 system. For low-impact systems, organizations should
6926 minimally assess criticality regarding interdependencies that systems may have with moderate or
6927 high-impact system(s). If systems are used extensively throughout the enterprise, organizations
6928 should determine the holistic impact of component failure or compromise in the low impact
6929 system.

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6931 In addition to updating and tailoring criticality, performing criticality analysis in the Assess Step
6932 may include the following:

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- 6934 • Refine the dependency analysis and assessment to update understanding of which
6935 components may require hardening given the system or network architecture;
- 6936 • Obtain and review existing information that the agency has about critical
6937 systems/components such as locations where they are manufactured or developed,
6938 physical and logical delivery paths, information flows and financial transactions
6939 associated with these components, and any other available information that can provide
6940 insights into cyber supply chain of these components;³²
- 6941 • Update information about the cyber supply chain, historical data, and the SDLC to
6942 identify changes in critical cyber supply chain paths and conditions.

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6944 The outcome of the updated criticality analysis is a narrowed, prioritized list of the
6945 organization's critical processes, systems, and system components as well as a refined
6946 understanding of corresponding dependencies within the supply chain. Organizations can use the
6947 Criticality process in Section 2.2.1, Task 1-1, to update Criticality Analysis.

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6949 Because more information will be available in the Assess step, organizations can narrow the
6950 scope and increase the granularity of a criticality analysis. When identifying critical processes
6951 and associated systems/components and assigning them criticality levels, consider the following:

³² This information may be available from a supply chain map for the agency or individual IT projects or systems. Supply chain maps are descriptions or depictions of supply chains including the physical and logical flow of goods, information, processes, and money upstream and downstream through a supply chain. They may include supply chain entities, locations, delivery paths, or transactions.

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- Functional breakdown is an effective method of identifying processes, associated critical components, and supporting defensive functions;
 - Dependency analysis is used to identify the processes on which critical processes depend (e.g., defensive functions such as digital signatures used in software patch acceptance) which become critical processes themselves;
 - Identification of all access points to identify and limit unmediated access to critical function/components (e.g., least-privilege implementation);
 - Value chain analysis to understand inputs, process actors, outputs and customers of services and products; and
 - Malicious alteration or other types of supply chain compromise can happen throughout the SDLC.

6965 The resulting list of critical processes and supply chain dependencies is used to guide and inform
6966 the vulnerability analysis and threat analysis in determining the initial C-SCRM risk as depicted
6967 in Figure 2-3. Cyber supply chain countermeasures and mitigations can then be selected and
6968 implemented to reduce risk to acceptable levels.

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6970 Criticality analysis is performed iteratively and may be performed at any point in the SDLC and
6971 concurrently by level. The first iteration is likely to identify critical processes and
6972 systems/components that have a direct impact on mission and business processes. Successive
6973 iterations will include information from the criticality analysis, threat analysis, vulnerability
6974 analysis, and mitigation strategies defined at each of the other levels. Each iteration will refine
6975 the criticality analysis outcomes and result in the addition of defensive functions. Several
6976 iterations are likely required to establish and maintain the criticality analysis results.
6977 Organizations should document or record the results of their criticality analysis and review and
6978 update this assessment on an annual basis at minimum.

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6981 THREAT AND VULNERABILITY IDENTIFICATION

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6983 **TASK 2-1:** Identify threats to and vulnerabilities in organizational information systems and the
6984 environments in which the systems operate.

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6986 **Supplemental Guidance**

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6988 In addition to threat and vulnerability identification, as described in [NIST SP 800-39] and
6989 [NIST SP 800-30 Rev. 1], organizations should conduct cyber supply chain threat analysis and
6990 vulnerability analysis.

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6992 *Threat Analysis*

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6994 For C-SCRM, a threat analysis provides specific and timely threat characterization of threat
6995 events (see Appendix C) and potential threat actors (e.g., Nation State) and threat vectors (e.g.,
6996 3rd party supplier), to inform management, acquisition, engineering, and operational activities

6997 within an organization.³³ A variety of information can be used to assess potential threats,
6998 including open source, intelligence, and counterintelligence. Organizations should include,
6999 update and refine the threat sources and assumptions defined during the *Frame* step. The results
7000 of the threat analysis will ultimately support acquisition decisions, alternative build decisions,
7001 and development and selection of appropriate mitigations to be applied in the *Respond* step. The
7002 focus of Cyber supply chain threat analysis should be based on the results of the criticality
7003 analysis.

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7005 Agencies should use information available from existing incident management activities to
7006 determine whether they have experienced a cyber supply chain compromise and to further
7007 investigate such compromises. Agencies should define criteria for what constitutes a cyber
7008 supply chain compromise to ensure that such compromises can be identified as a part of post-
7009 incident activities, including forensics investigations. Additionally - at agency defined intervals –
7010 agencies should review other sources of incident information within the organization to
7011 determine whether in fact a supply chain compromise has occurred.

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7013 An cyber supply chain threat analysis should capture at least the following data:

- 7014 • Observation of cyber supply chain-related attacks while they are occurring;
- 7015 • Incident data collected post-cyber supply chain-related compromise;
- 7016 • Observation of tactics, techniques, and procedures used in specific attacks, whether
7017 observed or collected using audit mechanisms; and
- 7018 • Natural and man-made disasters before, during, and after occurrence.

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7021 *Vulnerability Analysis*

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7023 For C-SCRM, a vulnerability is a weakness in an information system, system security
7024 procedures, internal controls, or implementation that could be exploited or triggered by a threat
7025 source [FIPS 200], [NIST SP 800-34 Rev. 1], [NIST SP 800-53 Rev 4], [NIST SP 800-53A Rev.
7026 4], [NIST SP 800-115].

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7028 A vulnerability analysis is an iterative process that informs risk assessment and countermeasure
7029 selection. The vulnerability analysis works alongside the threat analysis to help inform the
7030 impact analysis and to help scope and prioritize vulnerabilities to be mitigated.

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7032 Vulnerability analysis in the Assess Step should use the approaches defined during the Frame
7033 Step to update and refine assumptions about cyber supply chain vulnerabilities. Vulnerability
7034 analysis should begin by identifying vulnerabilities that are applicable to critical mission and
7035 business processes and systems/system components identified by the criticality analysis. An
7036 investigation of vulnerabilities may indicate the need to raise or at least reconsider the criticality
7037 levels of processes and components identified in earlier criticality analyses. Later iterations of

³³ Please note that threat characterization of suppliers, developers, system integrators, external system service providers, and other ICT/OT-related service providers may be benign.

7038 the vulnerability analysis may also identify additional threats, or opportunities for threats, not
7039 considered in earlier threat assessments.

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7041 Table C-8 provides examples of applicable cyber supply chain vulnerabilities that can be
7042 observed within the three levels.

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7044 **Table C-8: Examples of Cyber Supply Chain Vulnerabilities Mapped to the Organizational**
7045 **Levels**

Level	Agency Constraints	Cyber Supply Chain Constraints
Level 1 – Organization	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Deficiencies or weaknesses in organizational governance structures or processes such as a lack of C-SCRM Plan 2) Weaknesses in the supply chain itself (e.g., vulnerable entities, over-reliance on certain entities) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Provide guidance on how to consider dependencies on external organizations as vulnerabilities. 2) Seek out alternate sources of new technology including building in-house. leveraging trustworthy shared services/common solutions.
Level 2 – Mission/ Business	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) No operational process is in place for detecting counterfeits 2) No budget was allocated for the implementation of a technical screening for acceptance testing of supplied system components entering the SDLC as replacement parts 3) Susceptibility to adverse issues from innovative technology supply sources (e.g., technology owned or managed by third parties is buggy) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Develop a program for detecting tainted or counterfeit products and allocate appropriate budgets for putting in resources and training. 2) Allocate budget for acceptance testing – technical screening of components entering SDLC.
Level 3 – Operation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Discrepancy in system functions not meeting requirements, resulting in substantial impact to performance 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Initiate engineering change. Malicious alteration can happen throughout the system life cycle to an agency system to address functional discrepancy and test correction for performance impact.

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7048 RISK DETERMINATION

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7050 **TASK 2-2:** Determine the risk to organizational operations and assets, individuals, other
7051 organizations, and the Nation if identified threats exploit identified vulnerabilities.

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7053 **Supplemental Guidance**

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7055 Organizations determine cyber supply chain risk by considering the likelihood that known threats
7056 exploit known vulnerabilities to and through the cyber supply chain and the resulting
7057 consequences or adverse impacts (i.e., magnitude of harm) if such exploitations occur.

7058 Organizations use threat and vulnerability information together with likelihood and
7059 consequences/impact information to determine C-SCRM risk either qualitatively or
7060 quantitatively. Outputs from the Risk Determination at Levels 1 and 2 should correspond directly
7061 with the RMF Prepare – Organization Level tasks described within [NIST 800-37r2], while risk
7062 assessments completed for Level 3 should correspond to directly with the RMF Prepare –
7063 Operational-level tasks.

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7065 *Likelihood*

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7067 Likelihood is a weighted factor based on a subjective analysis of the probability that a given
7068 threat is capable of exploiting a given vulnerability [CNSSI 4009]. Determining this likelihood
7069 requires the consideration of the characteristics of the threat sources, the identified
7070 vulnerabilities, and the organization’s susceptibility to the cyber supply chain compromise, prior
7071 to and while the safeguards/mitigations are implemented. Likelihood determination should draw
7072 on methodologies defined as part of the Frame step, and update, refine, and expand any
7073 assumptions made about likelihood. For adversarial threats, this analysis should consider the
7074 degree of an adversary’s capability and intent to interfere with the organization’s mission. Cyber
7075 supply chain risk assessment should consider two views:

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- 7077 • The likelihood that one or more elements within the cyber supply chain itself is
7078 compromised. This may impact, for example, the availability of quality components or
7079 increase the risk of intellectual property theft; and
- 7080 • The likelihood of the system or component within the supply chain being compromised,
7081 for example, by malicious code inserted into a system or an electric storm damaging a
7082 component.

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7084 In some cases, these two views may overlap or be indistinguishable, but both may have an
7085 impact on the agency’s ability to perform its mission.

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7087 Likelihood determination should consider:

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- 7089 • Threat assumptions that articulate the types of threats the system or the component may
7090 be subject to, such as cybersecurity threats, natural disasters, or physical security threats
- 7091 • Actual supply chain threat information such as adversaries’ capabilities, tools, intentions,
7092 and targets

- 7093 • Historical data about the frequency of supply chain events in peer or like organizations
- 7094 • Internal expert perspectives on the probability systems or process compromise through
- 7095 the supply chain
- 7096 • Exposure of components to external access (i.e., outside of the system boundary)
- 7097 • Identified system, process, or component vulnerabilities
- 7098 • Empirical data on weaknesses and vulnerabilities available from any completed analysis
- 7099 (e.g., system analysis, process analysis) to determine probabilities of cyber supply chain
- 7100 threat occurrence

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7102 Factors for consideration include the ease or difficulty of successfully attacking through a
7103 vulnerability and the ability to detect the method employed to introduce or trigger a
7104 vulnerability. The objective is to assess the net effect of the vulnerability, which will be
7105 combined with threat information to determine the likelihood of successful attacks within a
7106 defined time frame as part of the risk assessment process. The likelihood can be based on threat
7107 assumptions or actual threat data, such as previous breaches of the supply chain, specific
7108 adversary capability, historical breach trends, or frequency of breaches. The organization may
7109 use empirical data and statistical analysis to determine specific probabilities of breach
7110 occurrence, depending on the type of data available and accessible within the organization.

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7112 *Impact*

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7114 Organizations should begin impact analysis using methodologies and potential impact
7115 assumptions defined during the Frame step, determining the impact of a compromise and the
7116 impact of mitigating said compromise. Organizations need to identify the various adverse
7117 impacts of compromise, including: (i) the characteristics of the threat sources that could initiate
7118 the events; (ii) identified vulnerabilities; and (iii) the organizational susceptibility to such events
7119 based on planned or implemented countermeasures. Impact analysis is an iterative process
7120 performed initially when a compromise occurs, when mitigation approach is decided to evaluate
7121 the impact of change, and finally, in the ever-changing SDLC, when the situation/context of the
7122 system or environment changes.

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7124 Organizations should use the result of impact analysis to define an acceptable level of cyber
7125 supply chain risk for a given system. Impact is derived from criticality, threat, and vulnerability
7126 analysis results, and should be based on the magnitude of effect on organizational operations,
7127 organizational assets, individuals, other organizations, or the Nation (including the national
7128 security interests of the United States) of a loss of confidentiality, integrity, or availability of
7129 information or an information system [NIST SP 800-53 Rev. 5]. Impact is likely to be a
7130 qualitative measure requiring analytic judgment. Executive/decision-makers use impact as an
7131 input into the risk-based decisions whether to accept, avoid, mitigate, or share the resulting risks
7132 and the consequences of such decisions.

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7134 Organizations should document the overall results of cyber supply chain risk assessments in risk
7135 assessment reports.³⁴ Cyber supply chain risk assessment reports should cover risks in all three

³⁴ See [NIST SP 800-30 Rev. 1 Appendix K] for a description of risk assessment reports.

7136 organizational levels as applicable. Based on the organizational structure and size, multiple cyber
7137 supply chain risk assessment reports may be required. Agencies are encouraged to develop
7138 individual reports at Level 1. For Level 2, agencies should integrate cyber supply chain risks into
7139 the respective mission-level Business Impact Assessments (BIA) and may want to develop
7140 separate mission-level cyber supply chain risk assessment reports. For Level 3, agencies may
7141 want to integrate cyber supply chain risks into the respective Risk Response Framework. Risk
7142 Response Frameworks at all three levels should be interconnected, reference each other when
7143 appropriate, integrate with the C-SCRM Plans, and comprise part of authorization packages.

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7145 *Aggregation*

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7147 Organizations may use risk aggregation to roll up several discrete or lower-level risks into a
7148 more general or higher-level risk [NIST SP 800-30 Rev. 1]. This is especially important for C-
7149 SCRM as organizations strive to understand their exposure to the cyber supply chain at
7150 operational-levels as well as at the relationship level (i.e., Level 1). Ultimately, organizations
7151 may wish to aggregate and normalize their C-SCRM risk assessment results with other enterprise
7152 risk assessments to develop an understanding of total risk exposure across risk types (e.g.,
7153 financial, operational, legal/regulatory). To ease this process, organizations should maximize
7154 inheritance of common frameworks and lexicons from higher-order risk processes (e.g.,
7155 enterprise risk management).

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7157 When dealing with discrete risks (i.e., non-overlapping), organizations can more easily develop a
7158 holistic understanding of aggregate Level 1 and 2 risk exposures. In many cases, however,
7159 organizations will find that risk assessments completed at lower levels contain overlapping
7160 estimates for likelihood and/or impact magnitude. In these cases, the sum of the pieces (i.e., risk
7161 exposure ratings at lower levels) is greater than the whole (i.e., aggregate risk exposure of the
7162 organization). To overcome these challenges, organizations can employ a variety of techniques.
7163 Organizations may elect to use visualizations or heat maps to demonstrate the likelihood and
7164 impact of risks relative to one another. When presenting aggregate risk as a number, organizations
7165 should ensure that assessments of risk produce discrete outputs by adopting mutually exclusive
7166 and collectively exhaustive (MECE) frameworks. MECE frameworks guide analysis of inputs
7167 (e.g., threats, vulnerabilities, impacts) and allow the organization to minimize overlapping
7168 assumptions and estimates. Instead of summing together risks from lower levels, organizations
7169 may elect to perform a new holistic assessment at an upper level leveraging the combined
7170 assessment results from lower levels. Doing so can help organizations avoid double counting of
7171 risk resulting in overestimation of their aggregate risk exposure. Organizations should apply
7172 discretion in aggregating risks so as to avoid risk aggregations that are difficult to explain (e.g.,
7173 combining highly differentiated scenarios into a single number).

