

EO on Combating Race and Sex Stereotypes

- EO 13950 - <https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/executive-order-combating-race-sex-stereotyping/>
- December 22 – nationwide injunction issued
 - Renders invalid Sections 4 and 5 (federal contractors and grantees)
 - Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs issued a notice suspending compliance and enforcement activities
- It is anticipated that the Biden administration will rescind the Executive Order



Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification

- New DOD regulation; requires independent certification of ability to meet physical and cyber security requirements
 - Currently we are able to self certify our ability to comply. Once fully implemented (~five years for total implementation), the regulations will require us to be externally certified (there are not currently any approved certifiers available).
- Five levels of certification. As regulations are currently written, even basic/fundamental research is going to require a Level 1 certification. (COGR advocating in regards to this.)



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Level	Description	Cost of Certification: First Year (Estimated)
1	15 basic safeguarding requirements	\$3000
2	65 security requirements from NIST SP 800–171, 7 CMMC practices, and 2 CMMC processes	\$28,000
3	All 110 security requirements from NIST SP 800–171, 20 CMMC practices, and 3 CMMC processes	\$60,000
4	All 110 security requirements from NIST SP 800–171, 20 CMMC practices, and 3 CMMC processes	\$372,000
5	All 110 security requirements from NIST SP 800–171, 20 CMMC practices, and 3 CMMC processes	\$482,000



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Does not include infrastructure costs. Can also expect annual costs.

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- Includes both cybersecurity and physical security requirements (even at level 1).
- Certification will need to be done prior to award. This is different than current practice where we typically certify that we will be compliant and have a ramp up period.
- Because of physical security requirements, the certification will likely have to be done space by space (project by project)
- This will be a mandatory flow down to subcontractors



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- Group established to begin to assess:
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- Working on initial assessment of the requirements per level
 - What VCU can already meet
 - What we can meet with additional infrastructure
 - What the units will be required to meet (definitely physical security requirements; could be more)
 - University infrastructure likely will be implemented with a charge back model

