What is NIST?

- The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) develops and issues standards, guidelines, and other publications to assist in managing cost effective programs to protect information and information systems of federal agencies. The resources that NIST provides are recognized by and utilized by IT security, compliance, and risk management professionals in all industries as a “standard” for best practices.

WHAT IS NIST SPECIAL PUBLICATION 800-171?

NIST Special Publication 800-171 specifically covers the protection of “Controlled Unclassified Information” (CUI) and it went into effect December 31, 2017. The requirements recommended for use in this publication are derived from FIPS Publication 200 and the moderate security control baseline in NIST Special Publication 800-53. NIST Special Publication 800-53 covers security controls for US federal information systems except those related to national security.

If you are a defense or government supplier – or if you are a subcontractor selling to a government supplier – you need to know about the NIST 800-171 mandate, and take steps to assess and comply to protect your contracts.

HOW CAN CORSERVA HELP?

Corserva offers NIST assessments for organizations that must comply with the NIST 800-53 or NIST 800-171 mandates. The assessment process is broken out into three phases: evaluating the existing environment, performing a gap analysis, and providing clear and concise recommendations, specific to your environment, as to how to achieve compliance with the mandates.

Corserva has extensive experience working with manufacturers and other government suppliers who must meet NIST mandates. We understand the issues you face in maintaining a competitive advantage, and our staff of certified security professionals has a strong background in security assessments.