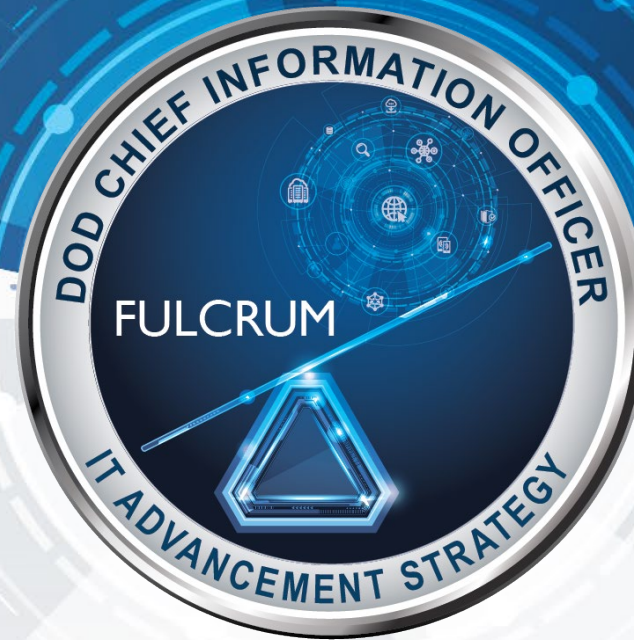


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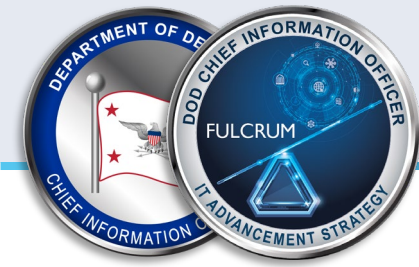


# DoD CIO's Software Fast Track (SWFT) Initiative

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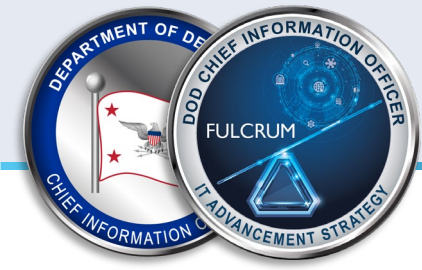
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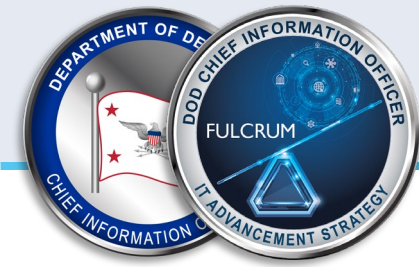
- **Ms. Cynthia Carpenter, Director, DCIO(CS) DIB Operations**
  - Contributes to and synchronizes Industry facing cybersecurity and supply chain risk management standards, policies, and procedures
  - Leads implementation of DIB CS and ICT-SCRM Strategies
- 20+ years experience in the private sector as a software developer and product manager, engineering products to adhere to NIST standards and integrating with DoD's identity management programs
- B.S., Computer Science from University of Delaware
- M.S, Information Systems from George Washington University
- Certified Information Systems Security Professional





# Understanding The Threat

- Threat actors seek to conduct malicious activity within the DIB.
- Adversary attacks on, through, and from information and communication technology (ICT) can happen at all levels of the supply chain.
- DoD and the DIB have a joint responsibility to manage risk at all levels of procurement and throughout the lifecycle of those products, services, systems, and infrastructure.

