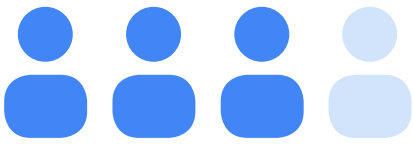
Assessing
Cyber Security Readiness
in the Federal Government

READINESS

Government leaders feel generally confident in their agency's cyber security approach, but still lag in threat-related measures.



Nearly 3/4 report *that their organization is at least* ***moderately effective*** *at* ***complying*** *with current* ***cyber security requirements****.*

Survey respondents also felt their organization has been just **somewhat** or **not at all effective** in implementing these **threat-related security measures**.

51% threat detection

54% threat intelligence / assessment

59% threat modeling / prediction

RESPONSIVENESS

Federal compliance requirements shape an organization's security strategy, though operational improvement opportunities still exist.

FIFTY SIX PERCENT

identify **compliance** requirements as the **most important** factor in **shaping** their organization's **cyber security strategy**.

49%

of those surveyed indicate that their organization has been **just somewhat or not at all effective** in implementing **threat response**.

33%

of feds report their agency is **somewhat or not at all effective** at learning from **past cyber security incidents**.

TALENT

Hiring of skilled technical personnel and lack of leadership clarity within federal organizations remain top challenges.

26%

of those polled indicate **hiring** and retention of **skilled technical personnel** as the **top** organizational **priority for cyber security** leadership.

Just 22% of agencies have an individual tasked with authority over cyber security.

Only 40% of those surveyed said their organization has clearly delineated channels for elevating security-related concerns.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARTNERSHIP

Government has opportunities to improve cyber security readiness.

Government agencies have made some necessary moves to enhance security, but technical reinforcements are needed. Alongside public sector efforts, the right cloud providers offer comprehensive security tools and practices designed to meet the scale, responsiveness and intelligence the government seeks in order to build defense-in-depth, from data center to device.

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1 "Assessing Cyber Security Readiness in the Federal Government," Government Business Council. June 2019.

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