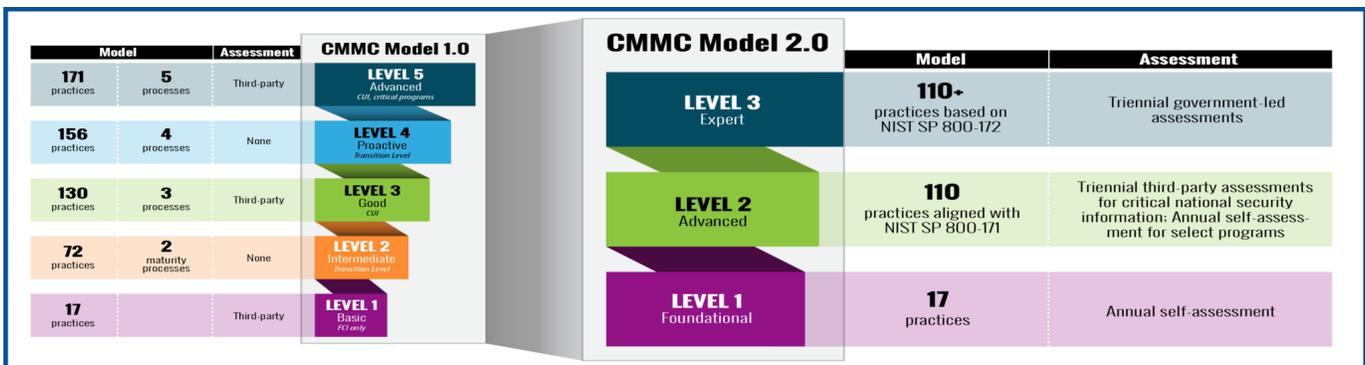




## CMMC 2.0 Consulting Services

As of November 2021, the U.S. Department of Defense announced a newer version of the Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification (CMMC). This version modifies the previous maturity “levels” from 5 down to 3. It is important to note that SoundWay has identified a potential issue for U.S. Government Contractors at both the former and new Level 1 (L1). If there is a contractual obligation to conform with Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement 252.204-7012 “Safeguarding Covered Defense Information and Cyber Incident Reporting”, the following obligation is present: “(i) *Except as provided in paragraph (b)(2)(ii) of this clause, the covered contractor information system shall be subject to the security requirements in National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Special Publication (SP) 800-171, “Protecting Controlled Unclassified Information in Non-Federal Information Systems and Organizations”.*

As a result, even if you plan to only be L1, there potentially exists an obligation to indirectly conform at the new L2 as described in the following graphic.



While CMMC 2.0 is likely not to be in solicitations until mid-late 2022, our experience helping clients prepare demonstrates most small to medium size businesses need at least 8-10 months to operationalize the requirements of NIST SP:800-171.

**Waiting Increases Risk**  
One key change is that certification is now “required” at time of proposal submission.

### Why Use SoundWay Consulting?

SoundWay has been involved with the CMMC program since its inception. For over two years, we have been providing NIST SP: 800-171r2 and CMMC v1.2 L1-L3 readiness reviews Government Contractors in Virginia, Maryland, Florida, and Colorado. Our value extends beyond the clients we have and continue to support and include:

- Warranty of Work\*
- Exceptional references
- Cyber Liability Insurance
- Tailoring solutions for our recommendations that enable flexible decisions on future cybersecurity investment strategies.
- Staffed with Registered Practitioners and Provisional Assessors

*\* As long as the recommendations provided by SoundWay are adopted, we will provide defensive or remediation support for up to 40 man hours (free of charge) in response to a negative finding during a future audit.*