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## **PURPOSE STATEMENT**

This document contains the annual security posture questions for FY14. These questions address areas of risk and are designed to assess the implementation of security capabilities and measure their effectiveness.

## **GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS**

Instructions provided below pertain to the entire document. Individual sections may provide instructions specific to that section.

## **Sources of Questions and Guidance for the United States Government-wide (USG-wide) Federal Information Security Management Act (FISMA) Program**

The questions in this document come from three primary sources and will be marked accordingly. In priority order, the sources are the following:

1. Administration Priorities (AP): These questions are determined by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and the National Security Staff and will be scored for the following Performance Areas:
  - Continuous Monitoring:
    - Automated Asset Management
    - Automated Configuration Management
    - Automated Vulnerability Management
  - HSPD-12
  - Trust Internet Connections (TIC) v2.0 Capabilities
  - TIC Traffic Consolidation
2. Key FISMA Metrics (KFM): These questions are based on FISMA and will be scored for the following Performance Areas:
  - Privileged User Training
  - Device Discovery Management
  - Remote Access Authentication
  - Remote Access Encryption
  - Domain Name System Security Extensions (DNSSEC) Implementation
  - Controlled Incident Detection
3. Baseline Questions (Base): These questions are derived from National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)<sup>1</sup> guidelines and will not be scored. The purpose of baseline questions is to establish current performance, against which future performance may be measured. Some of these questions are also intended to determine whether such future performance measures are needed.

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<sup>1</sup> National Security Systems per FISMA are exempt from NIST standards unless they are included in ICD 503 and referenced in CNSS.

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The Federal cybersecurity defensive posture is constantly evolving because of the relentless and dynamic threat environment, emerging technologies, and new vulnerabilities. Many threats can be mitigated by following established cybersecurity best practices, but attackers often search for organizations with poor cybersecurity practices and target associated vulnerabilities. The objective of the AP and KFM metrics is to improve the security posture of Federal Departments/Agencies (D/As) in this ever-changing environment.

## Reporting Organizations

This document uses the term “organization” to refer to each Federal D/A that is a reporting unit under CyberScope. Often, those organizations must collect and aggregate their response from a number of subordinate organizational “components.” The term “network” refers to a network employed by the organization or one of its divisions to provide services and/or conduct other business. These generic terms are used throughout the document with the understanding that each D/A might use other terms to refer to itself, its networks, and its components.

## Reporting Responsibilities

Organization heads are responsible for and have full authority to require reporting by lower level organizations that form their enterprise. Lower levels of the organization must report their FISMA metric results to their organization head, who will consolidate the results into one report. For the FY2014 FISMA metrics, a question will be added to CyberScope for organizations to declare which areas of the organization may have failed to report. This will allow the analysis to account for the percentage of the organization represented by the responses (percentage of organization less than 100).

## Terminology and Definitions

This document uses terms such as “adequate,” “timely,” “complete,” and “appropriate.” Each organization should interpret these terms in the context of its own determined security and risk acceptance.

Each section includes definitions with interpretations and examples that are specific to the section. Generic definitions of terms are not repeated in each section. Refer to NIST publications for generic definitions.

## Expected Levels of Performance<sup>2</sup>

**Administration Priorities:** The expected levels of performance for AP FISMA metrics are based on review and input from multiple cybersecurity experts as well as threat information from public, private, and intelligence sources, and they are built to select the highest impact areas for USG-wide application. OMB has set minimum and target levels for the AP metrics for FY2014. See Table 1.

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<sup>2</sup> The milestones established in this document are not intended to supersede deadlines set by Presidential Directives, OMB policy, or NIST standards. As requested, DHS will work with organizations to establish milestones as part of their Plan of Action and Milestones (POA&M).

Administration Priority Area	Section	Performance Metric	Target Level for 2014
Continuous <sup>3</sup> Monitoring – Assets	2.2	% of assets in <a href="#">2.1</a> , where an automated capability (device discovery process) provides visibility at the organization’s enterprise level into asset inventory information for all hardware assets.	95%
Continuous Monitoring – Configurations	3.1.3	% of the <a href="#">applicable hardware assets</a> (per question <a href="#">2.1</a> ), of each kind of operating system software in <a href="#">3.1</a> , has an <a href="#">automated capability</a> to identify deviations from the approved configuration baselines identified in 3.1.1 and provide <a href="#">visibility at the organization’s enterprise level</a> .	
Continuous Monitoring – Vulnerabilities	4.1	% of hardware assets identified in section <a href="#">2.1</a> that are evaluated using an <a href="#">automated capability</a> that identifies <a href="#">NIST National Vulnerability Database</a> vulnerabilities (CVEs) present with <a href="#">visibility at the organization’s enterprise level</a> .	
Identity Management HSPD-12	5.2.5, 5.4.5	% of ALL people required to use Personal Identity Verification (PIV) Card to authenticate.	75%
Boundary Protection CNCI <sup>4</sup> #1	7.2	% of external network traffic passing through a <a href="#">Trusted Internet Connection</a> (TIC <sup>5</sup> ).	95%
Boundary Protection CNCI #1 & #2	7.1	% of required <a href="#">TIC</a> capabilities implemented by TIC(s) used by the organization.	100%

Table 1 – Administration Priorities Metrics

**Key FISMA Metrics:** The expected level of performance for these metrics is defined as “adequate security,” which means security commensurate with the risk and magnitude of the harm resulting from the loss, misuse, or unauthorized access to or modification of information. This includes assuring that systems and applications used by the organization operate

<sup>3</sup> Continuous does not mean instantaneous. According to NIST SP 800-137, the term “continuous” means “that security controls and organizational risks are assessed and analyzed at a frequency sufficient to support risk-based security decisions to adequately protect organization information.”

<sup>4</sup> Comprehensive National Cybersecurity Initiative (CNCI)

<sup>5</sup> Not applicable to Department of Defense (DOD).

effectively and provide appropriate confidentiality, integrity, and availability, through the use of cost-effective management, personnel, operational, and technical controls (OMB Circular A-130, Appendix III, definitions).

In compliance with OMB FISMA guidance (M-11-33, FAQ 15), the D/A head is responsible for determining the acceptable level of risk, with input from system owners, program officials, and CIOs.

**Baseline Questions:** These questions establish current performance against which future performance may be measured. There is no expected level of performance for baseline questions. Some baseline questions are also intended to determine whether such future performance measures are needed. Each baseline question is marked as “Base” and will be in the CIO questionnaire. They may be reported to Congress at the discretion of OMB. Offices of the Inspector General (OIG) should not assume that these questions define any specific organizational performance standard for 2014.

All questions have been established so that organizations can demonstrate improved security over time. New questions are introduced at the Base level unless otherwise directed by OMB.

### **Scope of Definitions**

To clarify the questions, hyperlinks within this document point to operational definitions. These definitions are not intended to conflict with definitions in law, OMB policy, or NIST standards and guidelines, but to add clarity to the terms used in this document.

## Reuse of Data

Organizations are encouraged to automate the collection of this information to the extent possible and reuse these reports due to the overlapping of the AP and FISMA requirements with other mandates such as OMB A-130 and Trusted Internet Connection (OMB M-08-05).

## Data Aggregation<sup>6</sup> over Organizations and Networks

Many organizations reporting under these instructions will need to aggregate quantitative responses across many layers of their enterprise and networks. This needs to be done in a consistent and valid manner. Some methods are not applicable to small organizations with no reporting organizations and only one applicable network.

The aggregated number should be the total percentage of the reporting organizations. The following two examples show how to aggregate the numbers for organizations with three reporting components.

### Example 1: An Adequate/Inadequate Metric

In this example, the organization has three components. Reporting organization 1 is large with 100,000 computers (or other assets). Reporting organizations 2 and 3 are much smaller with only 10,000 and 1,000 assets respectively. In this example, neither reporting organization 2 nor 3 come close to meeting the standard, and the organization needs to decide how to address this risk. However, the largest network is 95% adequate. Thus, overall, the organization has 99,900 compliant objects out of a total of 111,000, which (barely) meets the 90% “adequate” standard. The organization would report 90% adequate. See Table 2.

	Size	Adequate	Inadequate
<b>Component 1</b>	100,000	95,000	5,000
<b>Component 2</b>	10,000	4,900	5,100
<b>Component 3</b>	1,000	0	1,000
Total	111,000	99,900	11,100
Standard	99,900		

Table 2 – Metric of Network Adequacy

### Example 2: A Quantitative Metric

This example uses the same reporting organizations from the last example, but the question asks for a particular metric (for example, how fast the organization gets critical patches installed).

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<sup>6</sup> Aggregation of data may disclose a pattern of weaknesses and/or vulnerabilities that could assist attackers. Appropriate discretion, classification, and/or marking as “sensitive but unclassified” should be used to prevent inappropriate disclosure.

In this case, computing the 90% compliance factor may require interpolation.<sup>7</sup> In mathematics, interpolation is defined as a. the process of determining the value of a function between two points at which it has prescribed values; b. a similar process using more than two points at which the function has prescribed values; c. the process of approximating a given function by using its values at a discrete set of points.

Consider the data in the table below. Data will probably be collected in “buckets”—in this case the number of patches installed in less than 20 days, 30 days, etc.

Less than 90% of the assets (80,900) were patched in <20 days. More than 90% of the assets (103,500) were patched in < 30 days, so the actual number is clearly in between 20 and 30 days. In this case the organization can interpolate assuming a linear distribution between the data points.

In this example, (the standard) 99,900 is 84%<sup>8</sup> of the way between the overall number done in < 20 days (80,900) and the overall number done in < 30 days (103,500). So, the organization may report the time as the number that is 84% of the way between 20 and 30 days, which is approximately 28<sup>9</sup> days. See Table 3.

	Size	< 20 days	<30 days <sup>10</sup>	<40 days
<b>Component 1</b>	100,000	75,000	95,000	98,000
<b>Component 2</b>	10,000	5,000	7,500	8,000
<b>Component 3</b>	1,000	900	1,000	1,000
Total	111,000	80,900	103,500	107,000
Standard	99,900			

**Table 3 – Quantitative Metric of Speed of Critical Patch Installation**

**Units of Measure:** Many questions ask the organization for **asset<sup>11</sup> counts**, so each section of this document defines the assets to be counted.<sup>12</sup> However, some questions also ask for measures of **frequency and duration** (measured in time). In these cases, time should be treated as a continuous, numeric scale. The questions ask for the response in days, but you may report 8

<sup>7</sup> If the organization has detailed data on each metric for each instance (in this example, each critical patch on each machine), interpolation would not be necessary.

<sup>8</sup>  $(99,900 - 80,900) / (103,500 - 80,900)$

<sup>9</sup>  $= (84\% * (30 - 20)) + 20$

<sup>10</sup> Those patched in <30 days, include those patched in less than 20 days, etc.

<sup>11</sup> Assets include objects such as information systems, [hardware assets](#) that [connect to the network](#), operating systems, applications, and so on. As illustrated in the links above, we have defined these assets so that they are countable in each applicable section.

<sup>12</sup> These measures will be a snapshot. An assumption is that the organization should try to build a capability to refresh this snapshot with enough coverage, accuracy, and timeliness to make it useful to address the actual rate of attacks. In general, results from a recent snapshot are preferred.

hours (considered 0.34 days), weeks (7 days), months (30 days), quarters (90 days), or years (365 days). No more than three decimal places in the response will be considered.

In some cases, rolling the reporting organization's frequency and duration into a single number might skew the results. If the majority of reporting organizations provide results that are within 1 to 2 days of each other, report the average of the results. If one reporting organization's results are much larger or smaller than the average of the majority, then report both results (outlier and majority average).

In the context of continuous monitoring, "near-real-time" is defined as within 72 hours. For example, discovery of hardware assets should be automated to occur in near-real-time. An estimated three near-real-time discovery scans should account for 95% of discoverable hardware assets.

**NIST SP 800 Revisions:** For legacy information systems, D/As are expected to be in compliance with NIST guidelines within one year of the publication date. D/As must become compliant with any new or updated materials in revised NIST guidelines within one year of the revision. For information systems under development or for legacy systems undergoing significant changes, D/As are expected to be in compliance with the NIST publications immediately upon deployment of the information system. Each D/A should consider its ability to meet this requirement when developing the POA&M.

**Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) Versions:** References in this document to FIPS Standards refer to the latest (non-draft) published version.

