

## Veterans Helping Veterans Initiative: Affordable CMMC Compliance for SDVOSBs

PreVeil Inc. and Veterans Cybersecurity Group Launch "Veterans Helping Veterans" Initiative at CEIC-West

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PreVeil and Veterans
Cybersecurity Group urge all
CMMC Ecosystem members
to embrace the "Veterans
Helping Veterans" ethos by
making CMMC compliance
affordable and accessible
for SDVOSBs."

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Conference, PreVeil and Veterans Cybersecurity Group (VCSG) unveiled a groundbreaking partnership aimed at reducing the prohibitive costs of Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification (CMMC) compliance for Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Businesses (SDVOSBs). The initiative redefines D.E.I. as Determined Through Education & Initiative, focusing on actionable support over handouts to empower SDVOSBs in Department of Defense (DoD) contracting.

The Problem: Cost Barriers
Since CMMC's introduction, small businesses, especially

SDVOSBs, have struggled with compliance costs. While NIST SP 800-171 has mandated DoD contractors handling Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI) since December 31, 2017, CMMC's structure has amplified expenses. Compliance requires third-party validation by Certified Third-Party aAssessor Organizations (C3PAOs), often costing \$30,000–\$50,000, a significant burden for businesses with fewer than five employees. The privatized funding model, without federal investment, has disproportionately affected small businesses.

The Solution: Veteran-Centric Model

The Veterans Helping Veterans Initiative addresses this inequity by offering:

- Subsidized CMMC Compliance: Affordable solutions tailored for SDVOSBs with fewer than five users.
- Advocacy for Fair Pricing: A public call for C3PAOs to adopt sliding-scale fees for veteran-owned businesses.
- New D.E.I. Framework: Determined Through Education & Initiative, a veteran-led empowerment model prioritizing mutual advancement.

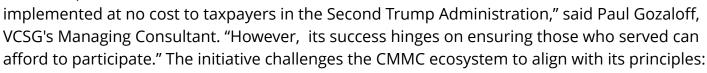
D.E.I. - Determined Through Education & Initiative Definition

A veteran-led framework where Service-Disabled Veterans leverage Determination, Education, and Initiative to drive entrepreneurial success. Recognizing that SDVOSBs have already paid the price of inclusion through service, this model fosters collaboration under the ethos of Veterans Helping Veterans.

Pledge: "We band together as a brotherhood/sisterhood of earned trust, ensuring SDVOSBs receive the best value, advocacy, and shared growth opportunities—because no one fights harder for veterans than veterans themselves."



"The CMMC program was born in the first Trump Administration and will be



- C3PAOs: Adopt sliding-scale assessment fees for SDVOSBs.
- Veteran Contractors: Join the program to access subsidized compliance tools and mentorship.
- Policy Leaders: Address funding gaps to prevent exclusion of small businesses.

## How to Participate

SDVOSBs and CMMC ecosystem partners (C3PAOs, assessors, trainers) are invited to join the movement:

- Veteran Contractors: Email Paul@VeteransCybersecurity.com for eligibility details.
- CMMC Professionals: Visit PreVeil.com/CMMC-Initiative to pledge support.

## About PreVeil

PreVeil provides end-to-end encrypted email and file sharing trusted by thousands of defense contractors to achieve CMMC, NIST, and ITAR compliance. The proven solution has been successfully used in dozens of CMMC assessments at a fraction of the cost of legacy alternatives.

About Veterans Cybersecurity Group (VCSG)

VCSG is a veteran-owned leader in cybersecurity advocacy, VCSG empowers SDVOSBs through



training, mentorship, and federal contracting support. VCSG is a CMMC Licensed Training Provider (LTP) and a ISC2 Official Training Partner.

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