

## **Cybersecurity Funding Opportunity!**

Cybersecurity Assessments and Implementation Support Available for Indiana Small Businesses

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The Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC), using a program funded by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), is partnering with Purdue MEP to conduct cybersecurity assessments and implementation. Using the U.S. Department of Defense's (DoD) unifying standard for the implementation of cybersecurity across the Defense Industrial Base - Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification (CMMC), the following projects are planned: 25 CMMC L1 assessments and implementation, 20 CMMC L2 assessments, and 10 virtual Chief Information Security Officer (vCISO) 24 hour slots.

This opportunity is perfect for small companies, per SBA size standards, that need support to adopt foundational cyber practices and are unable to participate in the DoD contracting realm without it. However, this program is not limited to defense industrial base companies, it is open to any small business that wants to better protect its information!

Who is eligible?

Small Indiana businesses that meet the SBA standard as a small business.

Why is it necessary?

To better protect the information in small businesses. It is also a requirement for DoD work.

What is provided?

CMMC Level 1 assessments and implementation, CMMC Level 2 assessments, and 24 hours of vCISO support.

What is the cost?

It's free to you! IEDC, using SBA funding, has committed \$650,000 in 2024-2025 to improve the cyber-health of Indiana small businesses.

When is it available?

Now through August 2025 - or until funding runs out.



Are you interested? Email Gene Jones at <u>jonesew@purdue.edu</u>, Purdue MEP's Senior Program Manager for Cybersecurity and Defense, to find out if your company is eligible and to begin the assessment process.