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RE: General comment on NIST SP 800-172

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This comment does not fit the comment spreadsheet.

ARA is a government contractor, and will be required to meet Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification (CMMC) standards. Much of what is in 800-172 is also in the CMMC, in particular in levels 4 and 5. For reference, the CMMC standard is here: <https://www.acq.osd.mil/cmmc/draft.html>

I recommend that NIST reference the CMMC and its practices where there is an equivalence. This could be done either for each item in the Requirements chapter as they are presented, or, even better, in the mapping tables in appendix C.

Without an appropriate mapping between CMMC and 800-172, competing but similar standards become a challenge to meet.

Thank you for your work on security topics.
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