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7175 Quantitative methods offer distinct advantages for risk aggregation. Through the use of
7176 probabilistic techniques (e.g., Monte Carlo methods, Bayesian analysis), organizations can
7177 combine similar risks into a single, easily understood figure (e.g., dollars) in a mathematically
7178 defensible manner. Mutually exclusive and collectively exhaustive frameworks remain an
7179 important requirement for quantitative methods.

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7182 Outputs and Post Conditions

7183 This step results in:

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- 7185 • Confirmed mission and business process criticality;
- 7186 • Establishment of relationships between the critical aspects of the system's cyber supply
- 7187 chain infrastructure (e.g., SDLC) and applicable threats and vulnerabilities;
- 7188 • Understanding of the likelihood and the impact of a potential cyber supply chain
- 7189 compromise;
- 7190 • Understanding mission and system-specific risks;
- 7191 • Documented cyber supply chain risk assessments for mission processes and individual
- 7192 systems; and
- 7193 • Integration of relevant cyber supply chain risk assessment results into the organization
- 7194 risk management process.
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7196 RESPOND**7197 Inputs and Preconditions**

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7199 Respond is the step in which the individuals conducting risk assessment will communicate the
7200 assessment results, proposed mitigation/controls options, and the corresponding acceptable level
7201 of risk for each proposed option to the decision makers. This information should be presented in
7202 a manner appropriate to inform and guide risk-based decisions. This will allow decision makers
7203 to finalize appropriate risk response based on the set of options and taking into account the
7204 corresponding risk factors of choosing the various options. Sometimes an appropriate response is
7205 to do nothing and to monitor the adversary's activities and behavior to better understand the
7206 tactics and to attribute the activities.

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7208 Cyber supply chain risk response should be integrated into the overall organization risk response.
7209 Figure C-5 depicts the Respond Step with its inputs and outputs along the three organizational
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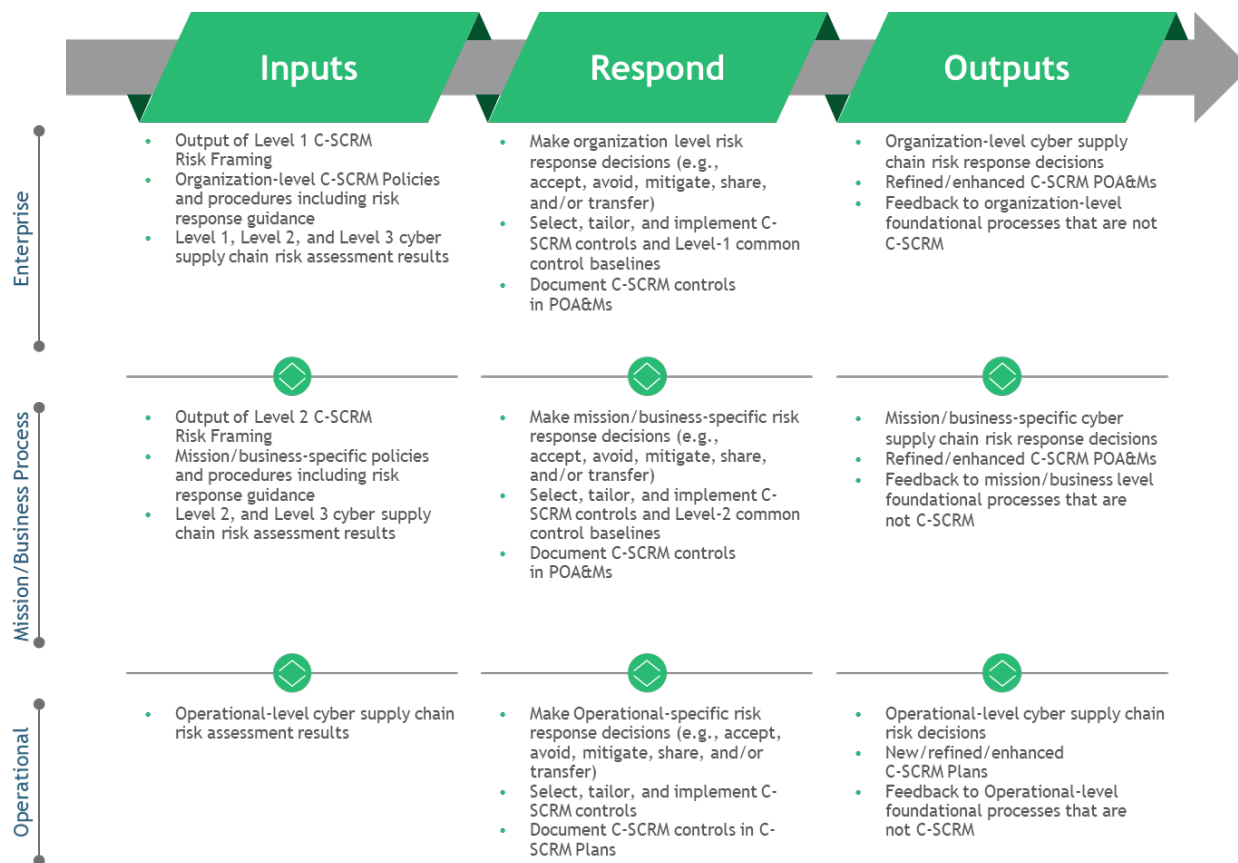


Fig. C-4: C-SCRM in the Respond Step³⁵

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RISK RESPONSE IDENTIFICATION

TASK 3-1: Identify alternative courses of action to respond to risk determined during the risk assessment.

Organization’s risk response strategies will be informed by risk management strategies developed for the enterprise (i.e., Level 1) and mission/business process (i.e., Level 2). Risk response strategies will include general courses of action the organization may take as part of its risk response efforts (e.g., accept, avoid, mitigate, transfer or share). As part of mitigation efforts, organizations should select C-SCRM controls and tailor these controls based on the risk determination. C-SCRM controls should be selected for all three levels, as appropriate per findings of the risk assessments for each of the levels.

Many of the C-SCRM controls included in this document may be part of an IT security plan and should be incorporated as requirements in agreements made with third party providers. These controls are included because they apply to C-SCRM.

³⁵ More detailed information on the Risk Management Process can be found in Appendix C

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7234 This process should begin by determining acceptable risk to support the evaluation of
7235 alternatives (also known as trade-off analysis).

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7237 EVALUATION OF ALTERNATIVES

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7239 **TASK 3-2:** Evaluate alternative courses of action for responding to risk.

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7241 Once an initial acceptable level of risk has been defined, risk response courses of action should
7242 be identified and evaluated for efficacy in enabling the organization to achieve its defined risk
7243 threshold. Evaluation of alternatives typically occurs at Levels 1 or 2 with a focus on anticipated
7244 organization-wide impacts of C-SCRM to the organization's ability to successfully carry out
7245 organizational missions and processes. When carried out at Level 3, evaluation of alternatives
7246 will focus on the SDLC or the amount of time available for implementing the course of action.

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7248 Each courses of action analyzed may include a combination of risk acceptance, avoidance,
7249 mitigation, transfer and/or sharing. For example, an organization may elect to share a portion of
7250 its risk to a strategic supplier through the selection of controls included under contractual terms.
7251 Alternatively, an organization may choose to mitigate to acceptable levels though the selection
7252 and implementation of controls. In many cases, risk strategies will leverage a combination of risk
7253 response courses of action.

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7255 During evaluation of alternatives, organization will analyze available risk response courses of
7256 action for identified cyber supply chain risks. The goal of this exercise is to enable the
7257 organization to achieve an appropriate balance among C-SCRM and functionality needs of the
7258 organization. As a first step, organizations should ensure risk appetites and tolerances, priorities
7259 and tradeoffs, applicable requirements and constraints are reviewed with stakeholders familiar
7260 with broader organizational requirements, such as cost, schedule, performance, policy, and
7261 compliance. Through this process, the organization will identify risk response implications to the
7262 organization's broader requirements. Equipped with a holistic understanding of risk response
7263 implications, organizations should perform the C-SCRM, mission, and operational-level trade-
7264 off analyses to identify the correct balance of C-SCRM controls to respond to risk. At Level 3,
7265 the Frame, Assess, Respond, and Monitor process feeds into the RMF Select step described in
7266 [NIST SP 800-37 Rev. 2].

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7268 The selected C-SCRM controls for a risk response course of action will vary depending on where
7269 they are applied within organizational levels and SDLC processes. For example, C-SCRM
7270 controls may range from using a blind buying strategy to obscure end use of a critical
7271 component, to design attributes (e.g., input validation, sandboxes, and anti-tamper design). For
7272 each implemented control, the organization should identify someone responsible for its execution
7273 and develop a time- or event-phased plan for implementation throughout the SDLC. Multiple
7274 controls may address a wide range of possible risks. Therefore, understanding how the controls
7275 impact the overall risk is essential and must be considered before choosing and tailoring the
7276 combination of controls as yet another trade-off analysis may be needed before the controls can
7277 be finalized. The organization may be trading one risk for a larger risk unknowingly if the

7278 dependencies between the proposed controls and the overall risk are not well-understood and
7279 addressed.

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7281 RISK RESPONSE DECISION

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7283 **TASK 3-3:** Decide on the appropriate course of action for responding to risk.

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7285 As described in [NIST SP 800-39], organizations should select, tailor, and finalize C-SCRM
7286 controls, based on the evaluation of alternatives and an overall understanding of threats, risks,
7287 and supply chain priorities. Within Levels 1 and 2, the resulting decision, along with selected and
7288 tailored common control baselines (i.e., revisions to established baselines) should be documented
7289 within a C-SCRM-specific Risk Response Framework.³⁶ Within Level 3, the resulting decision,
7290 along with the selected and tailored controls, should be documented within the C-SCRM Plan as
7291 part of an authorization package.

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7293 Risk response decisions may be made by a risk executive or delegated by the risk executive to
7294 someone else in the organization. While the decision can be delegated to Level 2 or Level 3, the
7295 significance and the reach of the impact should determine the level at which the decision is being
7296 made. Risk response decisions may be made in collaboration with an organization's risk
7297 executives, mission owners, and system owners, as appropriate. Risk response decisions are
7298 heavily influenced by the organization's predetermined appetite and tolerance for risk. Using
7299 robust risk appetite and tolerance definitions, decision makers can ensure consistent alignment of
7300 the organization's risk decisions with its strategic imperatives. Robust definitions of risk appetite
7301 and tolerance may also enable organizations to delegate risk decision responsibility to lower
7302 levels of the organization and provide greater autonomy across the Levels.

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7304 Within Levels 1 and 2, the resulting decisions should be documented, along with any changes to
7305 requirements or selected common control baselines (enterprise or mission level), within C-
7306 SCRM-specific Risk Response Frameworks. The C-SCRM Risk Response Framework may
7307 influence other related Risk Response Frameworks.

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7309 The Risk Response Framework should include:

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- 7311 • Describing the threat source, threat event, exploited vulnerability, and threat event
7312 outcome;
- 7313 • Providing an analysis of the likelihood and impact of the risk and final risk score;
- 7314 • Describing the selected mitigating strategies and controls along with an estimate of the
7315 cost and effectiveness of the mitigation against the risk.

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7317 Within Level 3, the resulting decision, along with the selected and tailored controls, should be
7318 documented in a C-SCRM Plan. While the C-SCRM Plan is ideally developed proactively, it
7319 may also be developed in response to a cyber supply chain compromise. Ultimately, the C-
7320 SCRM Plan should cover the full SDLC, document a C-SCRM baseline, and identify cyber

³⁶ More information can be found on Risk Response Frameworks in Appendix B along with explicit examples.

7321 supply chain requirements and controls at the Level 3 operational-level. The C-SCRM Plan
7322 should be revised and updated based on the output of cyber supply chain monitoring.

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7324 C-SCRM Plans should:

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- 7326 • Summarize the environment as determined in Frame such as applicable policies,
7327 processes, and procedures based on organization and mission requirements currently
7328 implemented in the organization;
- 7329 • State the role responsible for the plan such as Risk Executive, Chief Financial Officer
7330 (CFO), Chief Information Officer (CIO), Program Manager, or System Owner;
- 7331 • Identify key contributors such as CFO, Chief Operations Officer (COO),
7332 Acquisition/Contracting, Procurement, C-SCRM PMO, System Engineer, System
7333 Security Engineer, Developer/Maintenance Engineer, Operations Manager, or System
7334 Architect;
- 7335 • Provide the applicable (per level) set of risk mitigation measures and controls resulting
7336 from the Evaluation of Alternatives (in Respond);
- 7337 • Provide tailoring decisions for selected controls including the rationale for the decision;
- 7338 • Describe feedback processes among the levels to ensure that cyber supply chain
7339 interdependencies are addressed;
- 7340 • Describe monitoring and enforcement activities (including auditing if appropriate)
7341 applicable to the scope of each specific C-SCRM Plan;
- 7342 • If appropriate, state qualitative or quantitative measures to support implementation of the
7343 C-SCRM Plan and assess effectiveness of this implementation;³⁷
- 7344 • Define frequency for deciding whether the plan needs to be reviewed and revised;
- 7345 • Include criteria that would trigger revision, for example, life cycle milestones, gate
7346 reviews, or significant contracting activities; and
- 7347 • Include suppliers, developers, system integrators, external system service providers, and
7348 other ICT/OT-related service providers C-SCRM Plans if made available as part of
7349 agreements.

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7351 Agencies may want to integrate C-SCRM controls into the respective System Security Plans or
7352 develop separate operational-level C-SCRM Plans. At Level 3, the C-SCRM Plan applies to
7353 High and Moderate Impact systems per [FIPS 199]. Requirements and inputs from the Enterprise
7354 C-SCRM strategy at Level 1, and Mission C-SCRM strategy and implementation plan at Level 2,
7355 should flow down and be used to guide the develop C-SCRM Plans at Level 3. Conversely, the
7356 C-SCRM controls and requirements at Level 3 should be considered in developing and revising
7357 requirements and controls applied at the higher levels. C-SCRM Plans should be interconnected
7358 and reference each other when appropriate.

7359 Table 2-7 summarizes the controls to be contained in Risk Response Frameworks at Levels 1 and
7360 2, and C-SCRM Plans at Level 3 and provides examples of those controls.

³⁷ NIST SP 800-55 Revision 1, *Performance Measurement Guide for Information Security* (July 2008), provides guidance on developing information security measures. Agencies can use general guidance in that publication to develop specific measures for their C-SCRM plans. See <http://csrc.nist.gov/publications/nistpubs/800-55-Rev1/SP800-55-rev1.pdf>.