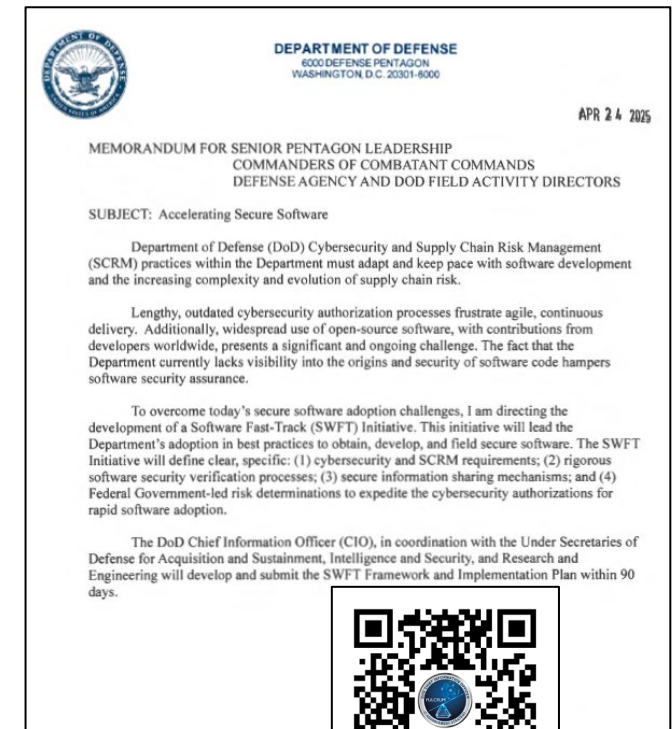


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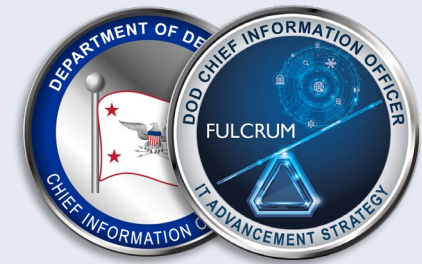
- Published ICT SCRM Assurance Strategy and Implementation Plan in June 2024
- Released Memo on Accelerating Secure Software in April 2025, announcing Software Fast Track (SWFT) Initiative
  - 3 RFIs associated with SWFT
  - 90-Day Deadline for Framework and Implementation Plan



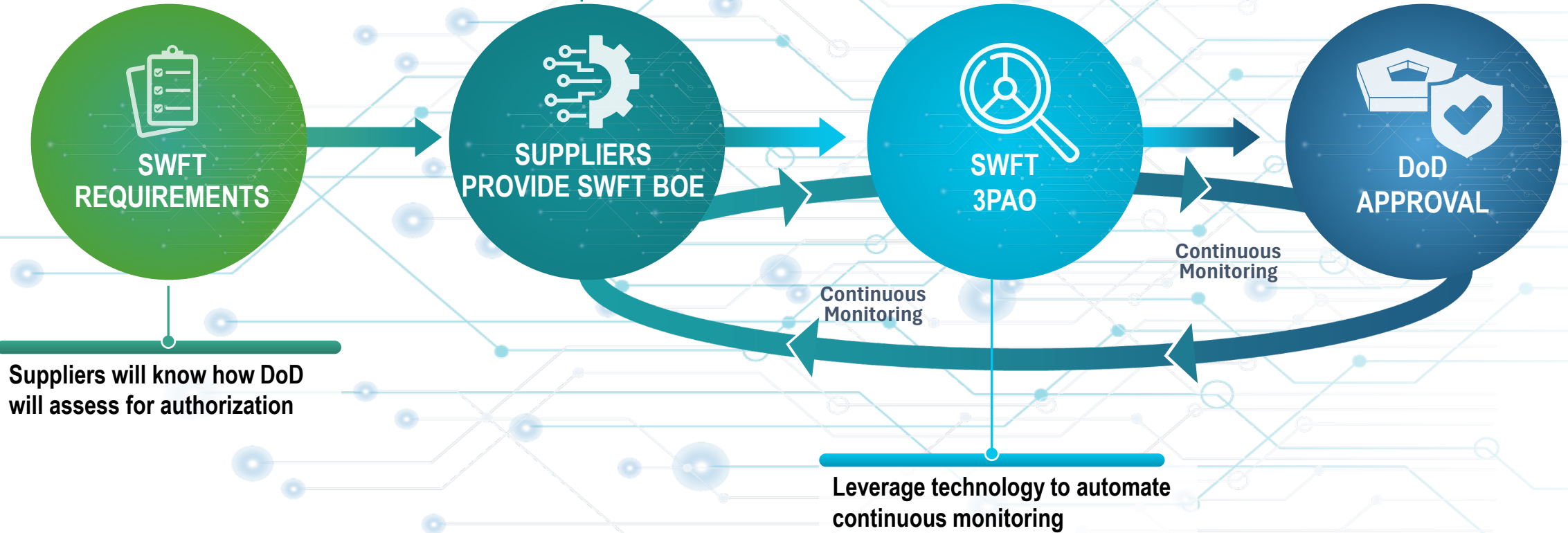
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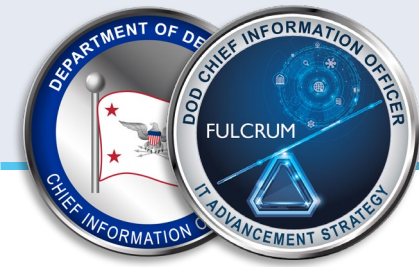


# SWFT Concept



Industry partnership is key





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