# 1. SYSTEM INVENTORY

## Purpose and Use

- System inventory is a basic tool to identify systems (and their boundaries).

A key goal of this process is to ensure that systems are acquired/engineered, operated, and maintained to provide minimal acceptable security.

1.1. For each [FIPS 199](#) impact level (H = High, M = Moderate, L = Low), what is the total number of information systems by organization (i.e., Bureau or Sub-Department Operating Element) categorized at that level?<sup>13</sup> Answer in Table 4. (Organizations with fewer than 5,000 users may report as one unit.)

FIPS 199 Category	1.1.1. Organization-Operated Systems (Base)			1.1.2. Contractor-Operated Systems (Base)			1.1.3. Systems (from 1.1.1 and 1.1.2) with Security ATO (signed, in-scope) (KFM)		
	H	M	L	H	M	L	H	M	L
Reporting Organization 1									
Reporting Organization 2									
[Add rows as needed for organization]									

Table 4 – Responses to Questions 1.1.1–1.1.3

<sup>13</sup> Departments and agencies who report systems are expected to follow the Risk Management Framework (RMF), to include guidance on security plans and risk assessments, as outlined in NIST SP 800-37 and NIST SP 800-137.

## 2. ASSET MANAGEMENT

### Purpose and Use

- The Joint Continuous Monitoring Working Group (JCMWG) has recommended that asset management is one of the first areas where continuous monitoring needs to be developed. Organizations must first know about devices and software (both authorized/managed and unauthorized/unmanaged) before they can manage the devices/software for configuration and vulnerabilities.
- A key goal of hardware asset management is to identify and address<sup>14</sup> unmanaged hardware assets/components before they are exploited and used to attack other assets. An underlying assumption is that if assets are unmanaged, then they are probably vulnerable and will be exploited if not removed or “authorized”<sup>15</sup> in near-real-time (less than 72 hours).
- Another goal is to define the universe of assets to which other controls need to be applied. These other controls include software asset management, boundary protection (network and physical), vulnerability management, and configuration management. These other areas of monitoring assess how well the hardware assets are managed.

- 2.1. What is the total number of the organization’s hardware assets [connected to the organization’s unclassified<sup>16</sup> network\(s\)](#)?<sup>17</sup> (Base)
- 2.2. What percentage of assets in [2.1](#) are covered by an automated capability (scans/device discovery processes) to provide [enterprise-level visibility](#) into asset inventory information for all hardware assets? (AP)
  - 2.2.1. What is the minimum frequency for device discovery scanning conducted on all assets? (KFM)
- 2.3. For how many assets in [2.1](#) does the organization have an automated capability to determine both whether the asset is authorized and to whom management has been assigned?<sup>18</sup> (KFM)

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<sup>14</sup> Remove or approve/authorize.

<sup>15</sup> “Authorize” here means to assign management ownership, approve for use, and associate with a previously authorized information system.

<sup>16</sup> “Unclassified” means low-impact (non-SBU) and SBU networks. Some organizations incorrectly use “unclassified” to mean not classified and not SBU.

<sup>17</sup> Unless specified otherwise in a footnote, add numbers across networks and organizational components to get the reportable result.

<sup>18</sup> The organization is expected to be able to define management of each at a low enough level of detail to be able to effectively assign responsibility and measure performance to ensure minimal acceptable security and management.

- 2.4. Can the organization track the installed operating system's vendor, product, and version in use on the assets in [2.1](#)? (Base)
- 2.5. For what percentage of applicable assets in [2.1](#) has the organization implemented [an automated capability to detect and block unauthorized software from executing](#) or for what percentage does no such software exist for the device type?<sup>19</sup> (KFM)

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<sup>19</sup> This may include software whitelisting tools that identify executable software by a digital fingerprint and selectively block these. It might also include sandboxing of mobile code to determine before execution whether to allow it to run, where static files do not allow whitelisting. In general, any method included should be able to block zero-day and APT threats.

## Definitions for FY2014 Asset Management Section

### **Authorized asset**

An asset is authorized when it is approved for use, assigned to a person or group to manage, and associated with a previously authorized information system.

The rationale for this definition is that unauthorized devices are not managed to ensure compliance and may not have been reviewed or approved for use. Therefore they are likely vulnerable and should be removed from the network or identified for review, approval, and addition to managed inventory. (How well authorized devices are managed is reported in other metrics.) Authorizing implies approval at appropriate management levels.

### **Automated capability to detect and block unauthorized hardware from connecting**

This should be interpreted to include network access control systems or other comparable technical solutions. This should NOT be interpreted to mean walking around and physically looking for unauthorized devices and manually removing them. Although this may sometimes be useful, it is not an automated capability.

### **Automated capability to detect and block unauthorized software from executing**

This should be interpreted to include

- anti-virus software (that blocks software based on signatures)
- other black-listing software that is of comparable breadth
- white-listing software that only allows executable software with specific digital fingerprints (or comparable verification method) to execute

In other words, the software may be considered unauthorized if it is on a blacklist or not on a whitelist.

This question refers to capability at the device level, not at the network level. If D/As wish to describe capabilities to filter and block malicious code at the network boundary level, they may do so in the applicable comments section.

### **Automated capability to detect hardware assets**

Automated detection of hardware assets is also known as “automated device discovery processes.” This is defined as any report of actual assets that can be generated by a computer and includes

- active scanners (might include a dedicated discovery scan or a vulnerability scan of an IP range)
- passive listeners
- agent-generated data
- switches and routers reporting connected devices
- running a script to retrieve data
- any other reliable and valid method
- some combination of the above

The comments should specify whether the automated device discovery process

- is limited to a supposed address (e.g., IP) range in which all devices must operate, or
- finds all addressable devices, independent of address range

If the discovery process is limited to an IP range, the comment should note whether networking devices on the network (routers, switches, firewalls) will route traffic to/from a device outside the designated range (foreign devices) at the level of LAN, MAN, WAN, and so on. Preferably traffic would not be routed to/from such foreign devices.

### **Connected to the organization's unclassified network(s)<sup>20</sup>**

This includes mechanical (wired), non-mechanical (wireless), and any other form of connection that allows the electronic flow of information. Exclude the following:

- stand-alone devices (not addressable)<sup>21</sup>
- test and/or development networks not connected to the internet and that contain no sensitive information (no information above the low-impact level)
- networks hosting public, non-sensitive websites (no information above the low-impact level) unless access to internal networks can be accomplished by attacking the public website
- classified networks
- Refer to NIST 800-65, Integrating IT Security into the Capital Planning and Investment Control Process, January 2005, for more information.

### **Full network(s)**

The full network refers to the collection of all assets on the unclassified network(s) of the reporting organization, for network(s) that meet the criteria defined in "[connected to the network](#)." Large organizations with many networks may summarize the response as defined in the footnotes to each question.

### **Hardware assets/components**

Organizations have tended to divide these assets into the following categories for internal reporting. (Note: Those that do not meet the criteria defined below should be excluded.) The detailed lists under each broad category are illustrative and not exhaustive. Note that the last category, "other addressable devices on the network," addresses the criterion for including other kinds of specialized devices not explicitly called out.

- non-portable computers<sup>22</sup>
  - servers

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<sup>20</sup> There is no limit on the connection (low frequency or low duration). Even short and/or infrequent connections should be counted. Regardless of how much or little these connected devices are intended to process, store, and transmit information, once connected they can be abused for misuse of the network.

<sup>21</sup> This should not be interpreted to exclude devices that are intermittently connected, which should be included.

<sup>22</sup> A multi-purpose device needs to be counted only once. A device with multiple IP connections needs to be counted only once, not once per connection. This is an inventory of hardware assets, not data.

- workstations (desktops)
- portable computers
  - [laptops](#)
  - [net-books](#)
  - [tablets](#) (iPad, Kindle, other Android)
- mobile devices
  - [smartphones](#) (iPhone, Android)
  - cell phones
  - [BlackBerry](#)
- networking devices<sup>23</sup>
  - routers
  - switches
  - gateways, bridges, wireless access points (WAPs)
  - firewalls
  - intrusion detection/prevention systems
  - network address translators (NAT devices)
  - hybrids of these types (e.g., NAT router)
  - load balancers
  - modems
- other communication devices
  - encryptors
  - decryptors
  - VPN endpoints<sup>24</sup>
  - medical devices that are part of a patient monitoring network
  - alarms and physical access control devices
  - [PKI](#) infrastructure<sup>25</sup>
- Other input/output devices if they appear with their own address
  - network printers/plotters/copiers/multi-function devices (MFDs)
  - network fax portals
  - network scanners
  - network accessible storage devices
  - VOIP phones
  - others network I/O devices
- Virtual machines that can be addressed<sup>26</sup> as if they are a separate physical machine should be counted as separate assets,<sup>27</sup> including dynamic and on-demand virtual environments.

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<sup>23</sup> This list is not meant to be exhaustive, as there are many types of networking devices. If they are connected, they are to be included.

<sup>24</sup> “VPN endpoints” generally means the encryptors/decryptors at each end of the VPN tunnel.

<sup>25</sup> PKI assets should be included in the network(s) on which they reside. Special methods may be needed to adequately check them for vulnerabilities, compliance, etc. as described in subsequent sections. If this is not done, PKI assets should be included among the assets not covered.

- other devices addressable on the network
- USB devices connected to any device addressable on the network

Both Government Furnished Equipment (GFE) assets and non-GFE assets are included if they meet the other criteria for inclusion listed here.<sup>28</sup> Mobile devices that receive Federal email are considered to be connected. Note: If a non-GFE asset is allowed to connect, it is especially important that it be inventoried, authorized, and correctly configured prior to connection.<sup>29</sup>

Only [devices connected to the network\(s\) of the organization](#) should be reported, and only if they are addressable<sup>30</sup> for network traffic (except USB-connected devices, which are included). We limit this definition to addressable devices because, from a network point of view, only addressable devices are attackable. For example, a monitor (not addressable, thus not included) can be attacked only through the addressable computer it is connected to. Connected USB devices are included because they are a source of attacks.

### **Visibility at the organization’s enterprise level**

The information about hardware assets can be viewed at one of two levels:

- the whole reporting organization
- the lower levels of the organization, as long as they are operated as semi-independent units and are large enough to provide reasonable economies of scale while remaining manageable. (Organizations should consult with DHS/FNR on the appropriateness of the definition of lower levels of the organization, if in doubt.)

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<sup>26</sup> “Addressable” means by IP address or any other method to communicate to the network.

<sup>27</sup> Note that VM “devices” generally reside on hardware server(s). Assuming that both the hardware server and the VM server are addressable on the network, both kinds of devices are counted in the inventory, because each needs to be managed and each is open to attack. (Things like multiple CPUs, on the other hand, do not create separate assets, generally, because the CPUs are not addressable and are subject to attack only as part of the larger asset). If you have issues about how to apply this for specific cloud providers, please contact FedRAMP for further guidance: <http://www.gsa.gov/portal/category/102371>.

<sup>28</sup> If a non-GFE asset connects in a limited way such that it can only send and receive presentation-layer data from a virtual machine on the network, and this data has appropriate encryption (such as a Citrix connection), it does not have to be counted.

<sup>29</sup> If a non-GFE connects in a limited way such that it can only send and receive presentation-layer data from a virtual machine on the network, and this data has appropriate encryption (such as a Citrix connection), it does not have to be counted.

<sup>30</sup> “Addressable” means that communications can be routed to this asset, typically because it has an assigned IP address. Devices connecting via mechanisms like Citrix where only limited traffic can be allowed to pass do not need to be counted if justified by an adequate risk assessment, approved by the AO.