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Table C-9: Controls at Levels 1,2, and 3

Level	Controls	Examples
Level 1	Provides organization common controls baseline to Levels 2 and 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum sets of controls applicable to all suppliers, developers, system integrators, external system service providers, and other ICT/OT-related service providers. • Enterprise-level controls applied to processing and storing suppliers, developers, system integrators, external system service providers, and other ICT/OT-related service providers information. • Cyber supply chain training and awareness for acquirer staff at the enterprise-level.
Level 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inherits common controls from Level 1 • Provides mission and business process level common controls baseline to Level 3 Provides feedback to Level 1 about what is working and what needs to be changed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum sets of controls applicable suppliers, developers, system integrators, external system service providers, and other ICT/OT-related service providers for the specific mission and business process. • Program-level refinement of Identity and Access Management controls to address C-SCRM concerns. • Program-specific supply chain training and awareness.
Level 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inherits common controls from Levels 1 and 2 • Provides system-specific controls for Level 3 Provides feedback to Level 2 and Level 1 about what is working and what needs to be changed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum sets of controls applicable to service providers or specific hardware and software for the individual system. • Appropriately rigorous acceptance criteria for change management for systems that support supply chain, e.g., as testing or integrated development environments. • System-specific cyber supply chain training and awareness. • Intersections with the SDLC.

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Appendix C provides an example C-SCRM Plan template with the sections and types of information organizations should include in their C-SCRM Planning activities.

RISK RESPONSE IMPLEMENTATION

TASK 3-4: Implement the course of action selected to respond to risk.

Organizations should implement the C-SCRM Plan in a manner that integrates the C-SCRM controls into the overall agency risk management processes.

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The output of this step is a set of C-SCRM controls that address C-SCRM requirements and can be incorporated into the system requirements baseline and in agreements with third-party providers. These requirements and resulting controls will be incorporated into the SDLC and other organizational processes, throughout the three levels.

For general risk types, this step results in:

- Selected, evaluated, and tailored C-SCRM controls that address identified risks;
- Identified consequences of accepting or not accepting the proposed mitigations; and
- Development and implementation of the C-SCRM Plan.

MONITOR

Inputs and Preconditions

Monitor is the step in which organizations: (i) verify compliance; (ii) determine the ongoing effectiveness of risk response measures; and (iii) identify risk-impacting changes to organizational information systems and environments of operation.

Changes to the organization, mission/business, operations, or the supply chain can directly impact the organization's cyber supply chain. The Monitor step provides a mechanism for tracking such changes and ensuring they are appropriately assessed for impact (in Assess). If the cyber supply chain is redefined as a result of monitoring, organizations should coordinate with the suppliers, developers, system integrators, external system service providers, and other ICT/OT-related service providers to resolve implications and mutual obligations.

Organizations should integrate C-SCRM into existing continuous monitoring programs.³⁸ In the event a Continuous Monitoring program does not exist, C-SCRM can serve as a catalyst for establishing a comprehensive continuous monitoring program. Figure 2-8 depicts the Monitor Step with inputs and outputs along the three organizational levels.

³⁸ NIST SP 800-137, *Information Security Continuous Monitoring (ISCM) for Federal Information Systems and Organizations* (September 2011), describes how to establish and implement a continuous monitoring program. See <http://csrc.nist.gov/publications/nistpubs/800-137/SP800-137-Final.pdf>.

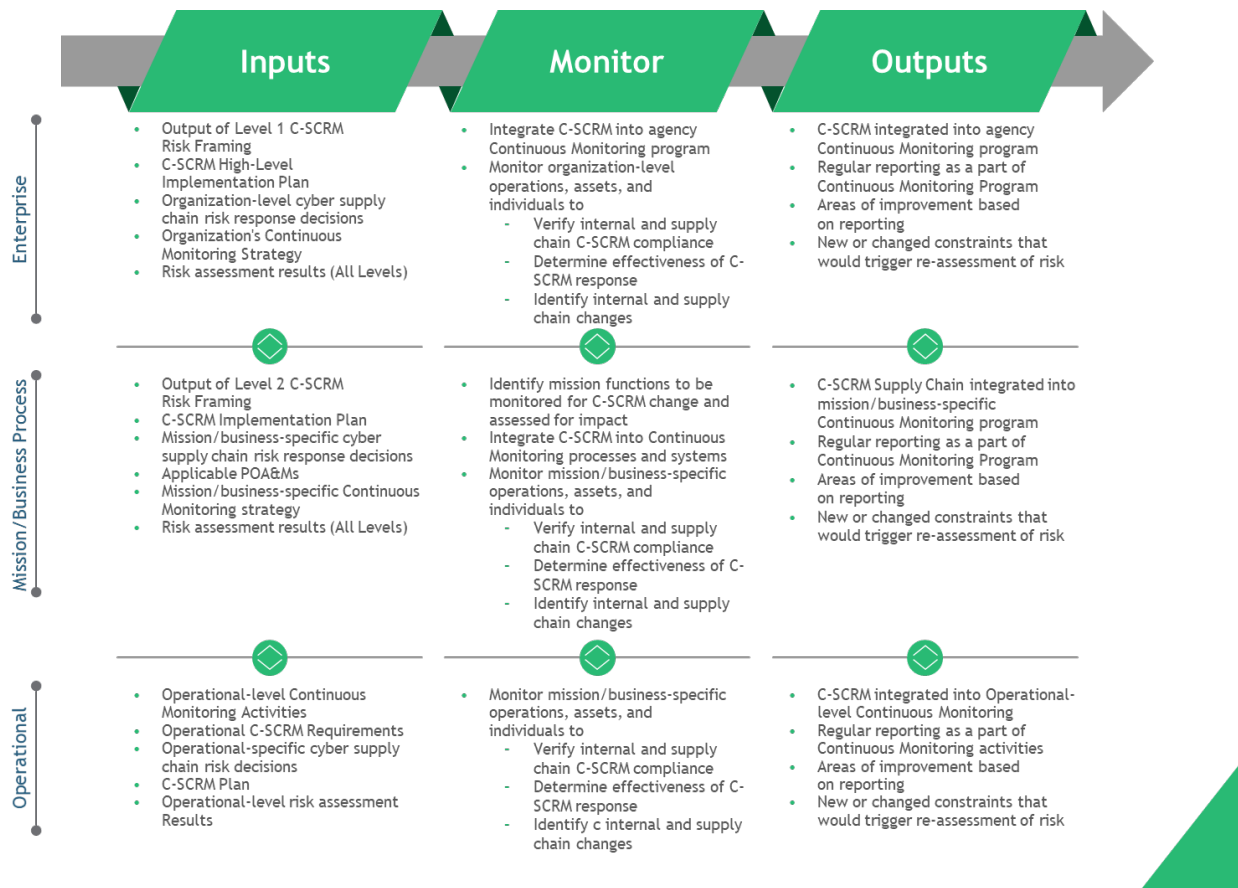


Fig. C-5: C-SCRM in the Monitor Step³⁹

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7408 **Activities**

7409 **RISK MONITORING STRATEGY**

7410 **TASK 4-1:** Develop a risk monitoring strategy for the organization that includes the purpose,
7411 type, and frequency of monitoring activities.

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7413 **Supplemental Guidance**

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7415 Organizations should integrate C-SCRM considerations into their overall risk monitoring
7416 strategy. Monitoring cyber supply chain risk may require access to information that agencies
7417 may not have traditionally collected. Some of the information will require needing to be gathered
7418 from outside the agency, such as from open sources or suppliers and integrators. The strategy
7419 should, among other things, include the data to be collected, state the specific measures compiled
7420 from the data (e.g., number of contractual compliance violations by the vendor), identify existing
7421 or include assumptions about required tools needed to collect the data, identify how the data will
7422 be protected, and define reporting formats for the data. Potential data sources may include:

- 7423 • Agency vulnerability management and incident management activities;
- 7424 • Agency manual reviews;

³⁹ More detailed information on the Risk Management Process can be found in Appendix C

- 7425 • Interagency information sharing;
- 7426 • Information sharing between the agency and suppliers, developers, system integrators,
- 7427 external system service providers, and other ICT/OT-related service providers;
- 7428 • Supplier information sharing; and
- 7429 • Contractual reviews of suppliers, developers, system integrators, external system service
- 7430 providers, and other ICT/OT-related service providers.

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7432 Organizations should ensure the appropriate protection of supplier data if that data is collected
7433 and stored by the agency. Agencies may also require additional data collection and analysis tools
7434 to appropriately evaluate the data to achieve the objective of monitoring applicable cyber supply
7435 chain risks.

7436 RISK MONITORING

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7439 **TASK 4-2:** Monitor organizational information systems and environments of operation on an
7440 ongoing basis to verify compliance, determine effectiveness of risk response measures, and
7441 identify changes.

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7443 According to [NIST SP 800-39], organizations should monitor compliance, effectiveness, and
7444 change. Monitoring compliance within the context of C-SCRM involves monitoring an
7445 organization's processes and supplied products and services for compliance with the established
7446 security and C-SCRM requirements. Monitoring effectiveness involves monitoring the resulting
7447 risks to determine whether these established security and C-SCRM requirements produce the
7448 intended results. Monitoring change involves monitoring the environment for any changes that
7449 would signal changing requirements and mitigations/controls to maintain an acceptable level of
7450 cyber supply chain risk.

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7452 To monitor changes, organizations need to identify and document the set of triggers that would
7453 change cyber supply chain risk. While the categories of triggers will likely include changes to
7454 constraints, identified in Table 2-6 (during the Frame Step), such as policy, mission, change to
7455 the threat environment, enterprise architecture, SDLC, or requirements, the specific triggers
7456 within those categories may be substantially different for different organizations.

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7458 An example of a cyber supply chain change is two key vetted suppliers⁴⁰ announcing their
7459 departure from a specific market, therefore creating a supply shortage for specific components.
7460 This would trigger the need to evaluate whether reducing the number of suppliers could create
7461 vulnerabilities in component availability and integrity. In this scenario, potential deficit of
7462 components may result simply from insufficient supply of components, because fewer
7463 components are available. If none of the remaining suppliers are vetted, this deficit may result in
7464 uncertain integrity of the remaining components. If the organizational policy directs use of vetted
7465 components, this event may result in the organization's inability to fulfill its mission needs.

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⁴⁰ A vetted supplier is a supplier with whom the organization is comfortable doing business. This level of comfort is usually achieved through developing an organization-defined set of supply chain criteria and then *vetting* suppliers against those criteria.

7467 In addition to regularly updating existing risks assessments with the results of the ongoing
7468 monitoring, the organization should determine the triggers of a reassessment. Some of these
7469 triggers may include availability of resources, changes to cyber supply chain risk, natural
7470 disasters, or mission collapse.

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7472 **Outputs and Post Conditions**

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7474 Organizations should integrate the cyber supply chain outputs of the Monitor Step into the C-
7475 SCRM Plan. This plan will provide inputs into iterative implementations of the Frame, Assess,
7476 and Respond Steps as required.

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7480 APPENDIX D: C-SCRM TEMPLATES

7481 1. C-SCRM STRATEGY & IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

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7483 To address supply chain risks, organizations develop a C-SCRM strategy. The C-SCRM
7484 strategy, accompanied by an implementation plan, is at the enterprise level (Level1), though
7485 different mission/business areas (Level 2) may further tailor the C-SCRM strategy to address
7486 specific mission/business needs as outlined at the organizational level. The C-SCRM strategy
7487 and implementation plan should anchor to the overarching enterprise risk management strategy
7488 and comply with applicable laws, executive orders, directives, and regulations.

7489 Typical components of the strategy and implementation plan, as outlined in the below template,
7490 include strategic approaches to reducing an organization's supply chain risk exposure via
7491 enterprise-wide risk management requirements, ownership, risk tolerance, roles and
7492 responsibilities, and escalation criteria.

7493 1.1. C-SCRM Strategy & Implementation Plan Template

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7495 1.1.1. Purpose

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7497 *Outline the organization's high-level purpose for the strategy and implementation document,*
7498 *aligning that purpose to organizational mission, vision, and values. Describe where the strategy*
7499 *and implementation document resides relative to other C-SCRM documentation that must be*
7500 *maintained at various tiers. Provide clear direction around the organization's C-SCRM*
7501 *priorities and its general approach for achieving those priorities.*

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7503 Sample Text

7504 The purpose of this strategy and implementation document is to provide a strategic roadmap for
7505 implementing effective C-SCRM capabilities, practices, processes, and tools within the
7506 organization and in support of its vision, mission, and values.

7507 The strategic approach is organized around a set of objectives that span the scope of the
7508 organization's mission and reflect a phased, achievable strategic approach to ensure successful
7509 implementation and effectiveness of C-SCRM efforts across the enterprise.

7510 This strategy and implementation document discusses the necessary core functions, roles, and
7511 responsibilities, and the approach the organization will take to implement C-SCRM capabilities
7512 within the enterprise. As mission/business policies and system plans are developed and
7513 completed, they will be incorporated as attachments to this document. All three tiers of
7514 documentation should be periodically reviewed together to ensure cohesion and consistency.

7515 The focus of this strategy and implementation plan is intentionally targeted toward establishing a
7516 core foundational capability. These baseline functions, such as defining policies, ownership, and
7517 dedicated resources will ensure the organization can expand and mature its C-SCRM capabilities
7518 over time. This plan also acknowledges and emphasizes the need to raise awareness and ensure
7519 training for staff in order to understand C-SCRM and grow the competencies necessary to be
7520 able to perform C-SCRM functions.

7521 This initial strategy and implementation plan also recognizes the dependencies on industry-wide
7522 coordination efforts, processes, and decisions. As government and industry-wide direction,
7523 process guidance, and requirements are clarified and communicated, the organization will update
7524 and refine its strategy and operational implementation plans and actions.

7525 **1.1.2. Authority & Compliance**

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7527 *List of the laws, executive orders, directives, regulations, policies, standards, and guidelines that*
7528 *govern C-SCRM Strategy and Implementation.*

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7530 **Sample Text**

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- 7532 • Legislation
 - 7533 ○ Strengthening and Enhancing Cyber-capabilities by Utilizing Risk Exposure
 - 7534 Technology Act (SECURE) Technology of 2018
 - 7535 ○ Federal Information Security Modernization Act of 2014
 - 7536 ○ Section 889 of the 2019 National Defense Authorization Act - "Prohibition on
 - 7537 Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment"
 - 7538 ○ Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act
 - 7539 ○ Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act
 - 7540 • Regulations
 - 7541 ○ NYDFS 23 NYCRR 500: Section 500.11 Third Party Service Provider Security
 - 7542 Policy
 - 7543 ○ CIP-013-1: Cyber Security - Supply Chain Risk Management
 - 7544 ○ FFIEC Information Security Handbook II.C.20: Oversight of Third-Party Service
 - 7545 Providers
 - 7546 • Guidelines
 - 7547 ○ NIST 800-53 Revision 5: CA-5, SR-1, SR-2, SR-3
 - 7548 ○ NIST 800-37 Revision 2
 - 7549 ○ NIST 800-161 Revision 1: Appendix C
 - 7550 ○ ISO 28000:2007

7551 **1.1.3. Strategic Objectives**

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7553 *Strategic objectives establish the foundation for determining enterprise-level C-SCRM controls*
7554 *and requirements. Each objective supports achievement of the organization's stated purpose in*
7555 *pursuing sound C-SCRM practices and risk-reducing outcomes. Together, the objectives provide*
7556 *the organization with the essential elements needed to bring C-SCRM capabilities to life, and*
7557 *effectively pursue the organization's purpose.*

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7559 In aggregate, strategic objectives should address essential C-SCRM capabilities and enablers,
7560 such as:

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- 7562 • Implementing a risk management hierarchy and risk management approach;
 - 7563 • Establishing an organization governance structure that integrates C-SCRM requirements
 - 7564 and incorporates these requirements into organizational policies;
 - 7565 • Defining a supplier risk assessment approach;

- 7565 • Implementing a quality and reliability program that includes quality assurance and
7566 quality control process and practices;
- 7567 • Establishing explicit collaborative roles, structures, and processes for supply chain,
7568 cybersecurity, product security, and physical security (and other relevant) functions;
- 7569 • Ensuring that adequate resources are dedicated and allocated to information security and
7570 C-SCRM to ensure proper implementation of policy, guidance, and controls;
- 7571 • Implementing a robust incident management program to successfully identify, respond to,
7572 and mitigate security incidents; and
- 7573 • Including key suppliers in contingency planning, incident response, and disaster recovery
7574 planning and testing.

