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### Navy Identifies Defense Industrial Base Cyber Shortcomings in New Report

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The Navy has released its [Cybersecurity Readiness Review](#), drafted at the Secretary's request, in response to recent losses of classified and unclassified data. The Review calls attention to the contracting community's key role in safeguarding critical government data – and the perceived shortcomings of the current acquisition system in achieving that end. Despite mandatory contract requirements such as DFARS 252.204-7012, the Review notes that the Defense Industrial Base (DIB) has experienced “a flood of breaches” and “continues to hemorrhage critical data.” In response, the Review recommends:

- Holding individuals personally accountable for achieving mandated standards.
- Ensuring the supply chain is “[delivered uncompromised](#)” for mission readiness.
- Creating cybersecurity “go/no-go” criteria for capabilities.
- Expanding information sharing with DIB partners to better identify risks and priorities.
- Working with industry trade groups to assist subcontractors in improving cyber defenses.

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