### 3. CONFIGURATION MANAGEMENT

#### Purpose and Use:

- A key goal of improved configuration management is to make assets harder to exploit.
- A key assumption is that configuration management covers the universe of assets to which other controls need to be applied (controls that are defined under asset management).
- The configuration management capability needs to
  - be complete—cover enough of the software base to significantly increase the effort required for a successful attack
  - operate in near-real-time (less than 72 hours)—able to find and fix configuration deviations faster than they can be exploited
  - be accurate—have a low enough rate of false positives to avoid unnecessary effort and have a low enough rate of false negatives to avoid unknown weaknesses

3.1. For each operating system, vendor, product, and version referenced in [2.4](#), report the following:

Vendor/Operating System/Version	3.1.1. Has a minimal acceptable security configuration baseline been defined? <sup>31</sup> (KFM)	3.1.2. How many hardware assets (which are covered by this baseline, if it exists) have this software? (KFM)	3.1.3. What is the percentage of the <a href="#">applicable hardware assets</a> (per question <a href="#">2.1</a> ) of each kind of operating system software in 3.1 covered by an <a href="#">automated capability</a> to identify deviations from the approved configuration baselines identified in 3.1.1 and to provide <a href="#">visibility at the organization’s enterprise level?</a> (AP)

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<sup>31</sup> “Defined” may include a narrative definition of the desired configuration. In the future, we will expect these standards to be defined directly as (a) data or (b) a test (preferably automated) of the configuration. Consider an [organization approved deviation](#) as *part* of the organization standard security configuration baseline.

## Definitions for FY2014 Configuration Management Section

### Applicable hardware assets

Those hardware assets counted in section [2.1](#) on which the software in question is installed and configured.

### Automated capability to identify configuration deviations from the approved baselines

Any report of assets that can be generated by a computer. This includes

- active configuration scanners
- agents on devices that report configuration
- reports from software that can self-report its configuration
- running a script to retrieve data
- any other reliable and valid method
- some combination of the above

### Organization approved deviation<sup>32</sup>

This shall be interpreted to include deviations approved for

- specific devices or classes of devices
- specific classes of users
- specific combinations of operating system and/or applications
- other purposes to meet business needs

Such deviations should generally be supported by a risk-based analysis,<sup>33</sup> which justifies any increased risk of the deviation based on business needs. The deviation must be approved in accordance with organizational policies and procedures.

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<sup>32</sup> Organizations that adopt generic standard configurations without deviation should be perfectly free to do so, as long as those configurations were developed by a source that adequately addressed security (NSA, NIST, DISA, CIS, etc.).

<sup>33</sup> This should not be interpreted as a requirement for overly extensive documentation of these risk-based analyses, but rather for just enough to allow the system owner and AO to make an informed decision.

## 4. VULNERABILITY AND WEAKNESS MANAGEMENT

### Purpose and Use

- Unpatched vulnerabilities are a major attack vector.
- A key goal of vulnerability management is to make assets harder to exploit through mitigation or remediation of vulnerabilities identified in NIST's National Vulnerability Database.
- A key assumption is that vulnerability management covers the universe of applicable assets (defined under asset management). The [SCAP](#) standard can support this process.
- The vulnerability management capability needs to be
  - complete—covering enough of the software base to significantly increase the effort required for a successful attack
  - timely—able to find and fix vulnerabilities faster than they can be exploited
  - accurate—has a low enough rate of false positives to avoid unnecessary effort and a low enough rate of false negatives to avoid unknown weaknesses

4.1. What percentage of hardware assets identified in section [2.1](#) are evaluated using an [automated capability](#) that identifies [NIST National Vulnerability Database](#) vulnerabilities (CVEs) present with [visibility at the organization's enterprise level](#)? (AP)<sup>34</sup>

### Definitions for FY2014 Vulnerability and Weakness Management Section

#### Automated capability to identify vulnerabilities

Any report of actual assets that can be generated by a computer. This includes

- active vulnerability scanners
- agents on devices that report vulnerabilities
- reports from software that can self-report its version and patch level, which is then used to identify vulnerabilities from NVD that are applicable to that version and patch level
- any other reliable and valid method
- some combination of the above

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<sup>34</sup> Once all organizations are reporting monthly to CyberScope, this question may become redundant.

## 5. IDENTITY AND ACCESS MANAGEMENT

### Purpose and Use

- HSPD-12/PIV is an Administration Priority. See [OMB M-14-04](#) for frequently asked questions regarding HSPD-12 reporting.
- Strong information system authentication requires multiple factors to securely authenticate a user. Secure authentication requires something the user has, something the user is, and something the user knows. A single-factor authentication mechanism, such as a username and password, is insufficient to block even basic attackers.
- The USG will first move to a two-factor authentication using PIV cards, though a stronger authentication solution would include all three factors.
- Enhanced identity management solutions also support the adoption of additional non-security benefits, such as Single Sign On, more useable systems, and enhanced identity capabilities for legal and non-repudiation needs.
- A key goal of identity and access management is to make sure that access rights are given only to the intended individuals and/or processes.<sup>35</sup>
- The Identity and Access Management capability needs to be
  - complete—covering all accounts
  - timely—able to find and remove stale or compromised accounts faster than they can be exploited
  - accurate—has a low enough rate of false positives to avoid unnecessary effort and a low enough rate of false negatives to avoid unknown weaknesses
- Adequate control of remote connections is a critical part of boundary protection.
- Attackers exploit boundary systems on internet-accessible DMZ networks (and on internal network boundaries) and then pivot to gain deeper access on internal networks.
- Remote connections allow users to access the network without gaining physical access to its organization's facility and the computers hosted there. However, connections over the internet provide opportunities for compromise of information in transit. Because these connections are beyond physical security controls, they need compensating controls to ensure that only properly identified and authenticated users gain access, and that the connections prevent hijacking by others.

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<sup>35</sup> This is done by establishing a process to assign attributes to a digital identity and by connecting an individual to that identity; but this would be pointless if it were not subsequently used to control access.

5.1. How many people have unprivileged network<sup>36</sup> accounts? (Exclude privileged network accounts and non-user accounts.) (Base)

5.2. What percentage of people with an *unprivileged* network account can log onto the network in each of the following ways? See Table 5.

Metric	Percentage <sup>37</sup>	Comments
5.2.1. Allowed to log on with user ID and password. (Base)		<p>Measures the percentage of people who are allowed to use user ID and password as their normal mode of authentication.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Percentage should measure people because a person may have multiple accounts.</li> <li>• For a person with more than one unprivileged network account, the person should be counted in the percentage if the person is permitted to use user ID and password to log onto any account.</li> </ul>
5.2.2. <a href="#">Allowed</a> , but not required, to log on with a non-PIV form of two-factor authentication. (Base)		<p>Measures the percentage of people whose accounts have been enabled to allow logon using a non-PIV form of two-factor authentication.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Percentage may include an account that allows both non-PIV, two-factor authentication and an alternative authentication mechanism (such as user ID and password).</li> <li>• Percentage should measure people because a person may have multiple accounts.</li> <li>• For a person with more than one unprivileged network account, the person should be counted in the percentage if the person is permitted to use a non-PIV form of two-factor authentication to log onto any account.</li> </ul>

<sup>36</sup> An unprivileged network account is an account without elevated privileges.

<sup>37</sup> Each row should be assessed independently; the percentages are not expected to sum to 100%.

Metric	Percentage <sup>37</sup>	Comments
5.2.3. Allowed, but not required, to log on with a two-factor <a href="#">PIV</a> card. (Base)		<p>Measures the percentage of people whose accounts have been enabled to allow logon using a two-factor PIV card.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Percentage may include an account that allows both PIV and an alternative authentication mechanism (such as user ID and password).</li> <li>• Percentage should measure people because a person may have multiple accounts.</li> <li>• For a person with more than one unprivileged network account, the person should be counted in the percentage if the person is permitted to use a two-factor PIV card to log onto any account.</li> </ul>
5.2.4. <a href="#">Required</a> to log on with a non-PIV form of two-factor authentication. (Base)		<p>Measures the percentage of people who are required to log on using a non-PIV form of two-factor authentication as the normal mode of authentication.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Percentage should measure people because a person may have multiple accounts.</li> <li>• For a person with more than one unprivileged network account, the person should be counted in the percentage only if the person is required to use two-factor authentication for all accounts.<sup>38</sup></li> </ul>

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<sup>38</sup> Organizations are expected to transition all network access to two-factor PIV card authentication; therefore, this metric should not be construed as requiring implementation of alternative non-PIV forms of two-factor authentication. During the transition to two-factor PIV card authentication, this metric is expected to include people who are required to use PIV card authentication on some accounts and non-PIV two-factor authentication on other accounts who have not yet been transitioned or cannot be transitioned to PIV card authentication due to the technical limitations of the implementation.

Metric	Percentage <sup>37</sup>	Comments
5.2.5. Required to log on with a two-factor PIV card. (AP) <sup>39</sup>		<p>Measures the percentage of people who are required to log on using a two-factor PIV card as the normal mode of authentication. Question 5.2.5 is inclusive of anyone counted in 5.2.6.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Percentage should include people currently using temporary credentials if the person’s normal mode of authentication is PIV-enforced.</li> <li>• Percentage should measure people because a person may have multiple accounts.</li> <li>• For a person with more than one unprivileged network account, the person should be counted in the percentage only if the person is required to use a two-factor PIV card to authenticate to all accounts.</li> </ul>
5.2.6. Required to conduct PIV authentication at the user-account level. (KFM) <sup>40</sup>		<p>Measures the percentage of people for whom only the PIV card can be used to log onto the person’s account.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Percentage should measure people because a person may have multiple accounts.</li> <li>• For a person with more than one unprivileged network account, the person should be counted in the percentage only if two-factor PIV card authentication is enforced at the user-account level for all accounts.</li> </ul>

Table 5 – Responses to Questions 5.2.1–5.2.6

<sup>39</sup> When reporting how many PIV credentials are being used for logical access to systems, agencies should include the following implementations: Remote or networked logical access system implementations are PIV -enabled when the Public Key Infrastructure (PKI) certificate presented at authentication is validated (Le., found to be legitimately issued, unexpired, and unrevoked) under Federal Common Policy as a PIV Authentication Certificate and the corresponding "PIV Authentication Key" on the card correctly responds to the cryptographic challenge in the authentication protocol to gain access. Certificate validation may be performed by an intermediary service such as a Server-based Certificate Validation Protocol (SCVP) server. Revocation checking may be accomplished by 'caching' revocation information from the credential issuer provided the cache is refreshed at least once every 18 hours. Local workstation logical access system implementations are PIV -enabled when the BIO, BIO-A, CHUID, or PIV Authentication credentials and authentication protocols are in conformance with authentication mechanisms defined in FIPS 201 and NIST SP 800-73, digital signatures on data objects used are verified, and certificates used are validated. System implementations protected by an Identity and Access Management solution that adheres to the principles above are also considered PIV -enabled. For additional information, refer to [FIPS 201](#), [NIST SP 800-73](#), and [Federal PKI Policy and FICAM Roadmap and Implementation Guidance](#).

<sup>40</sup> This metric is operating-system specific and is intended to assess a specific implementation method. It may not apply to all operating system platforms.

5.3. How many people have privileged network accounts? (Exclude unprivileged network accounts and non-user accounts.) (Base)

5.4. What percentage of people with a *privileged* network account can log onto the network in each of the following ways? See Table 6.

Metric	Percentage <sup>41</sup>	Comments
5.4.1. Allowed to log on with user ID and password. (Base)		<p>Measures the percentage of people who are allowed to use user ID and password as their normal mode of authentication.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Percentage should measure people because a person may have multiple accounts.</li> <li>• For a person with more than one privileged network account, the person should be counted in the percentage if the person is permitted to use user ID and password to log onto any account.</li> </ul>
5.4.2. Allowed, but not required, to log on with a non-PIV form of two-factor authentication. (Base)		<p>Measures the percentage of people whose accounts have been enabled to allow logon using a non-PIV form of two-factor authentication.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Percentage may include an account that allows both non-PIV two-factor authentication and an alternative authentication mechanism (such as user ID and password).</li> <li>• Percentage should measure people because a person may have multiple accounts.</li> <li>• For a person with more than one privileged network account, the person should be counted in the percentage if the person is permitted to use a non-PIV form of two-factor authentication to log onto any account.</li> </ul>

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<sup>41</sup> Each row should be assessed independently; the percentages are not expected to sum to 100%.