7575 **Sample Text**

7576 **Objective 1: Effectively manage cyber supply chain risks**

7577 This objective addresses the primary intent of the organization’s pursuit of C-SCRM. The
7578 establishment and sustainment of an enterprise-wide C-SCRM program will enable the
7579 organization’s risk owners to identify, assess, and mitigate supply chain risk to the
7580 organization’s assets, functions, and associated services. Implementing an initial
7581 capability that can sustain and grow in its scope of focus and breadth and depth of
7582 functions will be done in phases and will consider holistic “people, process, and
7583 technology” needs to ensure the organization is able to achieve desired C-SCRM goals in
7584 areas such as improving enterprise awareness, protection, and resilience.

7585 **Objective 2: Serve as a trusted source of supply for customers**

7586 Addressing customer supply chain risks at scale and across the organization’s diverse
7587 portfolio demands a prioritization approach, structure, improved processes, and ongoing
7588 governance. C-SCRM practices and controls need to be tailored to address the distinct
7589 and varied supply chain threats and vulnerabilities that are applicable for the
7590 organization’s customers. This objective can be achieved by:

- 7591 • Strengthening vetting processes, C-SCRM requirements, and oversight of external
7592 providers;
- 7593 • Ensuring customer needs are met in line with their cyber supply chain risk
7594 appetite, tolerance, and environment.

7595 **Objective 3: Position as an industry leader in C-SCRM**

7600 The organization is well-positioned to enable and drive improvements forward in
7601 addressing how cyber supply chain risks across the industry. Therefore, we must use this
7602 position to advocate with industry stakeholders about communication, incentivization,
7603 and education of industry players about our requirements and expectations related to
7604 addressing supply chain risk.

7607 1.1.4. Implementation Plan & Progress Tracking

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7609 *Outline the methodology and milestones by which progress against the enterprise’s C-SCRM*
7610 *strategic objectives will be tracked. Though organizational context heavily informs this process,*
7611 *organizations should define prioritized time horizons to encourage execution of tasks critical or*
7612 *foundational in nature. Common nomenclature for defining such time horizons includes “crawl,*
7613 *walk, run” or “do now, do next, do later.” Regardless of the time horizon designated,*
7614 *implementation of practical, prioritized plans is essential to building momentum in the*
7615 *establishment or enhancement of C-SCRM capabilities.*

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7617 Once the implementation plan is baselined, an issue escalation process and feedback mechanism
7618 is included that drives changes to the implementation plan and progress tracking.

7620 Sample Text

7621 [Organization’s] execution of its C-SCRM strategic objectives and sustained operational
7622 effectiveness of underlying activities requires a formal approach and commitment to progress
7623 tracking. [Organization] will track and assess implementation of its strategic objectives by
7624 defining subsidiary milestones and implementation dates in an implementation plan. Monitoring
7625 and reporting against implementation plan requires shared responsibility across multiple
7626 disciplines and requires a cross-organization, team-based approach.

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7628 The following implementation plan will be continuously maintained by mission/business owners
7629 and reviewed by the Senior Leadership team as a part of regular oversight activities.

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7631 Risks and issues impacting the implementation plan should be raised proactively by
7632 mission/business owners, or their team, to the Senior Leadership Team. The implementation plan
7633 may then be revised in accordance with Senior Leadership Team’s discretion.

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Objective 1: Effectively manage cyber supply chain risks				
Implementation Plan Milestone	Status	Owner	Priority	Target Date
Establish policy and authority	Planned	J. Doe	Do Now	XX/XX/XX
Establish and provide executive oversight and direction	Complete	...	Do Next	...
Integrate C-SCRM into enterprise risk management (ERM) framework	Delayed	...	Do Later	...
Establish C-SCRM PMO capability and organization	Cancelled	...	...	...
Establish roles, responsibilities, and assign accountability	...	...	...	...
Develop C-SCRM plans	...	...	...	...
Stand up internal awareness function	...	...	...	...

Identify, prioritize, and implement supply chain risk assessment capabilities	...	...	...	...
Establish, document, and implement enterprise-level C-SCRM controls	...	...	...	...
Identify C-SCRM resource requirements and secure sustained funding
Establish C-SCRM program performance monitoring

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Objective 2: Serve as a trusted source of supply for customers				
Implementation Plan Milestone	Status	Owner	Priority	Target Date
Incorporate C-SCRM activities customer-facing business lines, programs, and solution offerings	Planned	J. Doe	Do Now	XX/XX/XX
Ensure customer support personnel are well versed in cyber supply chain risks and management requirements	Complete	...	Do Next	...
Establish minimum baseline levels of cyber supply chain assurance	Delayed	...	Do Later	...
Establish processes to respond to identified risks and to monitor for impacts to the organization's cyber supply chain	Cancelled

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Objective 3: Position as an industry leader in C-SCRM				
Implementation Plan Milestone	Status	Owner	Priority	Target Date
Coordinate and engage with national security and law enforcement to ensure rapid access to mission-critical supply chain threats	Planned	J. Doe	Do Now	XX/XX/XX
Evaluate C-SCRM improvement opportunities and strengthen requirements and oversight for industry-wide common solutions / shared services	Complete	...	Do Next	...
Advocate for C-SCRM awareness and competency through training and workforce development	Delayed	...	Do Later	...
Release whitepapers and public guidance related to C-SCRM	Cancelled

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1.1.5. Roles & Responsibilities

Assign those responsible for the Strategy & Implementation template, as well as its key contributors. Include the role and name of each individual or group, as well contact information where necessary (e.g., organizational affiliation, address, email address, and phone number).

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- 7645 • Senior Leadership Team shall:
 - 7646 ○ endorse the enterprise's C-SCRM strategic objectives and implementation plan
 - 7647 ○ provide oversight of C-SCRM implementation and effectiveness
 - 7648 ○ communicate C-SCRM direction and decisions for priorities and resourcing needs
 - 7649 ○ determine the enterprise's risk appetite and risk tolerance; and
 - 7650 ○ respond to high-risk C-SCRM issue escalations that could impact the
 - 7651 organization's risk posture in a timely manner.
- 7652 • Mission/Business Owners shall:
 - 7653 ○ determine mission level risk appetite and tolerance, ensuring they are in line with
 - 7654 enterprise expectations
 - 7655 ○ define supply chain risk management requirements and implementation of
 - 7656 controls that support enterprise objectives
 - 7657 ○ maintain criticality analyses of mission functions and assets; and
 - 7658 ○ perform risk assessments for mission/business-related procurements.

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1.1.6. Definitions

List the key definitions described within the Strategy & Implementation template, providing organizationally specific context and examples where needed.

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- 7667 • Enterprise: An organization with a defined mission/goal and a defined boundary, using
 - 7668 information systems to execute that mission, and with responsibility for managing its
 - 7669 own risks and performance. An enterprise may consist of all or some of the following
 - 7670 business aspects: acquisition, program management, financial management (e.g.,
 - 7671 budgets), human resources, security, and information systems, information, and mission
 - 7672 management.
- 7673 • Objective: An organization's broad expression of goals. Specified target outcome for
 - 7674 operations.

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1.1.7. Revision & Maintenance

Define the required frequency of Strategy & Implementation template revisions. Maintain a table of revisions to enforce version control. Strategy & Implementation templates are living documents that must be updated and communicated to all appropriate individuals (e.g., staff, contractors, and suppliers).

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7682 **Sample Text**

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7684 [Organization’s] Strategy & Implementation template must be reviewed at a minimum every 3-5
7685 years (within the federal environment) since changes to laws, policies, standards, guidelines, and
7686 controls are dynamic and evolving. Additional criteria that may trigger interim revisions include:

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- change of policies that impact the Strategy & Implementation template;

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- significant Strategy & Implementation events;

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- introduction of new technologies;

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- discovery of new vulnerabilities;

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- operational or environmental changes;

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- shortcomings in the Strategy & Implementation template;

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- change of scope; and

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- other organization-specific criteria.

7695 **Sample Version Management Table**

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7699 2. C-SCRM POLICY

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7701 The C-SCRM policies direct the implementation of the C-SCRM strategy. C-SCRM policies can
7702 be developed at Level 1 and/or at Level 2 and are informed by the mission/business specific
7703 factors, including risk context, risk decisions and risk activities from the C-SCRM strategy. The
7704 C-SCRM policies support applicable organizational policies (e.g., acquisition and procurement,
7705 information security and privacy, logistics, quality, and supply chain). The C-SCRM policies
7706 address the goals and objectives outlined in the organization's C-SCRM strategy, which in turn
7707 is informed by the organization's strategic plan. The C-SCRM policies should also address
7708 missions and business functions, and the internal and external customer requirements. C-SCRM
7709 policies also define the integration points for C-SCRM with the risk management and processes
7710 for the organization. Finally, the C-SCRM policies define at a more specific and granular level
7711 the C-SCRM roles and responsibilities within the organization, any interdependencies among
7712 those roles, and the interaction among the roles; the C-SCRM policies at Level 1 are more broad-
7713 based, whereas the C-SCRM policies at Level 2 are specific to the mission/business function. C-
7714 SCRM roles specify the responsibilities for procurement, conducting risk assessments, collecting
7715 supply chain threat intelligence, identifying and implementing risk-based mitigations,
7716 performing monitoring, and other C-SCRM functions.

7717 2.1. C-SCRM Policy Template

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7719 2.1.1. Authority & Compliance

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7721 *List of the laws, executive orders, directives, regulations, policies, standards, and guidelines that*
7722 *govern the C-SCRM policy.*

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7724 Sample Level 1 Text

- 7725 • Policies
 - 7726 ○ [Organization Name] Enterprise Risk Management Policy
 - 7727 ○ [Organization Name] Information Security Policy
- 7728 • Legislation
 - 7729 ○ Strengthening and Enhancing Cyber-capabilities by Utilizing Risk Exposure
 - 7730 Technology Act (SECURE) Technology of 2018
- 7731 • Regulations
 - 7732 ○ NYDFS 23 NYCRR 500: Section 500.11 Third Party Service Provider Security
 - 7733 Policy
 - 7734 ○ CIP-013-1: Cyber Security - Supply Chain Risk Management
 - 7735 ○ FFIEC Information Security Handbook II.C.20: Oversight of Third-Party Service
 - 7736 Providers

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7738 Sample Level 2 Text

- 7739 • Policies
 - 7740 ○ [Organization Name] C-SCRM Policy

- 7741 ○ [Mission and Business Process Name] Information Security Policy
- 7742 ● Regulations
- 7743 ○ NYDFS 23 NYCRR 500: Section 500.11 Third Party Service Provider Security
- 7744 Policy
- 7745 ● Guidelines
- 7746 ○ NIST 800-53 Revision 5: SR-1, PM-9, PM-30, PS-8, SI-12
- 7747 ○ NIST 800-161 Revision 1: Appendix C
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7749 **2.1.2. Description**

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7751 *Describe the purpose and scope of the C-SCRM policy, outlining the organizational leaderships’*
7752 *intent to adhere to the plan, enforce its controls, and ensure that it remains current. Define the*
7753 *tier(s) at which the policy applies. C-SCRM policies may need to be derived in whole or in part*
7754 *from existing policies or other guidance.*

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7756 *For Level 2 C-SCRM policies should list all Level 1 policies and plans that inform the Level 2*
7757 *policies, provide a brief explanation of what this mission/business encompasses and briefly*
7758 *describe the scope of applicability (e.g. plans, systems, type of procurements, etc.) for these*
7759 *Level 2 C-SCRM policies.*

7760 **Sample Level 1 Text**

7761 [Organization] is concerned about the risks in the products, services, and solutions bought, used,
7762 and offered to customers.

7763 The policy objective of the [Organization’s] C-SCRM Program is to successfully implement and
7764 sustain the capability of providing improved assurance that the products, services, and solutions
7765 used and offered by [Organization] are trustworthy, appropriately secure and resilient, and able
7766 to perform to the required quality standard.

7767 C-SCRM is a systematic process for identifying and assessing susceptibilities, vulnerabilities,
7768 and threats throughout the supply chain and implementing strategies and mitigation controls to
7769 reduce risk exposure and combat threats. The establishment and sustainment of an enterprise-
7770 wide C-SCRM Program will enable [Organization’s] risk owner(s) to identify, assess, and
7771 mitigate supply chain risk to [Organization’s] mission assets, functions, and associated services.

7772 **Sample Level 2 Text**

7773 [Mission and Business Process] recognizes its criticality to [Organization Objective]. A key
7774 component of producing products involves coordinating among multiple suppliers, developers,
7775 system integrators, external system service providers, and other ICT/OT-related service
7776 providers. [Mission and Business Process] understands the realization of cyber supply chain risks
7777 may disrupt or completely inhibit [Mission and Business Process]’s ability to generate products
7778 in a timely manner and in accordance with the required quality standard.

