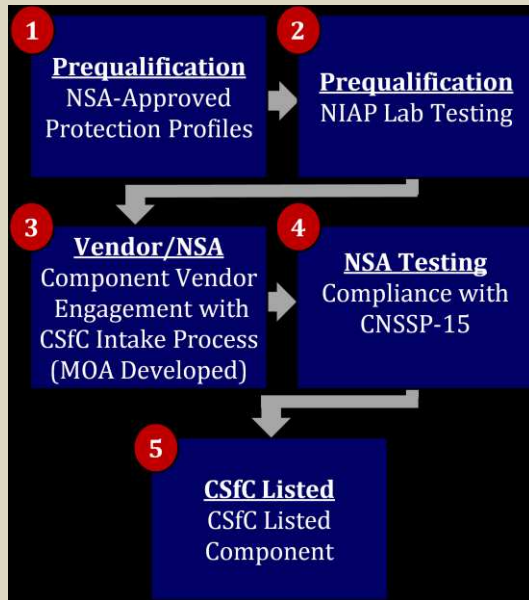


How Vendors Can Get Involved

Vendors who wish to have their products eligible as CSfC components of a composed, layered IA solution must build their products in accordance with the applicable U.S. Government Protection Profile(s) and submit their products using the Common Criteria process. NSA/CSS enters into an agreement with the vendor which may stipulate other requirements for the particular technology. The CSfC Component Intake Process is depicted below:

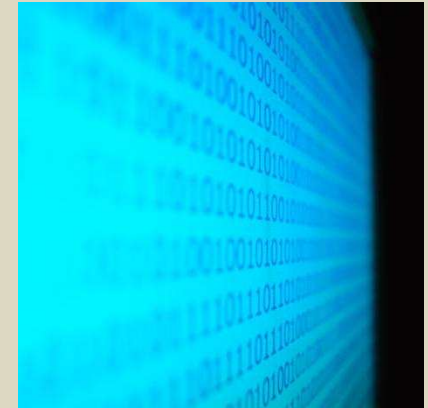


Once the product has met these requirements, NSA/CSS will add it to the list of commercial products eligible for use in the CSfC Program.



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Commercial Solutions for Classified



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U.S. Government customers increasingly require immediate use of the market's most modern commercial hardware and software technologies within National Security Systems (NSS) in order to achieve mission objectives. Consequently, the National Security Agency/Central Security Service's (NSA/CSS) Information Assurance Directorate (IAD) is developing new ways to leverage emerging technologies to deliver more timely IA solutions for rapidly evolving customer requirements. NSA/CSS's Commercial Solutions for Classified (CSfC) Program has been established to enable commercial products to be used in layered solutions protecting classified NSS information. This will provide the ability to securely communicate based on commercial standards in a solution that can be fielded in months, not years.

Although NSA/CSS's strategy for protecting classified information continues to employ both commercially-based and traditional Government-Off-The-Shelf (GOTS) IA solutions, IAD will look first to commercial technology and solutions in helping customers meet their needs for protecting classified information. Additionally, IAD continues to support customers with existing GOTS IA solutions or needs that can only be met via GOTS.

Commercial Solutions for Classified Capability Packages

A Capability Package (CP) contains product-neutral information that will allow customers/integrators to successfully implement their own solutions.

Using the information in a CP, customers/integrators make product selections while following the guidelines/restrictions to create an architecture with specific commercial products configured in a particular manner.

CPs include:

- Capability's general description and architecture
- Identify lists of eligible products
- Security roles of the products
- Overall System Security
- Requirements/Guidance for:
 - Customers/Integrators
 - Administrators
 - Testers
 - Certifiers/Accreditors
 - Interoperability
 - Key Management
 - Lifecycle Maintenance
- Residual Risk Assessment

How Customers and Integrators Can Get Involved

For information or assistance in determining whether an approved Capability Package satisfies their requirements, U.S. Government customers (e.g., Department of Defense Components, Intelligence Community Organizations, and Federal Agencies) can engage NSA/CSS through their designated IAD Customer Advocates. Integrators should coordinate through their U.S. Government customer points of contact. The CSfC Solutions Process is shown in the diagram below:



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