Metric	Percentage <sup>41</sup>	Comments
5.4.3. Allowed, but not required, to log on with a two-factor PIV card. (Base)		<p>Measures the percentage of people whose accounts have been enabled to allow logon using a two-factor PIV card.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Percentage may include an account that allows both PIV and an alternative authentication mechanism (such as user ID and password).</li> <li>• Percentage should measure people because a person may have multiple accounts.</li> <li>• For a person with more than one privileged network account, the person should be counted in the percentage if the person is permitted to use a two-factor PIV card to log onto any account.</li> </ul>
5.4.4. Required to log on with a non-PIV form of two-factor authentication. (Base)		<p>Measures the percentage of people who are required to log on using a non-PIV form of two-factor authentication as the normal mode of authentication.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Percentage should measure people because a person may have multiple accounts.</li> <li>• For a person with more than one privileged network account, the person should be counted in the percentage only if the person is required to use two-factor authentication for all accounts.<sup>42</sup></li> </ul>

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<sup>42</sup> Organizations are expected to transition all network access to two-factor PIV card authentication; therefore, this metric should not be construed as requiring implementation of alternative non-PIV forms of two-factor authentication. During the transition to two-factor PIV card authentication, this metric is expected to include people who are required to use PIV card authentication on some accounts and non-PIV two-factor authentication on other accounts who have not yet been transitioned or cannot be transitioned to PIV card authentication due to the technical limitations of the implementation.

Metric	Percentage <sup>41</sup>	Comments
5.4.5. Required to log on with a two-factor PIV card. (AP)		<p>Measures the percentage of people who are required to log on using a two-factor PIV card as the normal mode of authentication. Question 5.4.5 is inclusive of anyone counted in 5.4.6.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Percentage should include people currently using temporary credentials if the person’s normal mode of authentication is PIV-enforced.</li> <li>• Percentage should measure people because a person may have multiple accounts.</li> <li>• For a person with more than one privileged network account, the person should be counted in the percentage only if the person is required to use a two-factor PIV card to authenticate to all accounts.</li> </ul>
5.4.6. Required to conduct PIV authentication at the user-account level. (KFM) <sup>43</sup>		<p>Measures the percentage of people for whom only the PIV card can be used to log onto the person’s account.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Percentage should measure people because a person may have multiple accounts.</li> <li>• For a person with more than one privileged network account, the person should be counted in the percentage only if two-factor PIV card authentication is enforced at the user-account level for all accounts.</li> </ul>

Table 6 – Responses to Questions 5.4.1–5.4.6

5.5. What is the estimated number of organization internal systems?<sup>44</sup> (Base)

5.6. What percentage of the organizations internal systems are configured for authentication in each of the following ways? See Table 7.

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<sup>43</sup> This metric is operating-system specific and is intended for a specific implementation. It may not be applicable to all operating system platforms. Organizations are not required or expected to adopt the authentication method described in the metric, organizations that record 0% in this column will not be penalized.

<sup>44</sup> Internal systems include those that are accessed by internal organization users, defined for the purpose of this question as Federal employees, contractors, and affiliates, covered under the scope of HSPD-12.

Metric	Percentage	Comments
5.6.1. Allows user ID and password. (Base)		Measures the percentage of the organization's systems that are configured to allow users to use user ID and password for authentication. If a system allows any user(s) to use user ID and password as the normal mode of access, it should be included in the metric.
5.6.2. Allows, but does not enforce, non-PIV, two-factor authentication for users. (Base)		Measures the percentage of the organization's systems that are configured to allow users to use a non-PIV form of two-factor authentication. A system should be counted in the metric if it allows any user to use a non-PIV form of two-factor authentication as the normal mode of access.
5.6.3. Allows, but does not enforce, two-factor PIV card authentication for users. (Base)		Measures the percentage of the organization's systems that are configured to allow users to use a two-factor PIV card for authentication. A system should be counted in the metric if it allows any user to use a two-factor PIV card as the normal mode of access.
5.6.4. Enforces non-PIV, two-factor authentication for all users. (Base)		Measures the percentage of the organization's systems that are configured to require use of a non-PIV form of two-factor authentication.
5.6.5. Enforces two-factor PIV card for all users. (Base)		Measures the percentage of the organization's systems that are configured to require use of a two-factor PIV card for authentication. A system should be counted only if it is configured to enforce two-factor PIV card authentication for all users.

Table 7 – Responses to Questions 5.6.1–5.6.5

5.7. Does the organization have a policy in place that requires the review of privileged network users' privileges? (If the answer is no, then skip questions 5.7.1 through 5.7.2.)

5.7.1. What percentage of [privileged network users](#)<sup>45</sup> had their privileges reviewed this year for the following?

5.7.1.1. Privileges on that account reconciled with work requirements. (Base)

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<sup>45</sup> If the organization conducts its review by network accounts with elevated privileges, rather than by [privileged network users](#), then count the [privileged network users](#) as reviewed if any of their network accounts with elevated privileges were reviewed.

5.7.1.2. Adequate separation of duties considering aggregated privileges on all accounts for the same person (user). (Base)

5.7.2. What percentage of [privileged network users](#) had their privileges adjusted or terminated after being reviewed this year? (Base)

5.8 What is the percentage of an agency's operational PACS that comply with procurement requirements for purchasing products and services from the FIPS 201 Approval Products List maintained by GSA (per OMB M-06-18)? (Base)

5.9 What is the percentage of an agency's operational PACS that electronically accept and authenticate internal users' PIV credentials for routine access in accordance with NIST standards and guidelines (e.g. FIPS 201 and SP 800-116)? (Base)

This section applies to remote access solutions that protect access to the organization's desktop LAN/WAN resources and services. Remote access excludes externally facing applications (e.g., OWA). For application access, please see question 5.6.

5.10. How many people log onto the organization's remote access solution(s) to obtain access to the organization's desktop LAN/WAN resources or services? (Base)

5.11. Of the people reported in 5.10, how many can remotely log onto the organization's desktop LAN/WAN resources or services in each of the following ways? See Table 8.

Metric	Percentage <sup>46</sup>	Comments
5.11.1. Allowed to log on with user ID and password. (Base)		Measures the percentage of people who are allowed to use user ID and password as their normal mode of authentication for remote access. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Percentage should measure people because a person may have multiple accounts.</li><li>• People with more than one account should be counted in the percentage if they are permitted to use user ID and password to log onto any account.</li></ul>

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<sup>46</sup> Each row should be assessed independently; the percentages are not expected to sum to 100%.

Metric	Percentage <sup>46</sup>	Comments
5.11.2. Allowed, but not required, to log on with a non-PIV form of two-factor authentication. (Base)		<p>Measures the percentage of people who are allowed to log on using a non-PIV form of two-factor authentication for remote access.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Percentage may include an account that allows both non-PIV two-factor authentication and an alternative authentication mechanism (such as user ID and password).</li> <li>• Percentage should measure people because a person may have multiple accounts.</li> <li>• People with more than one account should be counted in the percentage if they are permitted to use a non-PIV form of two-factor authentication to log onto any account.</li> </ul>
5.11.3. Allowed, but not required, to log on with a two-factor PIV card. (Base)		<p>Measures the percentage of people who are allowed to log on using a two-factor PIV card for remote access.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Percentage may include an account that allows both PIV and an alternative authentication mechanism (such as user ID and password).</li> <li>• Percentage should measure people because a person may have multiple accounts.</li> <li>• People with more than one account should be counted in the percentage if they are permitted to use a two-factor PIV card to log onto any account.</li> </ul>
5.11.4. Required to log on with a non-PIV form of two-factor authentication. (Base)		<p>Measures the percentage of people who are required to log on using a non-PIV form of two-factor authentication as the normal mode of authentication for remote access.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Percentage should measure people because a person may have multiple accounts.</li> <li>• People with more than one account should be counted in the percentage only if they are required to use two-factor authentication for all accounts.<sup>47</sup></li> </ul>

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<sup>47</sup> Organizations are expected to transition all network access to two-factor PIV card authentication; therefore, this metric should not be construed as requiring implementation of alternative non-PIV forms of two-factor authentication. During the transition to two-factor PIV card authentication, this metric is expected to include people who are required to use PIV card authentication on some accounts and non-PIV two-factor authentication on other accounts that have not yet been transitioned or cannot be transitioned to PIV card authentication due to the technical limitations of the implementation.

Metric	Percentage <sup>46</sup>	Comments
5.11.5. Required to log on with a two-factor PIV card. (KFM)		<p>Measures the percentage of people who are required to log on using a two-factor PIV card as the normal mode of authentication for remote access. Question 5.11.5 is inclusive of anyone counted in 5.11.6.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Percentage should include people currently using temporary credentials if the person’s normal mode of authentication is PIV-enforced.</li> <li>• Percentage should measure people because a person may have multiple accounts.</li> <li>• People with more than one account should be counted in the percentage only if they are required to use a two-factor PIV card to authenticate to all accounts.</li> </ul>
5.11.6. Required to conduct PIV authentication at the user-account level. (KFM) <sup>48</sup>		<p>Measures the percentage of people for whom only the PIV card can be used to log onto the person’s account for remote access.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Percentage should measure people because a person may have multiple accounts.</li> <li>• People with more than one account should be counted in the percentage only if two-factor PIV card authentication is enforced at the user-account level for all their accounts.</li> </ul>

Table 8 – Responses to Questions 5.11.1 to 5.11.6

5.12. What is the estimated percentage of remote access connections that have each of the following properties?

5.12.1. Utilizes FIPS 140-2-validated cryptographic modules. (KFM)

5.12.2. Prohibits split tunneling and/or dual-connected remote hosts where the laptop has two active connections. (KFM)

5.12.3. Is configured in accordance with OMB M-07-16 to time-out after 30 minutes of inactivity (or less) and require re-authentication to reestablish session. (KFM)

5.12.4. Scans for malware upon connection. (KFM)

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<sup>48</sup> This metric is operating-system specific and is intended to assess a specific implementation method. It may not apply to all operating system platforms.

5.13 How many of the organizations systems are internet-accessible and are accessed by the organizations users? This excludes systems accessed through the remote access solutions covered in 5.10 and 5.11. (Base)

5.14. What percentage of the organization’s systems that is internet-accessible and is accessed by the organization’s users is configured for authentication in each of the following ways? See Table 9.

Metric	Percentage	Comments
5.14.1. Allows user ID and password. (Base)		Measures the percentage of internet-accessible organization systems that are configured to allow users to use user ID and password for authentication. Systems that allow any user(s) to use user ID and password as the normal mode of access should be counted.
5.14.2. Allows, but does not enforce, non-PIV two-factor authentication for users. (Base)		Measures the percentage of internet-accessible organization systems that are configured to allow users to use a non-PIV form of two-factor authentication. Systems that allow any user(s) to use a non-PIV form of two-factor authentication as the normal mode of access should be counted.
5.14.3. Allows, but does not enforce, two-factor PIV card for users. (Base)		Measures the percentage of internet-accessible organization systems that are configured to allow users to use a two-factor PIV card for authentication. Systems that allow any user(s) to use a two-factor PIV card as the normal mode of access should be counted.
5.14.4. Enforces non-PIV two-factor authentication for all users. (Base)		Measures the percentage of internet-accessible organization systems that are configured to require users to use a non-PIV form of two-factor authentication.
5.14.5. Enforces two-factor PIV card for all users. (Base)		Measures the percentage of internet-accessible organization systems that are configured to require users to use a two-factor PIV card for authentication. Only systems configured to enforce two-factor PIV card authentication for all users should be counted.

Table 9 – Responses to Questions 5.14.1 to 5.14.5

## Definitions for FY2014 Identity and Access Management Section

### **Allow a specific form of identification**

The specific form of identification (credential) listed in the question may be used for authentication, but this form is not required because at least one other type of credential may also be used. (In this case, the form of authentication chosen may affect privileges to some degree.) Contrast with “[require a specific form of identification.](#)”

### **Clientless VPN/IPsec VPN**

Clientless VPNs, also called SSL VPNs, provide remote workers and business partners with secure access to web-enabled corporate resources via SSL-secured browser sessions. The technology, offered in various forms from several vendors, is easier to manage and less expensive than traditional IPsec VPNs that require client-side VPN software.

### **Dual connected**

A situation where the host is connected to more than one network. The connections may be wired or wireless. One network may be the user’s home network or any other network. The area of concern is cross contamination between the other networks and the government network.

### **Estimated total number/percentage**

The organization should know the number of connections with sufficient accuracy to be able to measure progress from year to year. Thus, estimates should be about an order of magnitude more accurate than the expected rate of improvement. If the organization made a very small amount of improvement, or cannot tell whether it made improvement from year to year due to the inability to count the connections, then this should be indicated in the comments.