7786 Based on the C-SCRM objectives set forth by [Organization Level 1 Policy Name], [Mission and
7787 Business Process]’s policy objective is to implement C-SCRM capabilities allowing for the
7788 assessment, response, and monitoring of cyber supply chain risks. C-SCRM capabilities that
7789 align with the policy and requirements set forth by the enterprise-wide C-SCRM program will
7790 provide the boundaries within which [Mission and Business Process Name] will tailor C-SCRM
7791 processes and practices to meet the unique requirements associated with sourcing components
7792 and assembling key products.
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7794 **2.1.3. Policy**

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7796 *Outline the mandatory high-level policy statements that underpin the goals and objectives of the*
7797 *C-SCRM organization’s strategic plan, missions and business functions, and the internal and*
7798 *external customer requirements.*
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7800 **Sample Level 1 Text**

7801 [Organization’s] enterprise-level C-SCRM Program is established to implement and sustain the
7802 capability to:

- 7803 • assess and provide appropriate risk response to cyber supply chain risk posed by the
- 7804 acquisition and use of covered articles;
- 7805 • prioritize cyber supply chain risk assessments and risk response actions based on
- 7806 criticality assessment of mission, system, component, service, or asset;
- 7807 • develop an overall C-SCRM strategy and high-level implementation plan and policies
- 7808 and processes;
- 7809 • integrate supply chain risk management practices throughout the acquisition and asset
- 7810 management life cycle of covered articles;
- 7811 • share C-SCRM information in accordance with industry-wide criteria and guidelines; and
- 7812 • guide and oversee implementation progress and program effectiveness.
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7814 The C-SCRM Program shall:

- 7815 • be centrally led and coordinated by a designated senior leadership who shall function as
- 7816 the [Organization’s] C-SCRM Program Executive and chair the C-SCRM Program
- 7817 Management Office (PMO);
- 7818 • leverage and be appropriately integrated into existing [Organization’s] risk-management
- 7819 and decision-making governance processes and structures;
- 7820 • reflect a team-based approach and be collaborative, interdisciplinary, and intra-
- 7821 organizational in nature and composition;
- 7822 • incorporate a Leveled risk management approach, consistent with the NIST Risk
- 7823 Management Framework and NIST’s supply chain risk management Special Publication
- 7824 800-161 Revision 1; and
- 7825 • implement codified and regulatory C-SCRM requirements and industry-wide and
- 7826 [Organization]-specific policy direction, guidance, and processes.
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7828 **Sample Level 2 Text**

7829 [Mission and Business Process]’s C-SCRM Program shall:

- 7830 • operate in accordance with requirements and guidance set forth by [Organization] C-
7831 SCRM Program
- 7832 • collaborate with the C-SCRM Program Management Office (PMO) to apply C-SCRM
7833 practices and capabilities needed to assess, respond to, and monitor cyber supply chain
7834 risk arising from pursuit of [Mission and Business Process]’s core objectives
- 7835 • integrate C-SCRM activities into applicable activities to support [Organization]’s
7836 objective to manage cyber supply chain risk
- 7837 • assign and dedicate resources responsible for coordinating C-SCRM activities within
7838 [Mission and Business Process]
- 7839 • identify [Mission and Business Process]’s critical suppliers and assess level of risk
7840 exposure that arises as a result of that relationship
- 7841 • implement risk response efforts to reduce exposure to cyber supply chain risk
- 7842 • monitor [Mission and Business Process]’s ongoing exposure cyber supply chain risk
7843 profile and provide periodic reporting to identified [Organization] enterprise risk
7844 management and C-SCRM stakeholders

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78467847 **2.1.4. Roles & Responsibilities**

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7849 *State those responsible for the C-SCRM policies, as well as its key contributors. Include the role*
7850 *and name of each individual or group, as well contact information where necessary (e.g.,*
7851 *organizational affiliation, address, email address, and phone number).*

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7853 **Sample Level 1 Text**

- 7854 • The C-SCRM Program Executive shall be responsible for:
7855 ○ leading the establishment, development, and oversight of the C-SCRM Program,
7856 in coordination and consultation with designated C-SCRM Leads;
- 7857 ○ establishing and serving as the Chair of the C-SCRM PMO. This Team will be
7858 comprised of the chair and the designated C-SCRM Leads and will be responsible
7859 for developing and coordinating C-SCRM strategy and implementation plans and
7860 actions, addressing C-SCRM-related issues, program reporting and oversight, and
7861 identifying and making program resource recommendations; and
- 7862 ○ escalating and/or reporting C-SCRM issues to Senior Officials, as may be
7863 appropriate.
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- 7865 • Each C-SCRM Security Officer shall be responsible for:
7866 ○ identify C-SCRM Leads (the Lead will be responsible for participating as a
7867 collaborative and core member of the C-SCRM PMO);
- 7868 ○ incorporate relevant C-SCRM functions into organization and position-level
7869 functions; and
- 7870 ○ implement and conform to C-SCRM Program requirements

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7872 **Sample Level 2 Text**

- 7873 • C-SCRM Leads shall be responsible for:

- 7874 ○ representing the interests and needs of C-SCRM PMO members; and
 7875 ○ leading and/or coordinating the development and execution of program or
 7876 business-line C-SCRM plan(s). This shall include ensuring such plan(s) are
 7877 appropriately aligned to and integrated with the enterprise-level C-SCRM plan.
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- 7879 • Mission and Business Process C-SCRM Staff shall be responsible for:
 - 7880 ○ Primary execution of C-SCRM activities (e.g., supplier or product assessments)
 - 7881 ○ Support mission and business-specific C-SCRM activities driven by non-C-
 7882 SCRM staff

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7884 **2.1.5. Definitions**

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7886 *List the key definitions described within the policy, providing organizationally-specific context*
 7887 *and examples where needed.*

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7889 **Sample Text (Applies to Level 1 and/or Level 2)**

- 7890 • Covered Articles: Information technology, including cloud computing services of all
 7891 types; Telecommunications equipment or telecommunications service; the processing of
 7892 information on a Federal or non-Federal information system, subject to the requirements
 7893 of the Controlled Unclassified Information program; all IoT/OT - (hardware, systems,
 7894 devices, software, or services that include embedded or incidental information
 7895 technology.
- 7896 • Cyber Supply Chain Risk Assessment: Cyber Supply Chain Risk Assessment is a
 7897 systematic examination of cyber supply chain risks, likelihoods of their occurrence, and
 7898 potential impacts.
- 7899 • Risk Owner: A person or entity with the accountability and authority to manage a risk.

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7901 **2.1.6. Revision & Maintenance**

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7903 *Define the required frequency for the C-SCRM policy. Maintain a table of revisions to enforce*
 7904 *version control. C-SCRM policies are living documents that must be updated and communicated*
 7905 *to all appropriate individuals (e.g., staff, contractors, and suppliers).*

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7907 **Sample Text (Applies to Level 1 and/or Level 2)**

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7909 [Organization's] C-SCRM policy must be reviewed at a minimum on an annual basis since
 7910 changes to laws, policies, standards, guidelines, and controls are dynamic and evolving.
 7911 Additional criteria that may trigger interim revisions include:

- 7912 • change of policies that impact the C-SCRM policy;
- 7913 • significant C-SCRM events;
- 7914 • introduction of new technologies;
- 7915 • discovery of new vulnerabilities;

- 7916 • operational or environmental changes;
- 7917 • shortcomings in the C-SCRM policy;
- 7918 • change of scope; and
- 7919 • other organization-specific criteria.

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7921 **Sample Version Management Table**

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7923 3. C-SCRM PLAN

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7925 The C-SCRM plan is developed at Tier 3 and is implementation specific, providing policy
7926 implementation, requirements, constraints, and implications. It can either be stand-alone or
7927 components may be incorporated into system security and privacy plans. The C-SCRM plan
7928 addresses managing, implementation, and monitoring of C-SCRM controls and the
7929 development/sustainment of systems across the SDLC to support mission and business functions.
7930 The C-SCRM Plan applies to High and Moderate Impact systems per [FIPS 199].

7931 Given cyber supply chains can differ significantly across and within organizations, C-SCRM
7932 plans should be tailored to the individual program, organizational, and operational contexts.

7933 Tailored C-SCRM plans provide the basis for determining whether a technology, service, system
7934 component, or system is fit for purpose, and as such, the controls need to be tailored accordingly.
7935 Tailored C-SCRM plans help organizations focus their resources on the most critical mission and
7936 business functions based on mission and business requirements and their risk environment.

7937 The following C-SCRM Plan template is provided only as an example. Organizations have the
7938 flexibility to develop and implement various approaches for the development and presentation of
7939 the C-SCRM plan. Organizations can leverage automated tools to ensure all relevant sections of
7940 the C-SCRM plan are captured. Automated tools can help document C-SCRM plan information
7941 such as component inventories, individuals filling roles, security control implementation
7942 information, system diagrams, supply chain component criticality, and interdependencies.

7943 3.1. C-SCRM Plan Template

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7945 3.1.1. System Name & Identifier

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7947 *Designate a unique identifier and/or name for the system. Include any applicable historical*
7948 *names and relevant Tier 1 and Tier 2 document titles.*

7949 Sample Text

7950 This C-SCRM Plan provides an overview of the security requirements for the [SYSTEM
7951 NAME] [UNIQUE IDENTIFIER] and describes the cyber supply chain controls in place or
7952 planned for implementation to provide fit for purpose C-SCRM controls appropriate for the
7953 information to be transmitted, processed or stored by the system.

7954 The security safeguards implemented for the [UNIQUE IDENTIFIER] meet the requirements set
7955 forth in the organization's C-SCRM strategy and policy guidance.

7956 3.1.2. System Description

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7958 *Describe the function, purpose, and scope of the system and include a description of the*
7959 *information processed. Provide a general description of the system's approach to managing*
7960 *supply chain risks associated with the research and development, design, manufacturing,*

7961 *acquisition, delivery, integration, operations and maintenance, and disposal of the following*
7962 *systems, system components or system services.*

7963 *Ensure the C-SCRM plan describes the system in the context of the organization's supply chain*
7964 *risk tolerance, acceptable supply chain risk mitigation strategies or controls, a process for*
7965 *consistently evaluating and monitoring supply chain risk, approaches for implementing and*
7966 *communicating the plan, and a description of and justification for supply chain risk mitigation*
7967 *measures taken. Descriptions must be consistent with the high-level mission/business function of*
7968 *the system, the authorization boundary of the system, overall system architecture, including any*
7969 *supporting systems and relationships, how the system supports organizational missions, and the*
7970 *system environment (e.g., standalone, managed/enterprise, custom/specialized security-limited*
7971 *functionality, cloud) established in Level 1 and 2.*

7972 **Sample Text**

7973 The [Organization's] document management system (DMS) serves to provide dynamic
7974 information repositories, file hierarchies, and collaboration functionality to streamline internal
7975 team communication and coordination. The data managed within the system contains personally
7976 identifiable information (PII). The DMS is a commercial off-the-shelf (COTS) solution that was
7977 purchased directly from a verified supplier [Insert Supplier's name] within the United States. It
7978 has been functionally configured to meet the organization's needs; no third-party code libraries
7979 are utilized to deploy or maintain the system. It is hosted within the management layer of the
7980 organization's primary virtual private cloud provider.

7981 The DMS is a Category 1 system, mandating a recovery time objective (RTO) of one hour in the
7982 event of downtime. The organization maintains a disaster recovery environment with a second
7983 private cloud provider that the organization can cutover to if the Category 1 RTO is not likely to
7984 be met on the primary platform.

7985 **3.1.3. System Information Type & Categorization**

7986 *The following tables specify the information types that are processed, stored, or transmitted by*
7987 *the system and/or its in-boundary cyber supply chain. Organizations utilize NIST [[SP 800-60](#)*
7988 *[v2](#)], [[NARA CUI](#)], or other organization-specific information types to identify information types*
7989 *and provisional impact levels. Using guidance with regard to the categorization of federal*
7990 *information and systems in [[FIPS 199](#)], the organization determines the security impact levels*
7991 *for each information type. For each security objective (i.e., confidentiality, integrity,*
7992 *availability), provide the impact level (i.e., low, moderate, high).*

7993 **Sample Text**

Information Type	Security Objectives		
	Confidentiality (Low, Moderate, High)	Integrity (Low, Moderate, High)	Availability (Low, Moderate, High)

7994 Based on the table above, indicate the high-water mark for each of the security impacts (i.e., low,
7995 moderate, high). Determine the overall system categorization.

Security Objective	Security Impact Level
Confidentiality	<input type="checkbox"/> Low <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> High
Integrity	<input type="checkbox"/> Low <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> High
Availability	<input type="checkbox"/> Low <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> High
Overall System Security Categorization	<input type="checkbox"/> Low <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> High

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7997 **3.1.4. System Operational Status**

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8001 *Indicate the operational status of the system. If more than one status is selected, list which part*
8002 *of the system is covered under each status*

System Status		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Operational	The system is currently operating and is in production.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Under Development	The system is being designed, developed, or implemented
<input type="checkbox"/>	Major Modification	The system is undergoing a major change, development, or transition.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Disposition	The system is no longer operational.

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3.1.5. System/Network Diagrams, Inventory, & Lifecycle Activities

8006 *Include a current and detailed system and network diagram including a system component*
8007 *inventory or reference to where diagrams and inventory information can be found.*

8008 *Contextualize the above components against the system's SDLC to ensure activities are mapped*
8009 *and tracked. This ensures full coverage of C-SCRM activities since these activities may require*
8010 *repeating and reintegrating (using spiral or agile techniques) throughout the lifecycle. C-SCRM*
8011 *plan activities are required from concept, all the way through development, production,*
8012 *utilization, support, and retirement steps.*

8013 Sample Text

8014 [SYSTEM NAME] components may include:

- 8015 • Component description
- 8016 • Version number
- 8017 • License number
- 8018 • License holder
- 8019 • License type (e.g., single user, public license, freeware)
- 8020 • Barcode/property number
- 8021 • Hostname (i.e., the name used to identify the component on a network)
- 8022 • Component type (e.g., server, router, workstation, switch)
- 8023 • Manufacturer
- 8024 • Model
- 8025 • Serial number
- 8026 • Component revision number (e.g., firmware version)
- 8027 • Physical location: (include specific rack location for components in computer/server
- 8028 rooms)
- 8029 • Vendor name(s)

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8031 3.1.6. Information Exchange & System Connections

8032 *List any information exchange agreements (e.g., Interconnection Security Agreements (ISA),*
8033 *Memoranda of Understanding (MOU), Memoranda of Agreement (MOA)) between the system*
8034 *and another system, date of the agreement, security authorization status of the other system(s),*
8035 *and the name of the authorizing official, provide a description of the connection, and include any*
8036 *diagrams showing the flow of any information exchange.*

8037 Sample Text

Agreement Date	Name of System	Organization	Type of Connection or Information Exchange Method	FIPS 199 Categorization	Authorization Status	Authorization Official Name and Title

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8039 **3.1.7. Security Control Details**

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8041 *Document C-SCRM controls to ensure the plan addresses requirements for developing*
 8042 *trustworthy, secure, privacy-protective, and resilient system components and systems, including*
 8043 *the application of the security design principles implemented as part of life cycle-based systems*
 8044 *security engineering processes. Consider relevant topic areas such as assessments, standard*
 8045 *operating procedures, responsibilities, software, hardware, product, service, and DevSecOps*
 8046 *considerations.*

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8048 *For each control, provide a thorough description of how the security controls in the applicable*
 8049 *baseline are implemented. Include any relevant artifacts for control implementation. Incorporate*
 8050 *any control-tailoring justification, as needed. Reference applicable Level 1 and/or Level 2 C-*
 8051 *SCRM policies that provide inherited controls where applicable. There may be multiple Level 1*
 8052 *policies that come from the CIO, CAO, or PMO.*

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8054 **Sample Text**

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8056 **SR-6 SUPPLIER ASSESSMENTS AND REVIEWS**

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8058 Implementation: As a part of a comprehensive, defense-in-breadth information security strategy,
 8059 the organization established a C-SCRM program to address the management of cyber supply
 8060 chain risks. The C-SCRM PMO is responsible for conducting cyber supply chain risk assessment
 8061 (SCRA) for business partners seeking to integrate with [SYSTEM NAME] in accordance with
 8062 enterprise-wide C-SCRM Level 2 policy requirements. C-SCRM training and awareness
 8063 materials must also be provided for all individuals prior to receiving access to [SYSTEM
 8064 NAME].

