

# Partner Information Manager

A single, secure platform simplifies supply-chain risk management and DoD cybersecurity compliance.

For contractors in the defense industrial base (DIB), securing a diverse supply chain is a constant struggle. The complexities and enforcement associated with evolving cybersecurity standards implemented by the Department of Defense (DoD) have intensified with the coexistence of NIST 800-171 and CMMC (Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification). This new regulatory reality represents a challenge with two key pain points. First, contractors must fully understand and carefully manage the supply-chain risk they accept on proposals and awards. Second, they must satisfy DFARS requirements to determine that requisite controls are in place for their suppliers handling controlled unclassified information, or CUI. Exostar offers a solution to ease organizations' risk-management burden while helping them demonstrate compliance with supply-chain cybersecurity requirements.

Partner Information Manager is a user-friendly, secure, cloud-based tool for distributing, collecting, tracking, and scoring supplier responses to standard information and compliance forms, including those for NIST 800-171, NAS 9933, CSQ (Cybersecurity Questionnaire), and Conflict Minerals. The SaaS (software-as-a-service) offering benefits contractors by serving as a single resource that provides visibility and control over the self-attestation process across their supply chains. Suppliers benefit from time savings derived by making forms, completed once, available in one place to many prospective partners that belong to the Exostar community.

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**Partner Information Manager: Dramatically simplify supplier risk management and DoD cybersecurity compliance with access to specific self-attestation content in a many-to-many community within a secure cloud platform.**

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Although CMMC has arrived, NIST 800-171 remains the standard to which organizations must comply for securing CUI across the supply chain, and will remain so as CMMC gradually rolls out over the next five-plus years. Contractors will continue to be accountable for supplier compliance; at the same time, DoD audits will be increasing to validate compliance status throughout the supply chain.

## WHAT IS PARTNER INFORMATION MANAGER?

Partner Information Manager is a workflow and menu-driven platform that provides contractors with a secure, one-stop destination for tracking and collecting risk and compliance information from their suppliers. The solution facilitates and simplifies sharing of supplier data, eliminating the need for suppliers to complete forms multiple times for one or many prime-contractor buyers.

DoD's largest contractors already trust Partner Information Manager to help address DoD flowdown requirements stipulated in DFARS (Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement) 252.204-7012. Prime contractors particularly value their ability to engage suppliers directly. Contractors can invite them to complete self-assessments, then track response status on a single platform.

## WHY CHOOSE PARTNER INFORMATION MANAGER?

Partner Information Manager aids in the secure collection of sub-contractor and supplier data in a step-by-step manner via intuitive and easy-to-use interfaces. The solution leverages Exostar's vast supplier community to speed engagement. It promotes visibility while reducing supplier self-attestation fatigue.

Partner Information Manager's open architecture allows for straightforward integration with primes' internal business information systems.

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**Buyer Report**

**Criteria**

NIST SP 800-171 R1

--Select Status-- | --Select Group-- | --Select DayRange--

**Apply**

**Results :**

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Form Name	Exostar Id	Supplier Name	Sharing Status	Date Assigned	Last Updated	Form Progress(%)	Score 1
NIST SP 800-171 R1	115740940	HansalTest3Suppli...	Shared	03/01/2018	03/05/2018	100	91
NIST SP 800-171 R1	110555065	HansalTest1Suppli...	Shared	03/01/2018	03/05/2018	100	50
NIST SP 800-171 R1	111967669	HansalTest2Suppli...	Shared	03/01/2018	03/05/2018	100	0
NIST SP 800-171 R1	116086764	HansalTestSupplie...	Shared	03/01/2018	03/05/2018	100	33

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Partner Information Manager helps prime contractors affirm suppliers' self-attestation status relative to NIST 800-171 via an intuitive and straightforward interface.

## BENEFITS

- Access is provided to a vast community of industry suppliers, along with extensive risk self-attestation data from suppliers
- Contractors and suppliers share specific common content in a many-to-many community
- Risk, compliance, and security information is collected and maintained, along with workflow status and alerts
- Secure processes are enforced for collecting and sharing aggregated supplier information
- A collect-once-and-share approach reduces compliance-reporting fatigue while speeding information collection
- Access is controlled via multi-factor authentication to keep information secure and available only to appropriate parties
- Suppliers easily answer DOD compliance requirements such as NIST 800-171, CMMC, SPRS report by leveraging companion product, Exostar Certification Assistant, which guides suppliers to understand DOD requirements, assess their security postures and generate SSP, POAM, SPRS report for compliance.

## WHY EXOSTAR?

Exostar's cloud-based platforms create exclusive communities within highly-regulated industries where organizations securely collaborate, share information, and operate compliantly. Within these communities, we build trust. More than 135,000 aerospace and defense organizations and agencies in more than 150 countries trust Exostar to strengthen security, reduce expenditures, raise productivity, and help them achieve their missions. Ten of the top 20 global biopharmaceutical companies rely on Exostar to help them speed new medicines and therapies to market. Exostar is a Gartner Cool Vendor.

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