### **FIPS 140-2**

FIPS 140-2 is a Federal Information Processing Standard that specifies the security requirements satisfied by a cryptographic module utilized within a system. While many vendors claim their cryptographic modules are FIPS 140-2 compliant, only those currently validated as compliant can be reliably counted in this report. (Validation is provided through independent laboratories via the Cryptographic Module Validation Process managed by NIST. See <http://csrc.nist.gov/groups/STM/cmvp/index.html> for more information on this process and a listing of validated cryptographic modules.)

### **Full access to the organization’s normal desktop LAN/WAN resources or services**

Connections that provide many or most of the features of a full desktop. Do not exclude connections because of trivial differences from an actual desktop. This phrasing is primarily intended to exclude the following kinds of more limited connections:

- web-mail connections
- [smartphones](#) (used only as phones and for mail or calendaring connections)
- [tablets](#) unless these connections provide access to many or most desktop features. Such connections are excluded, for the time being, because they pose less risk and/or the organization has less control over these resources.

## **Network account**

[Account](#) defined on the network, rather than on a local machine. It is assumed that network accounts are the primary type used, and that local (machine) accounts are accessed primarily through network-level accounts and credentials.

## **Network accounts with elevated privileges**

A [network account](#) that provides access to powers and data within the system/application that is significantly greater than those available to the majority of [accounts](#). Also known as “privileged network user accounts.” Such greater powers include, but are not limited to, the ability to

- view/copy/modify/delete sensitive system meta-information<sup>49</sup> and/or network resources
- change the access rights to network resources

At a low level of privilege, the account with elevated privileges may only be able to perform limited privileged functions on a subset of objects on the network. At the other extreme, the user account with elevated privileges may have full control of all objects on the network. The risk (impact) of compromise is greater because the account has more privileges.

Accounts with elevated privileges are typically allocated to system administrators, network administrators, DBAs, and others who are responsible for system/application control, monitoring, or administration functions. (Exclude system and application accounts utilized by processes because they are [non-user accounts](#), and exclude local workstation administrators because they are not [network accounts](#).)

## **Network accounts without elevated privileges**

Any network account that is not a [network account with elevated privileges](#). Also known as “unprivileged network accounts.”

## **Non-user account**

An account that is not intended to be controlled directly by a person (or group). The account is either (a) intended to be used by the system or an application, which presents credentials and performs functions under the management of the person (or group) that owns the account<sup>50</sup> or (b) created to establish a service (like a group mailbox), and no one is expected to log into the account. Non-user accounts are typically called group mailbox, service, and/or system accounts.<sup>51</sup>

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<sup>49</sup> System meta-information means the information used to configure the network, a device, an operating system or application on the device, a user-account, a policy object, an executable file, etc. In general it does not include the ability to view/copy/modify/delete the documents and transactions necessary for a person to perform a normal business function. But it does include “super-users” of a business application who have broad rights to view/copy/modify/delete the transactions of multiple other users.

<sup>50</sup> For example, this includes machine accounts and operating system built-in accounts. More generally, it includes “service” accounts.

<sup>51</sup> This does not include maintenance provider accounts, where the user is a person, nor does it include cloud provider system administrators. Those accounts are to be included in user accounts.

### **Other two-factor authentication**

Some other form of two-factor authentication (e.g., not involving a [PIV card](#)), for example, a user ID and password combined with a random token generator (for example; an RSA key fob).

### **PIV credentials**

A PIV card (credential) is a “Personal Identity Verification Card” as defined in NIST FIPS 201. For the purposes of answering this question, we count only cards that use three-factor authentication. Typically the card is read through a reader that takes a security certificate from the PIV card. The same user will then be identified by some other factor. DOD Common Access Cards (CAC Cards) are included in this category for DOD organizations.

### **Privileged network user**

A privileged network user is a user who, by virtue of function and/or seniority, has been allocated a network user account with elevated privileges. Such persons include, for example, the system administrator(s) and network administrator(s) who are responsible for keeping the system available and may need powers to create new user profiles as well as add to or amend the powers and access rights of existing users.<sup>52</sup>

### **Relay host**

A server that acts as a relay, accepting and agreeing to try to deliver a message that is not destined for a domain that the main server hosts.

### **Remote access**

The ability for an organization’s users to access its non-public computing resources from locations external to the organization’s facilities.

### **Remote access connection methods**

A set of mutually exclusive and exhaustive categories of methods that may be used to connect to the organization’s network, such that connections within each method identified have about the same level of risk and use similar technology.

### **Require a specific form of identification**

Only this specific form of identification (credential) may be used for authentication. Contrast with “[allow a specific form of identification](#).”

### **Split tunneling**

A method that allows a VPN user to access a public network (e.g., the internet) and a local LAN or WAN at the same time, using the same physical network connection. This connection service is usually facilitated through a program such as a VPN client software application.

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<sup>52</sup> [http://www.yourwindow.to/information-security/gl\\_privilegeduser.htm](http://www.yourwindow.to/information-security/gl_privilegeduser.htm)

**User accounts**

An account that is intended to be controlled directly by a particular person to perform work. The person presents their credential to gain access. User accounts include temporary, guest, and generic student accounts.

**User ID and password**

User ID and password is the traditional credential used on most networks. The user ID is public, and the password is private, so this is considered to be one-factor authentication.

## 6. DATA PROTECTION

### Purpose and Use

- Mobile devices and unencrypted email are primary sources of loss for sensitive data because they move outside the protection of physical and electronic barriers that protect other hardware assets. These devices are also vectors to carry malware back into the organization's networks. The use of encryption of data at rest or in motion is vital to protect that data's confidentiality and integrity.

The purpose of this section is to assess the security of Federal data in these environments.

6.1. What is [the estimated number](#) of hardware assets from [2.1](#) in each of the following mobile asset types, and how many are encrypted? Answer in Table 10. (KFM)

<b><a href="#">Mobile Asset</a> Types (each asset should be recorded <i>no more than once</i> in each column)</b>	<b>a. Estimated number of mobile hardware assets of the types indicated in each row.</b>	<b>b. Estimated number of assets from column <i>a</i> with <b>encryption</b> of data on the device.<sup>53</sup></b>
<a href="#">Laptop computers</a> and <a href="#">netbooks</a>		
<a href="#">Tablet-type computers</a>		
<a href="#">BlackBerries</a> and <a href="#">other smartphones</a>		
USB-connected devices (e.g., <a href="#">flash drives</a> and <a href="#">removable hard drives</a> )		
Other <a href="#">mobile hardware assets</a> (describe types in comments field)		

Table 10 – Responses to Question 6.1

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<sup>53</sup> The numbers in column *b* cannot be larger than the numbers in column *a*.

<b>6.2. Technologies Implemented</b>	What percentage of email systems implements the following capabilities?
6.2.1 Anti-spoofing Technologies (when sending messages) (KFM)	%
6.2.2. Anti-spoofing Technologies (when receiving messages) (KFM)	%
	What percentage of email traffic is on systems that implement the following capabilities?
6.2.3. Ability to analyze links or attachments to identify and quarantine suspected malicious payload (when receiving messages) (KFM)	%
6.2.4. Digitally Signed Email (when sending messages) (KFM)	%
6.2.5. FIPS 140-2 Encryption of Email (when sending messages) (KFM)	%

Table 11 – Responses to Question 6.2.1-6.2.5

## Definitions for FY2014 Data Protection Section

### BlackBerry

A brand of [smartphone](#) provided by the Canadian firm Research in Motion (RIM).

### Certificate authority

In cryptography, an entity that issues digital certificates. Also known as a “certification authority” (CA). The digital certificate certifies the ownership of a public key by the named subject of the certificate. This allows others (relying parties) to rely on signatures or assertions made by the private key that corresponds to the public key that is certified.

### Encryption

All user data is encrypted with [FIPS 140-2](#)-validated cryptographic modules, or modules approved for classified data. If the device is not allowed to contain sensitive but unclassified information, count it as adequately encrypted.

### Estimated total number

While it would be better if the organization could accurately count all mobile assets, this may not be feasible for all asset types. The intent is that the organization should know the number of mobile assets with sufficient accuracy to be able to measure year-to-year progress on managing encryption and other controls. Thus, these estimates should be less than an order of magnitude more accurate than the expected rate of improvement. If the organization made a very small amount of improvement, or cannot tell whether it made improvement from year to year because of the inability to count these assets, then this should be indicated in the comments.

**Flash drives**

A solid-state drive (SSD), sometimes called a solid-state disk or electronic disk. An SSD is a data storage device that uses solid-state memory to store persistent data with the intention of providing access in the same manner as a traditional block I/O hard disk drive. These may connect through a USB port or may be plugged directly into devices like smartphones. In either case, flash drives can leave data in a highly vulnerable state.

**Laptop computer**

A computer intended to be carried by the user and used in a wide variety of environments, including public spaces.

**Mobile hardware assets**

A hardware asset (typically holding data, software, and computing capability) designed to be used in a wide variety of environments, including public spaces, and/or connected to a number of different networks. These often have wireless capability requiring special controls.

**Netbook**

A small, lightweight, and inexpensive laptop computer. Netbooks typically lack an internal CD/DVD drive, legacy ports, an ISA bus, or sometimes any internal expansion bus at all.

**PGP and OpenPGP**

A data encryption and decryption computer program that provides cryptographic privacy and authentication for data communication. Pretty Good Privacy (PGP) is often used for signing, encrypting, and decrypting texts, emails, files, directories, and whole disk partitions to increase data security. The goal of the OpenPGP working group is to provide standards for the algorithms and formats of PGP-processed objects as well as providing the MIME framework for exchanging them via email or other transport protocols.

**PKI certificate authority**

See [Certificate Authority](#).

**Public key infrastructure (PKI)**

A collection of hardware, software, people, policies, and procedures needed to create, manage, distribute, use, store, and revoke digital certificates. Ideally these certificates can be recognized widely. In cryptography, a PKI is an arrangement that binds public keys with respective user identities by means of a [certificate authority \(CA\)](#). The user identity must be unique within each CA domain. The binding is established through the registration and issuance process, which, depending on the level of assurance the binding has, may be carried out by software at a CA or under human supervision. The PKI role that assures this binding is called the Registration Authority (RA). The RA ensures that the public key is bound to the individual to which it is assigned in a way that ensures non-repudiation.

**Removable hard drives**

Hard drives that are usually connected to the computer through USB ports, reside externally to the computer, and allow easy removal and connection to other computers. This category could also include similar drives connected directly to the network that allow easy removal and connection to other networks.

**Smartphone**

A high-end mobile phone built on a mobile computing platform, with more advanced computing ability and connectivity than a contemporary feature phone.

**S/MIME (secure/multipurpose internet mail extensions)**

A standard for public key encryption and signing of MIME data. S/MIME is on an IETF standards track and defined in a number of documents, most importantly RFCs 3369, 3370, 3850, and 3851. S/MIME functionality is built into the majority of modern email software and interoperates between them.

**Tablet computer**

A mobile computer, larger than a mobile phone or personal digital assistant, integrated into a flat touch-screen and primarily operated by touching the screen rather than using a physical keyboard and mouse. Tablets often use an onscreen virtual keyboard, a passive stylus pen, or a digital pen.

## 7. BOUNDARY PROTECTION

### Purpose and Use

- A key goal of boundary protection is to make assets harder for outsiders to exploit by keeping outsiders outside the network perimeter.
- Trusted Internet Connection (TIC) is an Administration Priority, and the Joint CMWG has recommended that it is among the areas where continuous monitoring needs to be developed.
- Boundary email protection is needed to reduce the number of phishing attacks, which currently represent a high-risk threat.
- Monitoring for unapproved wireless networks that can bypass boundary security devices must be included.
- A key assumption is that boundary protection is centrally managed by an organization and covers all hardware assets (defined under Asset Management).
- A key threat is creation of unapproved holes in the boundary, making it critical to establish uniform, standardized, and tested processes for exceptions and to audit frequently for unauthorized changes.
- A capable boundary protection program
  - covers all avenues of access to/from the network
  - is able to find and fix attacks and intrusions faster than they can be completed
  - has a low enough rate of false positives to avoid unnecessary effort and has a low enough rate of false negatives to avoid boundary attacks
- The use of Domain Name System Security Extension ([DNSSEC](#)) has [been mandated at the Federal level](#) to prevent the pirating of government domain names. GSA has ensured proper DNSSEC for the [top-level domain names](#). Each organization is responsible for DNSSEC in [sub-domain names](#), which are those below the top-level domain.
- Per the September 2010 IPv6 memo issued by OMB, D/As must upgrade public/external facing servers and services (e.g., web, email, DNS, ISP services, etc.) to operationally use native IPv6 by the end of FY 2012 and upgrade internal client applications that communicate with public internet servers and supporting enterprise networks to operationally use native IPv6 by the end of FY 2014.
- This section is used to assess organizations' progress toward meeting these Federal level mandates.
- DHS/FNR offers tools to enable organizations to inspect for DNSSEC and IPv6 compliance. Organizations are expected to use these tools to measure compliance for this report.
- DHS/FNR also uses those tools to verify organizations' self-reported results. In the past, the results have indicated considerable deviation between the self-reported results and the DHS verification results. Organizations are expected to be more aware of the DNSSEC and IPv6 status when reporting.