8065

8066 Control Enhancements: Control enhancements 2, 7 and 8 from NIST 800-161 are applicable.

8067

8068 (2) SUPPLIER REVIEWS

8069 Implementation: C-SCRM PMO provides supplier reviews to business partners in the form of
 8070 SCRA before entering into a contractual agreement to acquire information systems,
 8071 components, or services in relation to [SYSTEM NAME]. The Level 1 strategy and Level 2
 8072 policy documents place SCRA requirements on business partners seeking to acquire IT systems,

8073 components, and/or services. The SCRA provides a step-by-step guide for business partners to
8074 follow in preparing for an assessment of suppliers by the C-SCRM PMO.

8075

8076 (7) ASSESSMENT PRIOR TO SELECTION/ACCEPTANCE/UPDATE

8077 Implementation: The Level 2 policy defines what [SYSTEM NAME] integration activities
8078 require an SCRA. The process and requirements are defined in the SCRA Standard Operating
8079 Procedure.

8080

8081 (8) USE OF ALL-SOURCE INTELLIGENCE

8082 Implementation: The C-SCRM PMO utilizes all-source intelligence when conducting supply
8083 chain risk assessments for [SYSTEM NAME].

8084

8085 **3.1.8. Role Identification**

8086 *Identify the role, name, department/division, primary and alternate phone number, email address*
8087 *of key cyber supply chain personnel or designate contacts (e.g., vendor contacts, acquisitions*
8088 *subject matter experts (SME), engineering leads, business partners, service providers), with role,*
8089 *name, address, primary and alternate phone numbers, and email address.*

8090 **Sample Text**

Role	Name	Department/ Division	Primary Phone Number	Alternate Phone Number	Email Address
Vendor Contact					
Acquisitions SME					
Engineering Lead					
Business Partner					
Service Provider					

8091

8092 **3.1.9. Contingencies & Emergencies**

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8094 *In the event of contingency or emergency operations, organizations may need to bypass normal*
8095 *acquisition processes to allow for mission continuity. Contracting activities that are not vetted*
8096 *using approved C-SCRM plan processes introduce operational risks to the organization.*

8097 *Where appropriate, describe abbreviated acquisition procedures to follow during contingencies*
8098 *and emergencies, such as the contact information for C-SCRM, acquisitions, and legal subject*
8099 *matter experts who can provide advice absent a formal tasking and approval chain of command.*

8100

8101 **Sample Text**

8102 In the event of an emergency where equipment is urgently needed, the C-SCRM PMO will offer
8103 its assistance through C-SCRM Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) to provide help in the absence of
8104 the formal tasking and chain of command approval. The CIO has the authority to provide such
8105 waivers to bypass normal procedures. The current contact information for C-SCRM SMEs is
8106 provided below:

- 8107 • C-SCRM SME POC
 - 8108 Name
 - 8109 Email
 - 8110 Phone
- 8111 • Acquisitions SME POC
 - 8112 Name
 - 8113 Email
 - 8114 Phone
- 8115 • Legal SME POC
 - 8116 Name
 - 8117 Email
 - 8118 Phone

8120 **3.1.10. Related Laws, Regulations, & Policies**

8121 *List any applicable laws, executive orders, directives, policies, and regulations that are*
8122 *applicable to the system. For Level 3, include applicable Level 1 C-SCRM Strategy and*
8123 *Implementation Plans and Level 2 C-SCRM Policy titles.*

8124 **Sample Text**

8125 The organization shall ensure that C-SCRM plan controls are consistent with applicable statutory
8126 authority, including the Federal Information Security Modernization Act (FISMA); with
8127 regulatory requirements and external guidance, including Office of Management and Budget
8128 (OMB) policy and Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) publications promulgated
8129 by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST); and with internal C-SCRM
8130 policies and strategy documents.

8131
8132 The following references apply:

- 8133 • Committee on National Security Systems. CNSSD No. 505. *(U) Supply Chain Risk*
8134 *Management (SCRM)*
- 8135 • NIST SP 800-53 Revisions 5 *Security and Privacy Controls for Information Systems and*
8136 *Organizations*
- 8137 • NIST SP 800-161 Revision 1 *Supply Chain Risk Management Practices for Information*
8138 *Systems and Organizations*
- 8139 • OMB Circular A-130 *Managing Information as a Strategic Resource*
- 8140 • Federal Acquisition Supply Chain Security Act of 2018

8141

8142 **3.1.11. Revision & Maintenance**

8143 *Include a table identifying the date of the change, a description of the modification, and the*
 8144 *name of the individual who made the change. At a minimum, review and update Level 3 C-SCRM*
 8145 *plans at life cycle milestones, gate reviews, and significant contracting activities, and verify for*
 8146 *compliance with upper tier plans as appropriate. Ensure the plan adapts to shifting impacts of*
 8147 *exogenous factors, such as threats, organizational, and environmental changes.*

8148 **Sample Text**

Version Number	Date	Description of Change/Revision	Section/Pages Affected	Changes made by Name/Title/Organization


8149

8150 **3.1.12. C-SCRM Plan Approval**

8151 *Include a signature (either electronic or handwritten) and date when the system security plan is*
 8152 *reviewed and approved.*

8153 **Sample Text**

8154 Authorizing Official:


Name
Date

8155

8156 **3.1.13. Acronym List**

8157 *Include and detail any acronyms utilized in the C-SCRM plan.*

8158 **Sample Text**

Acronym	Detail
AO	Authorizing Official
C-SCRM	Cyber Supply Chain Risk Management
SDLC	System Development Life Cycle

8159

8160 **3.1.14. Attachments**

8161

8162 *Attach any relevant artifacts that can be included to support the C-SCRM plan.*

8163

8164 **Sample Text**

8165

- 8166 • Contractual agreements
- 8167 • Contractors' or suppliers' C-SCRM plans

8168

8169 4. CYBER SUPPLY CHAIN RISK ASSESSMENT

8170

8171 The Cyber Supply Chain Risk Assessment (C-SCRA) guides the review of any third-party
8172 product, service, or supplier⁴¹ that could present a cyber supply chain risk to a procurer. The
8173 objective of the C-SCRA template is to provide a toolbox of questions that an acquirer can
8174 choose to use or not use depending on the controls selected. Typically executed by C-SCRM
8175 PMOs at the operational level (Level 3), the C-SCRA takes into account available public and
8176 private information to perform a holistic assessment, including known cyber supply chain risks,
8177 likelihoods of their occurrence, and potential impacts to an organization and its information and
8178 systems. As organizations may be inundated with C-SCRAs, and suppliers inundated with C-
8179 SCRA requests, the organization should evaluate the relative priority of its C-SCRAs as an
8180 influencing factor on the rigor of the C-SCRA.

8181 As with the other featured templates, the below C-SCRA is provided only as an example.
8182 Organizations must tailor the below content to align with their Level 1 and 2 risk postures. The
8183 execution of C-SCRAs is perhaps the most visible and time-consuming component of C-SCRM
8184 operations and must therefore be designed for efficient execution at scale with dedicated support
8185 resources, templated workflows, and automation wherever possible.

8186

8187 4.1.C SCRM Template

8188

8189 4.1.1. Authority & Compliance

8190

8191 *List of the laws, executive orders, directives, regulations, policies, standards, and guidelines that*
8192 *govern C-SCRA execution.*

8193

8194 Sample Text

- 8195 • Legislation
 - 8196 ○ Strengthening and Enhancing Cyber-capabilities by Utilizing Risk Exposure
 - 8197 Technology Act (SECURE) Technology of 2018
- 8198 • Policies
 - 8199 ○ [Organization Name] C-SCRA Standard Operating Procedures
 - 8200 ○ [Organization Name] C-SCRA Risk Assessment Factors
 - 8201 ○ [Organization Name] C-SCRA Criticality Assessment Criteria
- 8202 • Guidelines
 - 8203 ○ NIST 800-53 Revision 5: PM-30, RA-3, SA-15, SR-5
 - 8204 ○ NIST 800-37 Revision 2
 - 8205 ○ NIST 800-161 Revision 1: Appendix C
 - 8206 ○ ISO 28001:2007
 - 8207

⁴¹ A supplier may also refer to a source, as defined in the Strengthening and Enhancing Cyber-capabilities by Utilizing Risk Exposure Technology Act (SECURE) Technology of 2018

8208 4.1.2. Description

8209
8210 *Describe the purpose and scope of the C-SCRA template, referencing the organizational*
8211 *commitment to C-SCRM and mandate to perform C-SCRAs as an extension of that commitment.*
8212 *Outline the templates relationship to organizational risk management principles, frameworks,*
8213 *practices. This may include providing an overview of the organization’s C-SCRA processes,*
8214 *standard operating procedures, and/or criticality designations that govern usage of this*
8215 *template.*

8216
8217 *Reinforce the business case for executing C-SCRAs by highlighting the benefits of reducing*
8218 *expected loss from adverse cyber supply chain events, as well as the C-SCRM PMOs role in*
8219 *executing these assessments efficiently at scale.*

8220
8221 *Provide an overview of the organizational boundaries, systems, and services within the scope of*
8222 *the C-SCRAs.*

8223
8224 *List the contact information and other resources that readers may access in order to further*
8225 *engage with the C-SCRA process.*

8226 Sample Text

8227
8228
8229 This C-SCRA is intended to evaluate risks, in a fair and consistent manner, posed to the
8230 [Organization] via third parties that hold the potential for harm or compromise arising as a result
8231 of cybersecurity risks. Cyber supply chain risks include exposures, threats, and vulnerabilities
8232 associated with the products and services traversing the supply chain as well as the exposures,
8233 threats, and vulnerabilities to the supply chain and its suppliers.

8234
8235 The C-SCRA template provides tactical guidelines for the [Organization’s C-SCRM PMO] to
8236 review cyber supply chain risks and ensure that C-SCRAs are appropriately carried out in line
8237 with organizational mandates efficiently and effectively.

8238
8239 Requestors seeking to introduce third party products, services, or suppliers into organizational
8240 boundaries should familiarize themselves with the following template. This will ensure that
8241 requestors can provide the requisite information to the C-SCRM PMO to ensure timely execution
8242 of C-SCRAs and are otherwise aligned with adhering to the steps of the C-SCRA.

8243
8244 The C-SCRA process contains five primary steps, as outlined in the below template:⁴²

- 8245 1. Information Gathering & Scoping Analysis
8246 2. Threat Analysis
8247 3. Vulnerability Analysis
8248 4. Impact Analysis
8249 5. Risk Response Analysis
8250

⁴² See Appendix D’s “Assess” section for the methodological principles and guidance that underpin these steps.

8251 To learn more about the C-SCRA process and/or submit an assessment request to the C-SCRM
8252 PMO, please go to [Organizational intranet page] or contact [C-SCRM PMO email].

8253
8254 **4.1.3. Information Gathering & Scoping Analysis**

8255
8256 *Define the purpose and objectives for the requested C-SCRA, outlining the key information*
8257 *required to appropriately define the system, operations, supporting architecture, and*
8258 *boundaries. Provide key questions to requestors to facilitate collection and analysis of this*
8259 *information. The C-SCRM PMO will then use this information as a baseline for subsequent*
8260 *analyses and data requests.*

8261
8262 **Sample Text**

Supply Chain Risk Management Assessment Scoping Questionnaire		
Section 1: Request Overview	Provide Response:	Response Provided by:
Requestor Name		Acquirer
C-SCRA Purpose and Objective		Acquirer
System Description		Acquirer
Architecture Overview		Acquirer
Boundary Definition		Acquirer
Date of Assessment		Acquirer
Assessor Name		Acquirer
Section 2: Product/Service Internal Risk Overview		
What is the suppliers market share for this particular product/service		Acquirer
What % of this supplier’s sales of this product/service does your organization consume?		Acquirer
How widely used will the product or service be in your organization?		Acquirer
Is the product/service manufactured in a geographic location that is considered an area of geopolitical risk for your organization based on it’s primary area of operation (e.g., in the United States).		Acquirer
Would switching to an alternative supplier for this product or service constitute significant cost or effort for your organization?		Acquirer
Does your organization have an existing relationship with another supplier for this product/service?		Acquirer
How confident is your organization that they will be able to obtain quality		Acquirer

products/services regardless of major supply chain disruptions, both manmade and natural		
Does your organization maintain a reserve of this product/service?		Acquirer
Is the product/service fit for purpose? (i.e., capable of meeting its objectives or service levels)		Acquirer
Does the product/service perform an essential security function? Please describe		Acquirer
Does the product/service have root access to IT networks, OT systems or sensitive platforms?		Acquirer
Can compromise of the product/service lead to system failure or severe degradation?		Acquirer
Is there a known independent reliable mitigation for compromise leading to system failure or severe degradation?		Acquirer
Does the product/service connect to a platform that is provided by your organization to customers?		Acquirer
Does the product/service transmit, generate, maintain, or process high value data?		Acquirer
Does the product/service have access to systems that transmit, generate, maintain or process high value data (e.g., PII, PHI, PCI)		Acquirer
Does the supplier require physical access to the companies facilities as a result of its provision of the product/service?		Acquirer
Based on holistic consideration of the above responses, how critical is this product/service to your organization (e.g., Critical, High, Moderate, Low)		Acquirer
Section 2: Supplier Overview		
Have you identified the supplier's key suppliers?		Supplier
Did you verify the supplier ownership, both foreign and domestic?		Supplier
If the supplier uses distributors, did you investigate them for potential threats?		Supplier
Is the supplier located in the United States?		Supplier
Has the supplier declared where replacement components will be purchased from?		Supplier
Have all of the suppliers', subcontractors', and suppliers' owners and locations been validated?		Supplier

Does the supplier vet suppliers for threat scenarios?		Supplier
Does the supplier have documents which track part numbers to manufacturers?		Supplier
Can the supplier provide a list of who they procure COTS software from?		Supplier
Does the supplier have counterfeit controls in place?		Supplier
Does the supplier safeguard key program information that may be exposed through interactions with suppliers?		Supplier
Does the supplier perform reviews, inspections, and have safeguards to detect/avoid counterfeit equipment, tampered hardware/software (HW/SW), vulnerable HW/SW, and/or operations security leaks leaks?		Supplier
Does the supplier use industry standards baselines (e.g., CIS, NES) when purchasing software?		Supplier
Does the supplier comply with regulatory and legislation mandates?		Supplier
Does the supplier have procedures for secure maintenance and upgrades following deployment?		Supplier
Section 3: Policies & Procedures		
Does the supplier have definitive policies and procedures that help minimize supply chain risk, including subsidiary sourcing needs?		Supplier
Does the supplier define and manage system criticality and capability?		Supplier
Does everyone associated with the procurement (e.g., supplier, C-SCRM PMO) understand the threats and risks in the subject supply chain?		Supplier
Are all engaged personnel US citizens?		Supplier
Does the supplier have "insider threat" controls in place?		Supplier
Does the supplier verify and monitor all personnel that interact with the subject product, system, or service to know if they pose a threat?		Supplier

Does the supplier use, record, and track risk mitigation activities throughout the life cycle of the product, system, or service?		Supplier
Have all of the supplier’s personnel signed non-disclosure agreements?		Supplier
Does the supplier allow its personnel or suppliers to access environments remotely (i.e. from an out of boundary)?		Supplier
Section 4: Logistics (if applicable)		
Does the supplier have documented tracking and version controls in place?		Supplier
Does the supplier analyze events (environmental or man-made) that could interrupt their supply chain?		Supplier
Are the supplier’s completed parts controlled, so they are never left unattended or exposed to tampering?		Supplier
Are the supplier’s completed parts locked up?		Supplier
Does the C-SCRM PMO have a process that ensures integrity when ordering inventory from the supplier?		Supplier
Does the C-SCRM PMO periodically inspect the supplier’s inventory for exposure or tampering?		Supplier
Does the C-SCRM PMO have secure material destruction procedures for unused and scrap parts procured from the supplier?		Supplier
Is there a documented chain of custody for the deployment of products and systems?		Supplier
Section 5: Software Design & Development (if applicable)		
Is the C-SCRM PMO familiar with all the suppliers that will work on the design of the product/system?		Supplier and Manufacturer
Does the supplier align its SDLC to a secure software development standard (e.g., Microsoft Security Development Lifecycle)?		Supplier and Manufacturer
Does the supplier perform all development onshore?		Supplier and Manufacturer
Do only United States citizens have access to development environments?		Supplier and Manufacturer
Does the supplier provide cybersecurity training to its developers?		Supplier and Manufacturer
Does the supplier use trusted software development tools?		Supplier and Manufacturer

Is the supplier using trusted information assurance controls to safeguard the development environment (e.g., secure network configurations, strict access controls, dynamic/static vulnerability management tools, penetration testing)?		Supplier and Manufacturer
Does the supplier validate open source software prior to use?		Supplier and Manufacturer
Are the supplier’s software compilers continuously monitored?		Supplier and Manufacturer
Does the supplier have codified software test and configuration standards?		Supplier and Manufacturer
Section 6: Product/Service Specific Security (if applicable, one questionnaire per product/service)		
Product / Service Name		Manufacturer
Product Type (s) (Hardware, Software, Service)		Manufacturer
Product / Service Description		Manufacturer
Part Number (if applicable)		Manufacturer
Does the manufacturer implement formal organizational roles and governance responsible for the implementation and oversight of Secure Engineering across the development or manufacturing process for product offerings?		Manufacturer
Does the manufacturer have processes for product integrity conform to any of the following standards (e.g., ISO 27036, SAE AS6171, etc.)?		Manufacturer
Is the product Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) compliant? If yes, please provide the FIPS level		Manufacturer
Does the manufacturer document and communicate security control requirements for your hardware, software, or solution offering?		Manufacturer
Has the manufacturer received fines or sanctions from any governmental entity or regulatory body in the past year related to the delivery of the product or service? If yes, please describe.		Manufacturer
Has the manufacturer experienced litigation claims over the past year related to the delivery of the product or service? If yes, please describe		Manufacturer

Does the manufacturer provide a bill of materials (BOM) for the products or service, and components which includes all logic-bearing (e.g., readable/writable/programmable) hardware, firmware, and software?		Manufacturer
For hardware components included in the product or service offering, does the supplier only buy from original equipment manufacturers or licensed resellers?		Supplier
Does the manufacturer have a policy or process to ensure that none of your suppliers or third-party components are on any banned list?		Manufacturer
How does the manufacturer prevent malicious and/or counterfeit IP components within their product offering or solution?		Manufacturer
Does the manufacturer manage the integrity of IP for its product or service offering?		Manufacturer
How does the manufacturer assess, prioritize, and remediate reported product or service vulnerabilities?		Manufacturer
How does the manufacturer ensure that product or service vulnerabilities are remediated in a timely period, reducing the window of opportunity for attackers?		Manufacturer
Does the manufacturer maintain and manage a Product Security Incident Reporting and Response program (PSIRT)?		Manufacturer
What is the manufacturer’s process to ensure customers and external entities (such as government agencies) are notified of an incident when their product or service is impacted?		Manufacturer

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8264 **4.1.4. Threat Analysis**

8265

8266 *Define threat analysis as well as the criteria that will be utilized to assess the threat of the*
 8267 *product, service, or supplier being assessed. Include a rubric with categorical definitions to*
 8268 *encourage transparency behind assessment results.*

8269

8270 **Sample Text**

8271 The C-SCRA threat analysis evaluates and characterizes the level of threat to the integrity,
 8272 trustworthiness, and authenticity of the product, service, or supplier as described below.

8273 This analysis is based on a threat actor’s capability and intent to compromise or exploit the
8274 product, service, or supplier being introduced into the cyber supply chain. Following completion
8275 of the analysis, one of the following threat levels is assigned:

- 8276 • **Critical:** Information indicates adversaries are engaged in subversion, exploitation, or
8277 sabotage of the product, service, or supplier.
- 8278 • **High:** Information indicates adversaries have established an overt or clandestine
8279 relationship with the product, service, or supplier, with the capability and intent to engage
8280 in subversion, exploitation or sabotage of the supply chain; however, there are no known
8281 indications of subversion, exploitation, or sabotage.
- 8282 • **Moderate:** Information indicates adversaries have the capability but NOT the intent to
8283 engage in subversion, exploitation or sabotage of the product, service, or supplier.
8284 Conversely, they may have the intent but NOT the capability.
- 8285 • **Low:** Information indicates adversaries have neither the capability nor the intent to
8286 engage in subversion, exploitation, or sabotage of the product, service, or supplier.

8287 To appropriately assign the above threat analysis designation, C-SCRM PMOs and requestors
8288 should leverage the Information Gathering & Scoping questionnaire to coordinate collection of
8289 information related to the product, service, or supplier’s operational details, ownership structure,
8290 key management personnel, financial information, business ventures, government restrictions,
8291 and potential threats. Additional investigations should be performed against the aforementioned
8292 topics if red flags are observed during initial data collection.

8293

8294 4.1.5. Vulnerability Analysis

8295

8296 *Define vulnerability analysis as well as the criteria that will be utilized to assess the*
8297 *vulnerability of the product, service, or supplier being assessed. Include a rubric with*
8298 *categorical definitions to encourage transparency behind assessment results.*
8299

8300 Sample Text

8301 The C-SCRA vulnerability analysis evaluates and then characterizes the vulnerability of the
8302 product, service, or supplier throughout its lifecycle and/or engagement. The analysis includes an
8303 assessment of the ease of exploitation by a threat actor with moderate capabilities.

8304 This analysis is based on a threat actor’s capability and intent to compromise or exploit the
8305 product, service, or supplier being introduced into the cyber supply chain. Following completion
8306 of the analysis, one of the following threat levels is assigned:

- 8307 • **Critical:** The product, service, or supplier contains vulnerabilities that are wholly
8308 exposed (physically or logically) and are easily exploitable.
- 8309 • **High:** The product, service, or supplier contains vulnerabilities that are highly exposed
8310 and are reasonably exploitable.
- 8311 • **Moderate:** The product, service, or supplier contains vulnerabilities that are moderately
8312 exposed and would be difficult to exploit.
- 8313 • **Low:** The product, service, or supplier is not exposed and would be unlikely to be
8314 exploited.

8315 To appropriately assign the above vulnerability analysis designation, C-SCRM PMOs and
8316 requestors should coordinate to collect information related to the product, service, or supplier's
8317 operational details, exploitability, service details, attributes of known vulnerabilities, and
8318 mitigation techniques.

8319

8320 **4.1.6. Impact Analysis**

8321

8322 *Define impact analysis as well as the criteria that will be utilized to assess the criticality of the*
8323 *product, service, or supplier being assessed. Include a rubric with categorical definitions to*
8324 *encourage transparency behind assessment results.*

8325

8326 **Sample Text**

8327 The C-SCRA impact analysis evaluates and then characterizes the impact of the product, service,
8328 or supplier throughout its lifecycle and/or engagement. The analysis includes an end-to-end
8329 functional review to identify critical functions and components based on an assessment of the
8330 potential harm caused by the probable loss, damage, or compromise of a product, material, or
8331 service to an [Organization's] operations or mission.

8332 Following completion of the analysis, one of the following impact levels is assigned:

- 8333 • **Critical:** The product, service, or supplier's failure to perform as designed would result
8334 in a total organizational failure or a significant and/or unacceptable level of degradation
8335 of operations that could only be recovered with exceptional time and resources.
- 8336 • **High:** The product, service, or supplier's failure to perform as designed would result in
8337 severe organizational failure or a significant and/or unacceptable level of degradation of
8338 operations that could only be recovered with significant time and resources.
- 8339 • **Moderate:** The product, service, or supplier's failure to perform as designed would result
8340 in serious organizational failure that could readily and quickly managed with no long-
8341 term consequences.
- 8342 • **Low:** The product, service, or supplier's failure to perform as designed would result in
8343 very little adverse effects on the organization that could readily and quickly managed
8344 with no long-term consequences.

8345 To appropriately assign the above impact analysis designation, C-SCRM PMOs and requestors
8346 should coordinate to collect information related to [Organization's] critical functions and
8347 components, identification of the intended user environment for the product or service, and
8348 supplier information.

8349

8350 **4.1.7. Risk Response Analysis**

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8352 *Define risk analysis as well as the criteria that will be utilized to assess the scoring of the*
8353 *product or service being assessed. Include a rubric with categorical definitions to encourage*
8354 *transparency behind assessment results.*

8355

8356 **Sample Text**

8357 The C-SCRA risk score reflects a combined judgement based on likelihood and impact analyses.
8358 The likelihood analysis is scored via a combination of the aforementioned threat and
8359 vulnerability analysis score, as outlined in the figure below.

Likelihood Level					
Threat	Vulnerability				
		Low	Moderate	High	Critical
	Very Likely	Moderately Likely	Highly Likely	Very Likely	Very Likely
	Highly Likely	Moderately Likely	Highly Likely	Highly Likely	Very Likely
	Moderately Likely	Unlikely	Moderately Likely	Highly Likely	Highly Likely
	Unlikely	Unlikely	Unlikely	Moderately Likely	Moderately Likely

8360
8361 The C-SCRA risk score is then aggregated based upon that likelihood score and the impact score.
8362 If multiple vulnerabilities are identified for a given product or service, each vulnerability shall be
8363 assigned a risk level based upon its likelihood and impact.

Overall Risk Score					
Likelihood (threat and vulnerability)	Impact				
		Low	Moderate	High	Critical
	Very Likely	Moderate	High	Critical	Critical
	Highly Likely	Moderate	Moderate	High	Critical
	Moderately Likely	Low	Moderate	High	High
	Unlikely	Low	Low	Moderate	High

8364
8365 The aforementioned risk analyses and scoring provide measures by which [Organization]
8366 determines whether or not to proceed with procurement of the product, service, or supplier.
8367 Decisions to proceed must weighed against the risk appetite and tolerance across the tiers of the
8368 organization, as well as the mitigation strategy that may be put in place to manage the risks as a
8369 result of procuring the product, service, or supplier.
8370

8371 **4.1.8. Roles & Responsibilities**

8372
8373 *State those responsible for the C-SCRA policies, as well as its key contributors. Include the role*
8374 *and name of each individual or group, as well contact information where necessary (e.g.,*
8375 *organizational affiliation, address, email address, and phone number).*

8376 **Sample Text**

- 8378
- C-SCRM PMO shall:
 - maintaining C-SCRA policies, procedures, and scoring methodologies
 - performing C-SCRA standard operating procedures
 - liaising with requestors seeking to procure a product, service or supplier
 - reporting C-SCRA results to leadership to help inform organizational risk posture
 - Each requestor shall:
 - complete C-SCRA request forms and provide all required information
 - address any information follow-up requests from the C-SCRM PMO resource completing the C-SCRA
 - adhering to any stipulations or mitigations mandated by the C-SCRM PMO following approval of a C-SCRA request.

8390 **4.1.9. Definitions**

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8392
8393 *List the key definitions described within the policy, providing organizationally-specific context*
8394 *and examples where needed.*

8395 **Sample Text**

- 8397
- Procurement: Process of obtaining a system, product, or service.

8398

8399 **4.1.10. Revision & Maintenance**

8400
8401 *Define the required frequency for the C-SCRA template. Maintain a table of revisions to enforce*
8402 *version control. C-SCRA templates are living documents that must be updated and*
8403 *communicated to all appropriate individuals (e.g., staff, contractors, and suppliers).*

8404 **Sample Text**

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8406
8407 [Organization's] C-SCRA template must be reviewed at a minimum on an annual basis since
8408 changes to laws, policies, standards, guidelines, and controls are dynamic and evolving.
8409 Additional criteria that may trigger interim revisions include:

- 8410
- change of policies that impact the C-SCRA template;
 - 8411 • significant C-SCRM events;
 - 8412 • introduction of new technologies;
 - 8413 • discovery of new vulnerabilities;

- 8414 • operational or environmental changes
- 8415 • shortcomings in the C-SCRA template;
- 8416 • change of scope; and
- 8417 • other organization-specific criteria.

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8419 **Sample Version Management Table**

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Term	Definition	Source
Acceptable Risk	A level of residual risk to the organization's operations, assets, or individuals that falls within the defined risk appetite and risk tolerance thresholds set by the organization.	
Acquirer	Organization or entity that acquires or procures a product or service.	[ISO/IEC 15288] (adapted)
Acquisition	Includes all stages of the process of acquiring product or services, beginning with the process for determining the need for the product or services and ending with contract completion and closeout.	[NIST SP 800-64 Rev. 2] (adapted)
Agreement	Mutual acknowledgement of terms and conditions under which a working relationship is conducted or goods are transferred between parties. EXAMPLE: contract, memorandum, or agreement	
Authorization	Authorization to operate: The official management decision given by a senior Federal official or officials to authorize operation of an information system and to explicitly accept the risk to agency operations (including mission, functions, image, or reputation), agency assets, individuals, other organizations, and the Nation based on the implementation of an agreed-upon set of security and privacy controls. Authorization also applies to common controls inherited by agency information systems.	[NIST SP 800-53 Rev. 5]
Authorization Boundary	All components of an information system to be authorized for operation by an authorizing official. This excludes separately authorized systems to which the information system is connected	[NIST SP 800-53 Rev. 5]
Authorizing Official (AO)	A senior Federal official or executive with the authority to authorize (i.e., assume responsibility for) the operation of an information system or the use of a designated set of common controls at an acceptable level of risk to agency operations (including mission, functions, image, or reputation), agency assets, individuals, other organizations, and the Nation.	[NIST SP 800-53 Rev. 5]

Baseline	Hardware, software, databases, and relevant documentation for an information system at a given point in time.	[CNSSI No. 4009]
C-SCRM Control	A safeguard or countermeasures prescribed for the purpose of reducing or eliminating the likelihood and/or impact/consequences of a cyber supply chain risk.	
Cyber Supply Chain Risk	Cyber supply chain risk is the potential for harm or compromise that arises as a result of cybersecurity risks from suppliers, their supply chains, and their products or services. Cyber supply chain risks arise from threats that exploit vulnerabilities or exposures within products and services traversing the supply chain as well as threats exploiting vulnerabilities or exposures within the supply chain itself.	
Cyber Supply Chain Risk Assessment	Cyber Supply Chain Risk Assessment is a systematic examination of cyber supply chain risks, likelihoods of their occurrence, and potential impacts.	
Cyber Supply Chain Risk Management	A systematic process for managing cyber supply chain risk exposures, threats, and vulnerabilities throughout the supply chain and developing risk response strategies to the cyber supply chain risks presented by the supplier, the supplied products and services, or the supply chain.	
Defense-in-Breadth	A planned, systematic set of multidisciplinary activities that seek to identify, manage, and reduce risk of exploitable vulnerabilities at every stage of the system, network, or subcomponent life cycle, including system, network, or product design and development; manufacturing; packaging; assembly; system integration; distribution; operations; maintenance; and retirement.	[NIST SP 800-53 Rev. 5]
Defense-in-Depth	Information security strategy that integrates people, technology, and operations capabilities to establish variable barriers across multiple layers and missions of the organization.	[NIST SP 800-53 Rev. 5]
Degradation	A decline in quality or performance; the process by which the decline is brought about.	