Instruction: Question 7.1 applies to all 24 CFO Act agencies and TICAPs. (DOD is exempt)

7.1. What percentage of the required [TIC 2.0 Capabilities](#) is implemented? (AP)

Instruction: Questions 7.2–7.3 apply only to Federal civilian organizations. If the reporting organization is not a Federal civilian organization, answer N/A to these questions.

7.2. What percentage of external network traffic to/from the organization’s networks passes through a [TIC/MTIPS](#)? (AP)

7.3. What percentage of external network/application interconnections to/from the organization’s networks passes through a [TIC/MTIPS](#)? (KFM)

Instruction: The remaining questions apply to all reporting organizations.

7.4 What frequency does the organization scan for unauthorized wireless access points (WAP)? (Base)

7.4.1. What percentage of the network is covered by the scans? (Base)

7.4.2. How many unauthorized wireless access points were detected in the prior year? (Base)

7.5. What percentage of traffic is scanned for Digital Loss Protection/Digital Rights Management (DLP/DRM) to capture outbound data leakage? (Base)

7.6. How many public-facing domain names<sup>54</sup> ([second-level](#), e.g., www.dhs.gov) does the organization own? (Exclude domain names which host only FIPS-199 low-impact information on ISPs.) (KFM)

7.6.1. How many DNS names from 7.6 are signed using [DNSSEC](#)? (KFM)

7.6.2. What percentage of the [second-level DNS names](#) from 7.6 and their [sub-domains](#) are signed? (KFM)

7.7. What percentage of public-facing servers<sup>55</sup> use IPv6 (e.g., web servers, email servers, DNS servers, etc.)? (Exclude low-impact networks, cloud servers, and ISP resources unless they require IPv6 to perform their business function.) (KFM)

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<sup>54</sup> The terms DNS names and domain names are synonymous.

<sup>55</sup> While the mandate refers to “servers and services,” IPv6 addresses apply to hardware assets, not services. To avoid double counting, this question refers to the servers only, both physical and virtual. The servers included should host public-facing services.

## Definitions for FY2014 Boundary Protection Section

### **Automated capability**

An automated capability as defined in the sections on vulnerability and/or configuration management.

### **Cyber perimeter**

The boundary of the network as defined in its system security plan. Generally this corresponds to an authorized layer of firewall(s) and other boundary protection devices through which the network communicates with (a) the internet, (b) other wide-private networks, and/or (c) directly to other trusted networks. However, it may also (unintentionally) include unauthorized connections from inside the system to the outside of the system and vice versa, which creates significant risk.

### **DNSSEC**

DNSSEC was designed to protect internet resolvers (clients) from forged DNS data, such as that created by DNS. All answers in DNSSEC are digitally signed. By checking the digital signature, a DNS resolver is able to check if the information is identical (correct and complete) to the information on the authoritative DNS server. While protecting IP addresses is the immediate concern for many users, DNSSEC can protect other information such as general-purpose cryptographic certificates stored in CERT records in the DNS.

DNSSEC is intended to protect the end user from DNS protocol attacks. Unfortunately the current DNS is vulnerable to so-called spoofing or poisoning attacks, which can fool a cache into accepting false DNS data. Various man-in-the-middle attacks are also possible. The (DNSSEC) is not designed to end these attacks, but to make them detectable by the end user.

### **Email systems**

Organizational software such as Outlook Exchange or Gmail that provides email accounts that enable people to exchange digital messages.

### **Host or resource name**

Names that represent a leaf in the DNS tree of names and identify a specific resource. Typically, the leftmost label of a DNS domain name identifies a specific computer on the network. For example, if a name at this level is used in a host (A) resource record, it is used to look up the IP address of a computer based on its host name. For example, in “host-A.csrc.nist.gov,” “host-A” is a specific computer on the network.

### **Network boundary devices**

Devices that are part of the [cyber perimeter](#).

### **Scheduled scans**

Scans (or other [automated capabilities](#)) in which the person managing the devices to be scanned knows when to expect the scan, allowing the person to prepare for it.

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### **Second-level domain name**

Variable-length name registered to an individual or organization for use on the internet. These names are always based on an appropriate [top-level domain](#), depending on the type of organization or geographic location where a name is used. Examples include “www.nist.gov” or “nist.gov.”

### **Sender verification (anti-spoofing) technologies**

These include

- Domain Keys Identified Mail (DKIM)
- Sender Policy Framework (SPF)
- digital signing of email using PKI
- other technologies able to prevent spoofing (described in the comments)

### **Sub-domain name**

Additional names that an organization can create that are derived from (and below) the registered [top-level domain name](#). These include names added to grow the DNS tree of names in an organization and divide it by functions or into departments, geographic locations, and so on (for example, “csrc.nist.gov”). Sub-domain names include all domain names below the top level.

### **TIC 2.0 capabilities**

A body of 60 critical capabilities that were collaboratively developed to improve upon the baseline security requirements in [TIC Reference Architecture V2.0](#). These are available on OMB’s MAX Portal.

### **TIC/MTIPS (trusted internet connections/managed trusted internet protocol services)**

A GSA program described by both [DHS](#) and [GSA](#).

### **Top-level domain name**

A name used to indicate a country or region or the type of organization using a name. For example, “.gov,” and “.mil,” are common top-level domains reserved for Federal U.S. organizations.

### **Unscheduled scans**

Scans (or other [automated capabilities](#)) in which the person managing the devices to be scanned does not know when to expect the scan. Such scans do not allow the person managing the devices to prepare for the scan, so they provide a more accurate view of the hardware assets.

### **Virtual environment**

A temporary environment (created on the fly with an adequately correct configuration and low vulnerability rate) that shields the physical machine, and the network it is in, from changes to the virtual machine created by exploits run through the browser.

## 8. INCIDENT MANAGEMENT

### Purpose and Use:

- Given real-world reports, it is reasonable to expect that some attacks will succeed. Organizations need to be able to detect those attacks. Ideally, organizations would defend against those attacks in real time, but at a minimum we expect organizations to determine the kinds of attacks that have been successful.
- Organizations can use this information about successful attacks and their impact to make informed risk-based decisions about where it is most cost effective and essential to focus security resources.
- Penetration testing allows organizations to test their network defenses and estimate the extent to which they are able to detect and respond to actual threats.

8.1. How many of the organization's hardware assets from [2.1](#) are on networks on which [controlled network penetration testing](#) was performed in the reporting period?<sup>56</sup> (KFM)

8.1.1. What percentage of applicable events was detected by NOC/SOC during the penetration test? (KFM)

8.1.2. What was the mean time to detection of applicable events? (KFM)

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<sup>56</sup> Section 8.1 applies only to reporting [events](#) (pseudo-incidents) that are discovered during the controlled network penetration test. The question does not address actual security incidents found during routine operation of the incident management process. The intent of this question is to measure the detection and response capabilities of the NOC/SOC under simulated real-time conditions. The measured outcome can be used to determine whether the NOC/SOC is staffed with the correct personnel and technologies. Although the NOC/SOC is tested in real life on a continual basis, the controlled nature of these penetration tests allows for the detection and response to be most readily measured.

## Definitions for FY2014 Incident Management Section

### **Applicable events**

During a penetration test, [events](#) that would be expected to be detected. Detecting these events would demonstrate an adequate level of security<sup>57</sup> on the network.

### **Controlled penetration testing**

[Penetration testing](#) may be sponsored by the organization or by lower levels of the organization and conducted on a controlled portion of the networks or systems. The purpose of this test is to determine (a) available means of attack and (b) whether the network defenders (typically the NOC/SOC) detect the attack. Ideally a controlled penetration test would be known to managers but unannounced to front-line operators.

### **Event**

In [penetration testing](#), an incident-like action created by the penetration test team. Technically, events are not [incidents](#) because they were approved by the AO (or other appropriate authority) as part of the test plan. They will generally be designed to stop before compromising mission performance.

### **Incident**

A violation or imminent threat of violation of computer security policies, acceptable use policies, or standard security practices (per NIST SP 800-61).

### **Median**

A form of average in which 50% of the items being averaged are smaller and 50% are larger.

### **Network penetration testing**

[Penetration testing](#) performed on the organization's network.

### **Penetration testing**

A testing methodology in which assessors attempt to circumvent or defeat the security features of an information system or network. Generally, the assessors work under specific guidelines that prevent the test from compromising mission performance.

### **Successful phishing attack**

A network user responds to a fraudulent message producing a negative impact on confidentiality, integrity, and/or availability of the organization's information.

### **Time to detection**

The time from event occurrence to detection by the network monitors. It does not include time to respond to and defend against the event.

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<sup>57</sup> Adequate security is defined in the General Instructions.

## 9. TRAINING AND EDUCATION

### Purpose and Use

- Some of the most effective current attacks on cyber networks worldwide exploit user behavior. These include phishing attacks, social engineering to obtain passwords, and introduction of malware via removable media.
- These threats are especially effective when directed at those with elevated network privileges and/or other elevated cyber responsibilities.
- Training users (privileged and unprivileged) and those with access to other pertinent information and media is a necessary deterrent to these methods. Organizations are expected to use risk-based analysis to determine the correct amount, content, and frequency of update to achieve minimal acceptable security in the area of influencing these behaviors, which affect cybersecurity.
- The metrics will be used to assess the extent to which organizations are providing adequate training to address these attacks and threats.<sup>58</sup>

The introduction of the OPM EHRI<sup>59</sup> data elements for cybersecurity personnel will aid in the identification of those professionals available to broaden the pool of skilled and educated workers capable of supporting a cyber-secure nation.<sup>60</sup>

Note: In [Section 5](#), you were asked to provide the number of unprivileged and privileged network users. Section 9 assumes that these users represent the universe of all users for the organization who thus need training. If this is not the case, please explain in the comment section to question 9.1.

9.1. What percentage of the organization's [network users](#) were [given and successfully completed cybersecurity awareness training](#) in the past year (at least annually)? (KFM)

9.1.1. What is the estimated percentage of new users who satisfactorily completed security awareness training before being granted network access, or completed security awareness training within an organizationally defined time limit that provides minimal acceptable security after being granted access? (KFM)

9.2. What percentage of training content addresses emerging threats (i.e.; social engineering attacks like phishing, spear phishing, whaling, etc.)? (Base)

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<sup>58</sup> Even if the organization uses a DHS ISS-LOB, it remains the organization's responsibility to determine whether the content of the training is adequate to cover the threats it faces.

<sup>59</sup> <http://www.opm.gov/egov/e-gov/EHRI/>

<sup>60</sup> The National Initiative for Cybersecurity Education's National Cybersecurity Workforce Framework is available at [www.nist.gov/nice/framework](http://www.nist.gov/nice/framework).

9.3. How many of the organizations network users and other staff<sup>61</sup> have [significant security responsibilities](#)? (Base)

9.3.1. What is the organization's standard for the longest acceptable amount of time between security training events for the personnel counted in question 9.3? (Base)

9.3.2. How many of the personnel counted in question 9.3 have taken security training within the organizational standard defined in 9.3.1? (KFM)

## Definitions for FY2014 Training and Education Section

### Emerging threat exercises

These exercises include (a) simulated threats where the user is not aware that the event is an exercise (user-blind exercise) and (b) practice exercises where the user knows that the event is an exercise (non-blind exercise, much like an announced fire drill). Often, blind exercises are more effective if the person's behavior is not recorded but if a failure takes the person to training material. Examples of this might include

- a phishing drill that takes the user to material on how to identify and avoid phishing attacks
- a response to a routine password change that takes the user to training on password complexity, if the provided password is not adequately complex

### Given and successfully completed cybersecurity awareness training

For situations that are likely<sup>62</sup> to confront unprivileged network users, users have received training that gives them the ability to

- avoid behaviors that would compromise cybersecurity
- practice good behaviors that will increase cybersecurity
- act wisely and cautiously, where judgment is needed, to increase cybersecurity

Successful completion means (at a minimum) that the user has passed a test on the content. Preferably, it means that the user's behavior and judgment is measurably adequate to protect security.