Developer	A general term that includes developers or manufacturers of systems, system components, or system services; systems integrators; suppliers; and product resellers. Development of systems, components, or services can occur internally within organizations or through external entities	[NIST SP 800-53 Rev. 5]
Element	Supply chain element: Organizations, entities, or tools employed for the research and development, design, manufacturing, acquisition, delivery, integration, operations and maintenance, and/or disposal of systems and system components.	
Enhanced Overlay	An overlay that adds processes, controls, enhancements, and additional implementation guidance specific to the purpose of the overlay.	
Exposure	Extent to which an organization and/or stakeholder is subject to a risk	[ISO Guide 73:2009] (adapted)
External systems Service Provider	A provider of external system services to an organization through a variety of consumer-producer relationships, including joint ventures; business partnerships; outsourcing arrangements (i.e., through contracts, interagency agreements, lines of business arrangements); licensing agreements; and/or supply chain exchanges.	[NIST SP 800-53 Rev. 5]
External System Service	A system service that is provided by an external service provider and for which the organization has no direct control over the implementation of required security and privacy controls or the assessment of control effectiveness.	[NIST SP 800-53 Rev. 5]
Fit for purpose	Fit for purpose is used informally to describe a process, configuration item, IT service, etc., that is capable of meeting its objectives or service levels. Being fit for purpose requires suitable design, implementation, control, and maintenance.	[ITIL Service Strategy] (adapted)
ICT/OT-related service providers	Any organization or individual providing services which may include authorized access to an ICT or OT system	

Supplier	Organization or individual that enters into an agreement with the acquirer or integrator for the supply of a product or service. This includes all suppliers in the supply chain, developers or manufacturers of systems, system components, or system services; systems integrators; suppliers; product resellers; and third-party partners.	[ISO/IEC 15288] (adapted); adapted from definition of “developer” from [NIST SP 800-53 Rev. 5]
Supply Chain	Supply chain: Linked set of resources and processes between and among multiple levels of organizations, each of which is an acquirer, that begins with the sourcing of products and services and extends through their life cycle.	[ISO 28001] (adapted)
System Integrator	An organization that customizes (e.g., combines, adds, optimizes) components, systems, and corresponding processes. The integrator function can also be performed by acquirer.	[NISTIR 7622] (adapted)
Cyber Supply Chain Compromise	Cyber supply chain incident (also known as compromise) is an occurrence within the supply chain whereby the confidentiality, integrity, or availability of a system or the information the system processes, stores, or transmits is jeopardized. A cyber supply chain incident can occur anywhere during the life cycle of the system, product or service.	
Information and Communications Technology (ICT)	Encompasses the capture, storage, retrieval, processing, display, representation, presentation, organization, management, security, transfer, and interchange of data and information.	[ISO/IEC 2382] (adapted)
Information System	A discrete set of information resources organized for the collection, processing, maintenance, use, sharing, dissemination, or disposition of information.	[NIST SP 800-53 Rev. 5]
Life cycle	Evolution of a system, product, service, project, or other human-made entity.	[ISO/IEC 15288] (adapted)
Likelihood	Chance of something happening	[ISO/IEC 27000:2018]
Organizational Users	An organizational employee or an individual the organization deemed to have similar status of an employee including, for example, contractor, guest researcher, or individual detailed from another organization.	[NIST SP 800-53 Rev. 4] (adapted)

Overlay	A specification of security or privacy controls, control enhancements, supplemental guidance, and other supporting information employed during the tailoring process, that is intended to complement (and further refine) security control baselines. The overlay specification may be more stringent or less stringent than the original security control baseline specification and can be applied to multiple information systems.	[NIST SP 800-53 Rev. 5]
Pedigree	The validation of the internal composition and provenance of technologies, products, and services is referred to as the pedigree. For microelectronics, this includes material composition of components. For software this includes the composition of open source and proprietary code, including the version of the component at a given point in time. Pedigrees increase the assurance that the claims suppliers assert about the internal composition and provenance of the products, services, and technologies they provide are valid.	
Provenance	The chronology of the origin, development, ownership, location, and changes to a system or system component and associated data. It may also include personnel and processes used to interact with or make modifications to the system, component, or associated data.	[NIST SP 800-53 Rev. 5]
Risk	A measure of the extent to which an entity is threatened by a potential circumstance or event, and typically a function of: (i) the adverse impacts that would arise if the circumstance or event occurs; and (ii) the likelihood of occurrence.	[NIST SP 800-39]
Residual Risk	Portion of risk remaining after controls/countermeasures measures have been applied.	[NIST SP 800-16] (adapted)
Risk Appetite	The types and amount of risk, on a broad level, it is willing to accept in its pursuit of value	[NISTIR 8286]
Risk Framing	The set of assumptions, constraints, risk tolerances, and priorities/trade-offs that shape an organization's approach for managing risk	[NIST SP 800-39]

Risk Management	The program and supporting processes to manage risk to agency operations (including mission, functions, image, reputation), agency assets, individuals, other organizations, and the Nation, and includes: establishing the context for risk-related activities; assessing risk; responding to risk once determined; and monitoring risk over time.	[NIST SP 800-53 Rev. 5]
Risk Mitigation	Prioritizing, evaluating, and implementing the appropriate risk-reducing controls/countermeasures recommended from the risk management process.	[NIST SP 800-53 Rev. 5]
Risk Response	Intentional and informed decision and actions to accept, avoid, mitigate, share, or transfer an identified risk	[NIST SP 800-53 Rev. 5] (adapted)
Risk Response Plan	A summary of potential consequence(s) of the successful exploitation of a specific vulnerability or vulnerabilities by a threat agent, as well as mitigating strategies and C-SCRM controls	
Risk Tolerance	the organization or stakeholders' readiness to bear the remaining risk after responding to or considering the risk in order to achieve its objectives	[NIST 8286]
Secondary market	An unofficial, unauthorized, or unintended distribution channel.	
Security Control	The safeguards or countermeasures prescribed for an information system or an organization to protect the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of the system and its information.	[NIST SP 800-53 Rev. 5]
Supplier	Organization or individual that enters into an agreement with the acquirer or integrator for the supply of a product or service. This includes all suppliers in the supply chain, developers or manufacturers of systems, system components, or system services; systems integrators; suppliers; product resellers; and third-party partners.	[ISO/IEC 15288] (adapted)]

System	<p>Combination of interacting elements organized to achieve one or more stated purposes.</p> <p><i>Note 1:</i> There are many types of systems. Examples include: general and special-purpose information systems; command, control, and communication systems; crypto modules; central processing unit and graphics processor boards; industrial control systems; flight control systems; weapons, targeting, and fire control systems; medical devices and treatment systems; financial, banking, and merchandising transaction systems; and social networking systems.</p> <p><i>Note 2:</i> The interacting elements in the definition of system include hardware, software, data, humans, processes, facilities, materials, and naturally occurring physical entities.</p> <p><i>Note 3:</i> System-of-systems is included in the definition of system.</p>	[NIST SP 800-53 Rev. 5] (adapted)
System Component	<p>A discrete identifiable information or operational technology asset that represents a building block of a system and may include hardware, software, and firmware.</p>	
System Development Life Cycle (SDLC)	<p>The scope of activities associated with a system, encompassing the system’s initiation, development and acquisition, implementation, operation and maintenance, and ultimately its disposal.</p>	[NIST SP 800-34 Rev. 1] (adapted)
System Integrator	<p>Those organizations that provide customized services to the acquirer including for example, custom development, test, operations, and maintenance.</p>	
System Assurance	<p>The justified confidence that the system functions as intended and is free of exploitable vulnerabilities, either intentionally or unintentionally designed or inserted as part of the system at any time during the life cycle.</p>	[NDIA]
System Owner	<p>System owner (or program manager): Official responsible for the overall procurement, development, integration, modification, or operation and maintenance of a system.</p>	[NIST SP 800-53 Rev. 5]

Threat	Any circumstance or event with the potential to adversely impact organizational operations, organizational assets, individuals, other organizations, or the Nation through a system via unauthorized access, destruction, disclosure, modification of information, and/or denial of service.	[NIST SP 800-53 Rev. 5]
Threat Assessment/Analysis	Formal description and evaluation of threat to a system or organization.	[NIST SP 800-53 Rev. 5] (adapted)
Threat Event	An event or situation that has the potential for causing undesirable consequences or impact.	[NIST SP 800-30 Rev. 1]
Threat Event Outcome	The effect a threat acting upon a vulnerability has on the confidentiality, integrity, and/or availability of the organization’s operations, assets, or individuals.	
Threat Scenario	A set of discrete threat events, associated with a specific threat source or multiple threat sources, partially ordered in time.	[NIST SP 800-30 Rev. 1]
Threat Source	The intent and method targeted at the intentional exploitation of a vulnerability or a situation and method that may accidentally trigger a vulnerability.	[NIST SP 800-53 Rev. 5]
Trust	The confidence one element has in another, that the second element will behave as expected.	[Software Assurance in Acquisition: Mitigating Risks to the Enterprise]
Trustworthiness	The interdependent combination of attributes of a person, system, or enterprise that provides confidence to others of the qualifications, capabilities, and reliability of that entity to perform specific tasks and fulfill assigned responsibilities. The degree to which a system (including the technology components that are used to build the system) can be expected to preserve the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of the information being processed, stored, or transmitted by the system across the full range of threats.	[NIST SP 800-53 Rev. 5] (adapted)
Validation	confirmation, through the provision of objective evidence, that the requirements for a specific intended use or application have been	[ISO 9000]

fulfilled
Note: The requirements were met.

Verification	confirmation, through the provision of objective evidence, that specified requirements have been fulfilled Note: The intended output is correct.	[CNSSI No. 4009], [ISO 9000] (adapted)
Visibility (also Transparency)	Amount of information that can be gathered about a supplier, product, or service and how far through the supply chain this information can be obtained	[ISO/IEC 27036-2] (adapted)
Vulnerability	Weakness in an information system, system security procedures, internal controls, or implementation that could be exploited or triggered by a threat source.	[NIST SP 800-53 Rev. 5]
Vulnerability Assessment	Systematic examination of a system or product or supply chain element to determine the adequacy of security measures, identify security deficiencies, provide data from which to predict the effectiveness of proposed security measures, and confirm the adequacy of such measures after implementation.	[NIST SP 800-53 Rev. 5] (adapted)

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A&A	Assessment and Authorization
AO	Authorizing Official
API	Application Programming Interface
APT	Advanced Persistent Threat
BIA	Business Impact Analysis
BYOD	Bring Your Own Device
CAC	Common Access Card
CAO	Chief Acquisition Officer
CEO	Chief Executive Officer
CFO	Chief Financial Officer
CIO	Chief Information Officer
CISA	Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency
CISO	Chief Information Security Officer
CLO	Chief Legal Officer
COO	Chief Operating Officer
CPO	Chief Privacy Officer
CRO	Chief Risk Officer
CTO	Chief Technology Officer
CNSS	Committee on National Security Systems
CNSSI	Committee on National Security Systems Instruction
CONUS	Continental United States
COSO	Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission'
COTS	Commercial Off-The-Shelf
CRO	Chief Risk Officer

C-SCRM	Cyber Supply Chain Risk Management
CSF	Cybersecurity Framework
CTO	Chief Technology Officer
CUI	Controlled Unclassified Information
CVE	Common Vulnerability Enumeration
CVSS	Common Vulnerability Scoring System
DHS	Department of Homeland Security
DMEA	Defense Microelectronics Activity
DoD	Department of Defense
DODI	Department of Defense Instruction
ERM	Enterprise Risk Management
ERP	Enterprise Resource Planning
FAR	Federal Acquisition Regulation
FARM	Frame, Assess, Respond, Monitor
FASC	Federal Acquisition Security Council
FASCA	Federal Acquisition Supply Chain Security Act
FBI	Federal Bureau of Investigation
FedRAMP	Federal Risk and Authorization Program
FIPS	Federal Information Processing Standards
FISMA	Federal Information Security Management Act
FITARA	Federal Information Technology Acquisition Reform Act
FOCI	Foreign Ownership, Control or Influence
FSP	Financial Services Cybersecurity Framework Profile
GAO	Government Accountability Office
GIDEP	Government-Industry Data Exchange Program

GOTS	Government Off-The-Shelf
GPS	Global Positioning System
HR	Human Resources
IA	Information Assurance
ICT	Information and Communication Technology
ICT/OT	Information, communications, and operational technology
IDE	Integrated Development Environment
IDS	Intrusion Detection System
IEC	International Electrotechnical Commission
IOT	Internet of Things
IP	Internet Protocol/Intellectual Property
ISA	Information Sharing Agency
ISO/IEC	International Organization for Standardization/International Electrotechnical Commission
IT	Information Technology
ITIL	Information Technology Infrastructure Library
ITL	Information Technology Laboratory (NIST)
JWICS	Joint Worldwide Intelligence Communications System
KPI	Key Performance Indicators
KRI	Key Risk Indicators
KSA	Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities
MECE	Mutually Exclusive and Collectively Exhaustive
NISPOM	National Industrial Security Program Operating Manual
NIST	National Institute of Standards and Technology
NCCIC	National Cybersecurity and Communications Integration Center

NDI	Non-developmental Items
NDIA	National Defense Industrial Association
NIAP	National Information Assurance Partnership
NICE	National Initiative for Cybersecurity Education
NISTIR	National Institute of Standards and Technology Interagency or Internal Report
OCONUS	Outside of Continental United States
OEM	Original Equipment Manufacturer
OGC	Office of the General Counsel
OMB	Office of Management and Budget
OPSEC	Operations Security
OSS	Open Source Solutions
OSY	Office of Security
OT	Operations Technology
OTS	Off-The-Shelf
OTTF	Open Group Trusted Technology Forum
O-TTPS	Open Trusted Technology Provider™ Standard
OWASP	Open Web Application Security Project
PACS	Physical Access Control System
PII	Personally identifiable information
PIV	Personal Identity Verification
PM	Program Manager
PMO	Program Management Office
POA&M	Plan of Action & Milestones
QA/QC	Quality Assurance/Quality Control
R&D	Research and Development

RFI	Request for Information
RFP	Request for Proposal
RFQ	Request for Questions
RMF	Risk Management Framework
SAFECode	Software Assurance Forum for Excellence in Code
SCIF	Sensitive Compartmented Information Facility
SCRM	Supply Chain Risk Management
SDLC	System Development Life Cycle
SECURE	Strengthening and Enhancing Cyber-capabilities by Utilizing Risk Exposure (Technology Act)
SLA	Service-Level Agreement
SME	Subject Matter Expert
SOO	Statement of Objective
SOW	Statement of Work
SP	Special Publication (NIST)
SSP	System Security Plan
SWA	Software Assurance
SWID	Software Identification Tag
TTP	Tactics, Techniques, and Procedures
U.S.	United States (of America)
US CERT	United States Computer Emergency Readiness Team

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