Note that such training may be provided via (a) periodic awareness training spread over the year, (b) an annual course, and/or (c) a combination of annual and more frequent training.

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<sup>61</sup> "Other staff" means non-network users who may still have a significant impact on security. This group might include senior executives who do not use the network themselves but affect factors such as budget, staffing, and priorities. The size of this group is expected to be small.

<sup>62</sup> "Likely" is used here to indicate that organizations should use risk-based analysis to decide what behaviors should be covered in this awareness training. Organizations are expected to conduct risk-based analyses to determine the right level of training needed to most cost effectively improve security based on identifying the behaviors that have the most impact given current organizational experience, threats, and countermeasures.

Given that the objective of this training is to affect behavior, training about concepts that are not actionable by the user during normal use of the information system is of little benefit.

### **National cybersecurity workforce framework**

Cybersecurity professionals, regardless of job title, in their daily actions perform certain functions. These functions have been distilled into specialty areas noted in the National Cybersecurity Workforce Framework (<http://niccs.us-cert.gov/training/national-cybersecurity-workforce-framework>). Organizations are tasked by OPM to update the OPM Enterprise Human Resources Integration (EHRI) data warehouse with the appropriate codes for Federal cybersecurity personnel.

### **Network user**

Any person who has access to an unprivileged or privileged network account (as defined in [Section 5](#)) on any one (or more) of the organization's networks.

### **Significant security responsibilities**

Also known as "special cybersecurity roles and responsibilities," a network user's role and/or responsibility for which cybersecurity awareness training, by itself, fails to describe all the behaviors the user needs to adequately protect cybersecurity. Those with significant security responsibilities include all users who have one or more privileged network user account and all other users who have managerial or operational responsibilities that allow them to increase or decrease cybersecurity.

### **Significant security responsibility training**

Training that gives privileged network users, and others whose roles materially and substantially affect cybersecurity, the ability to

- avoid behaviors that would compromise cybersecurity
- practice good behaviors that will increase cybersecurity
- act wisely and cautiously, where judgment is needed, to increase cybersecurity

Significant security responsibility training covers situations beyond those covered in cybersecurity awareness training. Note that such training may be provided as (a) periodic awareness training spread over the year, (b) an annual course, and/or (c) a combination of annual and more frequent training.

Given that the objective of this training is to affect behavior, training about concepts that are not actionable by the user during performance of their significant cybersecurity responsibilities is of little benefit.

## Appendix A: Computing the Administration Priority Metrics

This appendix describes how the FY14 quarterly and annual FISMA metrics as reported to CyberScope are computed to derive a government-wide average for each capability area of the Administration's priorities. The government-wide averages are computed from the FISMA submissions of the 24 Chief Financial Officers (CFO) Act agencies. Beyond FY12, as the metrics are refined, more complex algorithms or weighting may become part of the calculations.

**Overall CAP Score**—The overall Cross Agency Priority (CAP) score is currently weighted as the average of the three Continuous Monitoring scores plus the TIC score plus the PIV score. All capabilities are considered equally important. Future overall CAP scores may reflect a different weighting because an individual capability might increase in priority.

**Continuous Monitoring**—The continuous monitoring score is the average of the following three components of continuous monitoring:

**Asset Management**—Organizations are asked for the total number of organization information technology hardware assets. They are then asked to report the number of these organization assets for which an automated process provides enterprise-level visibility into asset inventory information. The responses from the 24 CFO Act agencies are totaled for hardware assets (*a*) and assets under the automated asset process (*b*). Dividing the total number of hardware assets with automated asset inventory information by the total number of hardware assets ( $b/a$ ) gives a government-wide percentage of automated asset management.

**Configuration Management**—Organizations are asked for the number of assets for which an automated process provides enterprise-level visibility into system configuration information to identify deviations from approved configuration baselines. The responses for the 24 CFO Act agencies are totaled for assets with an automated configuration process (*c*). Dividing the total number of hardware assets with automated configuration information by the total number of hardware assets ( $c/a$ ) gives a government-wide percentage of automated configuration management.

**Vulnerability Management**—Organizations are asked for the number of assets for which an automated process provides enterprise-level visibility into NIST National Vulnerability Database vulnerabilities (CVEs). The responses for the 24 CFO Act agencies are totaled for assets with an automated vulnerability process (*d*). Dividing the total number of hardware assets with automated vulnerability information by the total number of hardware assets ( $d/a$ ) gives a government-wide percentage of automated vulnerability management.

**PIV**—The FY14 CAP percentage for PIV-required authentication is obtained by dividing the total number of unprivileged and privileged people who are required to log onto the network

using two-factor PIV cards by the total number of unprivileged and privileged people who are allowed to log onto the network.

To determine the number of people with an unprivileged network account who are required to use PIV, multiply the percentage in 5.2.5 by the total in 5.1.

*5.2.5. [What percentage of people with an unprivileged network account] are required to log on with a two-factor PIV card? (AP)*

*5.1. How many people have unprivileged network accounts? (Exclude privileged network accounts and non-user accounts.) (Base)*

To determine the number of people with a privileged network account who are required to use PIV, multiply the percentage in 5.4.5 by the total in 5.3.

*5.4.5. [What percentage of people with a privileged network account] are required to log on with a two-factor PIV card? (AP)*

*5.3. How many people have privileged network accounts? (Exclude unprivileged network accounts and non-user accounts.) (Base)*

To determine the total number of people who are required to log on using two-factor PIV cards, sum the results of the two calculations above.

The sum of 5.1 plus 5.3 equals the number of people with an interactive network logon account.

The calculation of the FY14 CAP percentage for PIV-required authentication is as follows:

$$\frac{((5.1) * (5.2.5)) + ((5.3) * (5.4.5))}{(5.1) + (5.3)}$$

**TIC capabilities**—Organizations report quarterly on the percentage of the required TIC 2.0 capabilities that are implemented. These self-reported numbers are then used to compute a government average for the large CFO Act agencies. The percentages for the CFO Act agencies are totaled and divided by 23 (DOD is exempted from reporting).

**TIC consolidation**—Organizations report quarterly on the percentage of external network traffic passing through a TIC/MTIPS. These self-reported numbers are then used to compute a government average for the large CFO Act agencies. The percentages for the CFO Act agencies are totaled and divided by 23 (DOD is exempted from reporting).

## **Recap**

**Automated Asset Management =**

$$\frac{\text{number of CFO Act agency assets under enterprise – level automated asset inventory process}}{\text{total number of hardware assets across the 24 CFO Act agencies}}$$

**Automated Configuration Management =**

$$\frac{\text{number of CFO Act agency assets under enterprise – level automated configuration process}}{\text{total number of hardware assets across the 24 CFO Act agencies}}$$

**Automated Vulnerability Management =**

$$\frac{\text{number of CFO Act agency assets under enterprise – level automated vulnerability process}}{\text{total number of hardware assets across the 24 CFO Act agencies}}$$

**PIV =**

$$\frac{\text{number of CFO Act agency user accounts configured to require PIV card for access to agency networks}}{\text{total number of user accounts for the 24 CFO Act agencies}}$$

**TIC capabilities =**

$$\frac{\text{total of CFO Act agency reported percentages for TIC capabilities implemented}}{23}$$

**TIC consolidation=**

$$\frac{\text{total of CFO Act agency reported percentages for TIC traffic consolidation}}{23}$$

## Appendix B: Acronyms

AO	Authorizing Official
AP	Administration Priorities
APT	Advanced Persistent Threat
ATO	Authorization to Operate
BASE	Baseline Questions
BYOD	Bring Your Own Device
CA	Certificate Authority and/or Certification Authority
CAC	Common Access Cards
CAPEC	Common Attack Pattern Enumeration and Classification
CCB	Configuration Control Board
CCE	Common Configuration Enumeration
CIO	Chief Information Officer
CIS	Center for Internet Security
CM	Continuous Monitoring
CMWG	Continuous Monitoring Working Group
COCO	Contractor Owned Contractor Operated
COTS	Commercial Off The Shelf
CPE	Common Product Enumeration.
CPU	Central Processing Unit
CVE	Common Vulnerabilities and Exposures
CVSS	Common Vulnerability Scoring System
CWE	Common Weakness Enumeration
CWSS	Common Weakness Scoring System
D/A	Department/Agency
DBA	Database Administrator
DHS	Department of Homeland Security
DISA	Defense Information Systems Agency

DKIM	Domain Keys Identified Mail
DLP	Data Loss Protection
DMZ	Demilitarized Zone
DNS	Domain Name System
DNSSEC	Domain Name System Security Extension
DRM	Digital Rights Management
FAQ	Frequently Asked Questions
FDCC/USGCB	Federal Desktop Core Configuration / United States Government Configuration Baseline
FedRAMP	Federal Risk and Authorization Management Program
FICAM	Federal Identity Credential and Access Management
FIPS	Federal Information Processing Standards
FNS	Federal Network Security
FPKIPA	Federal Public Key Infrastructure Policy Authority
GFE	Government Furnished Equipment
GOCO	Government Owned Contractor Operated
GOGO	Government Owned Government Operated
GOTS	Government Off the Shelf
HSPD	Homeland Security Presidential Directive
HW	Hardware
I/O	Input/Output
IP	Internet Protocol
ISP	Internet Service Provider
KFM	Key FISMA Metrics
LAN	Local Area Network
MAC	Media Access Control
MAC	Media Access Card
MAN	Metropolitan Area Network

MFD	Multi-Function Device
MTIPS	Managed Trusted Internet Protocol Services
NAC	Network Access Controls
NAT	Network Address Translators
NIST	National Institute of Standards and Technology
NIST SP	National Institute of Standards and Technology Special Publication
NOC	Network Operations Center
NSA	National Security Agency
NVD	National Vulnerability Database
OIG	Office of the Inspector General
OMB	Office of Management and Budget
OPM EHRI	Office of Personnel Management Enterprise Human Resources Integration
OS	Operating System
OVAL	Open Vulnerability and Assessment Language
OWA	Outlook Web Access
PGP	Pretty Good Privacy
PII	Personally Identifiable Information
PIV	Personal Identity Verification
PKI	Public Key Infrastructure
RA	Registration Authority
S/MIME	Secure/Multipurpose Internet Mail Extensions
SAR	Security Awareness Reports
SBU	Sensitive but Unclassified
SCAP	Secure Content Automation Program
SOC	Secure Operations Center
SPF	Sender Policy Framework
SQL	Structured Query Language
SSD	Solid-state drive

SSL	Secure Sockets Layer
SW	Software
TIC	Trust Internet Connections
USB	Universal Serial Bus
US-CERT	United States Computer Emergency Readiness Team
USG	United States Government
USGCB	United States Government Configuration Baseline
VM	Virtual Machine
VPN	Virtual Private Network
WAN	Wide Area Network
WAP	Wireless Access Point

## Appendix C: Mapping to NIST Controls

FY14 Metric	NIST Guidance	NIST Control (FIPS 200 Specs)
1.1. For each of the FIPS 199 systems' categorized impact levels (H = High, M = Moderate, L = Low) in this question, what is the total number of information systems by organization (i.e., Bureau or Sub-Department Operating Element)? (Organizations with fewer than 5,000 users may report as one unit.)	NIST 800-53	CM-8, RA-2, PM-5
1.1.1. Organization-Operated Systems	NIST 800-53	CM-8,PM-5
1.1.2. Contractor-Operated Systems	NIST 800-53	CM-8, RA-2, PM-5
1.1.3. Systems (from 1.1.1 and 1.1.2) with Security ATO	NIST 800-53, NIST 800-37	CM-8, RA-2, PM-5
1.1.4. Systems (from 1.1.1 and 1.1.2) with expired Security ATO	NIST 800-53, NIST 800-37	CM-8, RA-2, PM-5
2.1. What is the total number of the organization's hardware assets connected to the organization's unclassified network(s)?	NIST 800-53	CM-8,PM-5
2.2. What percentage of assets in 2.1 have an automated capability (scans/device discovery processes) to provide enterprise-level visibility into asset inventory information for all hardware assets?	NIST 800-53	CM-8 enhancement 2
2.2.1. What is the minimum frequency for device discovery scanning conducted on all assets?	NIST 800-53	CM-8 enhancement 3
2.3. For how many assets in 2.1 does the organization have an automated capability to determine both whether the asset is authorized and to whom management has been assigned?	NIST 800-53	CM-8 enhancement 3 and 4
2.4. Can the organization track the installed operating system's vendor, product, version combination(s) in use on the assets in 2.1?	NIST 800-53	CM-2
2.5. For what percentage of applicable assets in 2.1 has the organization implemented an automated capability to detect and block unauthorized software from executing or for what percentage does no such software exist for the device type?	NIST 800-53	CM-2

3.1. For each operating system vendor, product, and version combination referenced in 2.4, report the following:	NIST 800-53 NIST 800-70	
3.1.1. Has a minimal acceptable security configuration baseline been defined?	NIST 800-53	CM-2
3.1.2. How many hardware assets (which are covered by this baseline, if it exists) have this software?	NIST 800-53	CM-2
3.1.3. What percentage of the applicable hardware assets (per question 2.1) of each kind of operating system software in 3.1 have an automated capability to identify deviations from the approved configuration baselines identified in 3.1.1 and to provide visibility at the organization's enterprise level?	NIST 800-53	CM-2 enhancement 2, CM-6 control enhancement 1
4.1. What percentage of hardware assets identified in section 2.1 are evaluated using an automated capability that identifies NIST National Vulnerability Database vulnerabilities (CVEs) present with visibility at the organization's enterprise level?	NIST 800-53	SI-7
5.1. How many people have unprivileged network accounts? (Exclude privileged network accounts and non-user accounts.)	NIST 800-53,	IA-2
5.2. What percentage of people with an unprivileged network account can log onto the network in each of the following ways?	NIST 800-53	IA-2
5.2.1. Allowed to log on with user ID and password.	NIST 800-53	IA-2
5.2.2. Allowed, but not required, to log on with a non-PIV form of two-factor authentication.	NIST 800-53	IA-2 enhancement 2 and 7
5.2.3. Allowed, but not required, to log on with a two-factor PIV card.	NIST 800-53	IA-2 enhancement 2 and 7
5.2.4. Required to log on with a non-PIV form of two-factor authentication.	NIST 800-53	IA-2 enhancement 2 and 7
5.2.5. Required to log on with a two-factor PIV card.	NIST 800-53	IA-2 enhancement 2 and 7
5.2.6. Required to conduct PIV authentication at the user-	NIST 800-	IA-2

account level.	53	enhancement 2 and 7
5.3. How many people have privileged network accounts? (Exclude unprivileged network accounts and non-user accounts.)	NIST 800-53	IA-2 enhancements 3 and 6
5.4. What percentage of people with a privileged network account can log onto the network in each of the following ways?	NIST 800-53	IA-2
5.4.1. Allowed to log on with user ID and password.	NIST 800-53	IA-2
5.4.2. Allowed, but not required, to log on with a non-PIV form of two-factor authentication.	NIST 800-53	IA-2 enhancements 1 and 6
5.4.3. Allowed, but not required, to log on with a two-factor PIV card.	NIST 800-53	IA-2 enhancements 1 and 6
5.4.4. Required to log on with a non-PIV form of two-factor authentication.	NIST 800-53	IA-2 enhancements 1 and 6
5.4.5. Required to log on with a two-factor PIV card.	NIST 800-53	IA-2 enhancements 1 and 6
5.4.6. Required to conduct PIV authentication at the user-account level.	NIST 800-53	IA-2 enhancements 1 and 6
5.5. What is the estimated number of organization internal systems?	NIST 800-53	IA-2
5.6. What percentage of the organizations internal systems are configured for authentication in each of the following ways?	NIST 800-53	IA-2
5.6.1. Allows user ID and password.	NIST 800-53	IA-2
5.6.2. Allows, but does not enforce, non-PIV, two-factor authentication for users.	NIST 800-53	IA-2 enhancement 2 and 7
5.6.3. Allows, but does not enforce, two-factor PIV card authentication for users.	NIST 800-53	IA-2 enhancement 2 and 7
5.6.4. Enforces non-PIV, two-factor authentication for all users.	NIST 800-53	IA-2 enhancement 2

		and 7
5.6.5. Enforces two-factor PIV card for all users.	NIST 800-53	IA-2 enhancement 2 and 7
5.7. Does the organization have a policy in place that requires the review of privileged network users' privileges?	NIST 800-53	IA-2
5.7.1. What percentage of privileged network users had their privileges reviewed this year for the following?	NIST 800-53	IA-2
5.7.1.1 Privileges on that account reconciled with work requirements.	NIST 800-53	IA-2
5.7.1.2. Adequate separation of duties considering aggregated privileges on all accounts for the same person (user).	NIST 800-53	IA-2
5.7.2. What percentage of privileged network users had their privileges adjusted or terminated after being reviewed this year?	NIST 800-53	IA-2
5.8. What is the percentage of an agency's operational PACS that comply with procurement requirements for purchasing products and services from the FIPS 201 Approval Products List maintained by GSA (per OMB M-06-18)?	NIST 800-53	IA-2
5.9. What is the percentage of an agency's operational PACS that electronically accept and authenticate internal users' PIV credentials for routine access in accordance with NIST standards and guidelines (e.g. FIPS 201 and SP 800-116)? (Base)	NIST 800-53	IA-2
5.10. How many people log onto the organization's remote access solution(s) to obtain access to the organization's desktop LAN/WAN resources or services?	NIST 800-53, NIST 800-63	AC-17
5.11. Of the people reported in 5.10, how many can remotely log onto the organization's desktop LAN/WAN resources or services in each of the following ways?	NIST 800-53, NIST 800-64	IA-2
5.11.1. Allowed to log on with user ID and password.	NIST 800-53, NIST 800-63	IA-2
5.11.2. Allowed, but not required, to log on with a non-PIV form of two-factor authentication.	NIST 800-53, NIST 800-64	IA-2
5.11.3. Allowed, but not required, to log on with a two-factor PIV card.	NIST 800-53, NIST	IA-2

	800-65	
5.11.4. Required to log on with a non-PIV form of two-factor authentication.	NIST 800-53, NIST 800-65	IA-2
5.11.5. Required to log on with a two-factor PIV card.	NIST 800-53, NIST 800-65	IA-2
5.11.6. Required to conduct PIV authentication at the user-account level.	NIST 800-53, NIST 800-65	IA-2
5.12. What is the estimated percentage of remote access connections that have each of the following properties?	NIST 800-53	AC-17
5.12.1. Utilizes FIPS 140-2-validated cryptographic modules.	NIST 800-53	AC-17, AC-3
5.12.2. Prohibits split tunneling and/or dual-connected remote hosts where the laptop has two active connections.	NIST 800-53	AC-11, AC-17
5.12.3. Configured in accordance with OMB M-07-16 to time-out after 30 minutes of inactivity (or less) and require re-authentication to reestablish session.	NIST 800-53	AC-11, AC-17, CM-2
5.12.4. Scans for malware upon connection.	NIST 800-53	AC-4, enhancement 15, AC-17, SI-3
5.13. How many of the organizations systems are internet-accessible and are accessed by the organizations users? This excludes systems accessed through the remote access solutions covered in 5.10 and 5.11.	NIST 800-53	AC-17
5.14. What percentage of the organization's systems that is internet-accessible and is accessed by the organization's users is configured for authentication in each of the following ways?	NIST 800-53	AC-17, IA-2
5.14.1. Allows user ID and password.	NIST 800-53	AC-17, IA-2
5.14.2. Allows, but does not enforce, non-PIV two-factor authentication for users.	NIST 800-53	AC-17, IA-2
5.14.3. Allows, but does not enforce, two-factor PIV card for users.	NIST 800-53	AC-17, IA-2
5.14.4. Enforces non-PIV two-factor authentication for all users.	NIST 800-53	AC-17, IA-2
5.14.5. Enforces two- factor PIV card for all users.	NIST 800-53	AC-17, IA-2

6.1. What is the estimated number of hardware assets from 2.1 in each of the following mobile asset types, and how many are encrypted?	NIST 800-53	AC-3
6.2. Technologies Implemented		
6.2.1. Anti-spoofing Technologies (when sending messages) (KFM)	NIST 800-53	AU-10
6.2.2. Anti-spoofing Technologies (when receiving messages) (KFM)	NIST 800-53	AU-10
6.2.3. Ability to analyze links or attachments to identify and quarantine suspected malicious payload (when receiving messages) (KFM)	NIST 800-53	SI-3
6.2.4. Digitally Signed Email (when sending messages) (KFM)	NIST 800-53	AC-3
6.2.5. FIPS 140-2 Encryption of Email (when sending messages) (KFM)	NIST 800-54	AC-3
7.1. What percentage of the required TIC 2.0 Capabilities is implemented?	NIST 800-53	SC-7, enhancement 3
7.2. What percentage of external network traffic to/from the organization's networks passes through a TIC/MTIPS?	NIST 800-53	SC-7
7.3. What percentage of external network/application interconnections to/from the organization's networks passes through a TIC/MTIPS?	NIST 800-53	SC-7
7.4 What frequency does the organization scan for unauthorized wireless access points (WAP)?	NIST 800-122, NIST 800-53	SI-4
7.4.1. What percentage of the network is covered by the scans?	NIST 800-122, NIST 800-53	SI-4
7.4.2. How many unauthorized wireless access points were detected in the prior year?	NIST 800-122, NIST 800-53	SI-4
7.5. What percentage of traffic is scanned for Digital Loss Protection/Digital Rights Management (DLP/DRM) to capture outbound data leakage?	NIST 800-53	SC-20
7.6. How many public-facing domain names (second-level, e.g., www.dhs.gov) does the organization own? (Exclude domain names which host only FIPS-199 low-impact information on ISPs.)	NIST 800-53	SC-20
7.6.1. How many DNS names from 7.7 are signed using DNSSEC?	NIST 800-53	SC-20

7.6.2 What percentage of the second-level DNS names from 7.7 and their sub-domains are signed?	NIST 800-53	SC-20
7.7. What percentage of public-facing servers use IPv6 (e.g., web servers, email servers, DNS servers, etc.)? (Exclude low-impact networks, cloud servers, and ISP resources unless they require IPv6 to perform their business function.)	NIST 800-53	SC-20
8.1. How many of the organization's hardware assets from 2.1 are on networks on which controlled network penetration testing was performed in the reporting period?	NIST 800-53	IR-3, IR-2 enhancement 1, CA-2 enhancement 2, CA-7 enhancement 2, RA-5 enhancement 9,
8.1.1. What percentage of applicable events was detected by NOC/SOC during the penetration test?	NIST 800-53	IR-3, IR-2 enhancement 1, CA-2 enhancement 2, CA-7 enhancement 2, RA-5 enhancement 9,
8.1.2. What was the mean time to detection of applicable events?	NIST 800-53	IR-3, IR-2 enhancement 1, CA-2 enhancement 2, CA-7 enhancement 2, RA-5 enhancement 9,
9.1. What percentage of the organization's network users have been given and successfully completed cybersecurity awareness training in the past year (at least annually)?	NIST 800-53	AT-2
9.1.1. What is the estimated percentage of new users who satisfactorily completed security awareness training before being granted network access, or completed security awareness training within an organizationally defined time limit that provides minimal acceptable security after being granted access?	NIST 800-53	AT-2

9.2. What percentage of training content addresses emerging threats (i.e.; social engineering attacks like phishing, spear phishing, whaling, etc.)?	NIST 800-53	AT-2 enhancement 1
9.3. How many of the organizations network users and other staff has significant security responsibilities?	NIST 800-53	AT-3, SA-3
9.3.1. What is the organization’s standard for the longest acceptable amount of time between security training events for the personnel counted in question 9.3?	NIST 800-53	AT-3
9.3.2. How many of the personnel counted in question 9.3 have taken security training within the organizational standard defined in 9.3.1?	NIST 800-53	AT-3

**Table 12 – Mapping of FISMA Metrics to NIST Guidance and Controls**