NSA CYBERSECURITY

NIAP Overview

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SECURE BY DESIGN/SECURE TO MARKET/SECURE BY DEFAULT

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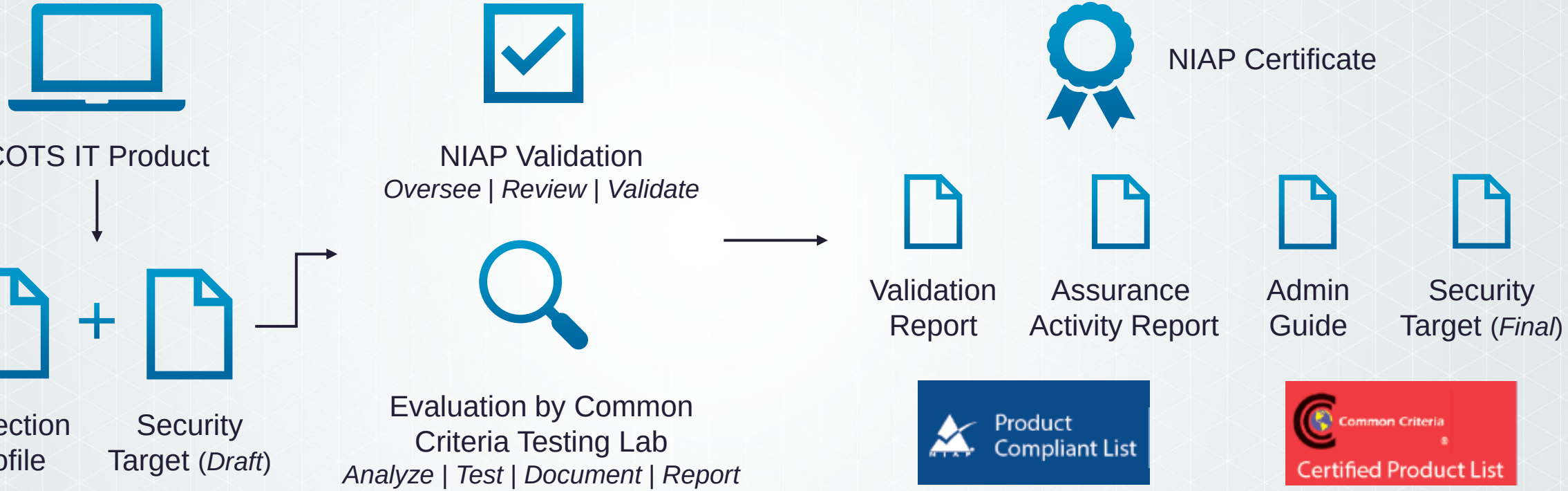
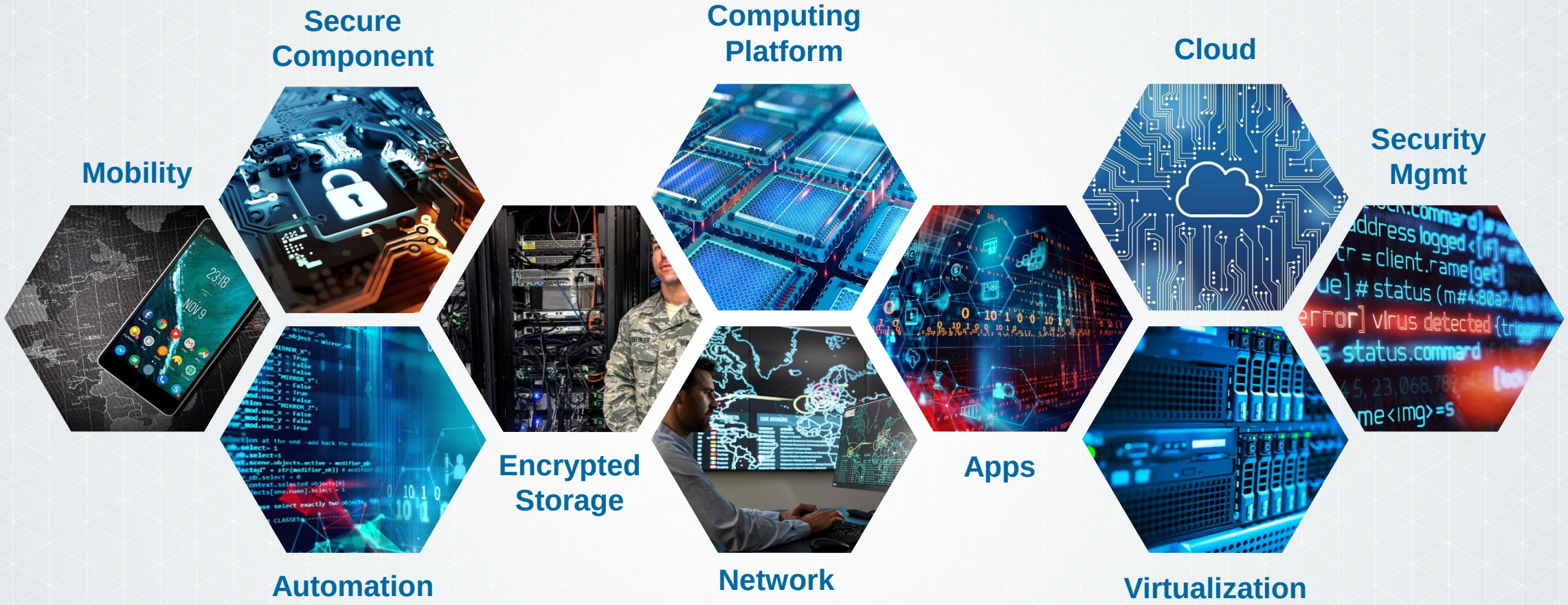
COTS Product Validation

Establish and implement processes to oversee COTS product evaluations under the terms of the Common Criteria Recognition Arrangement to ensure evaluated COTS IT products are available for use in NSS.

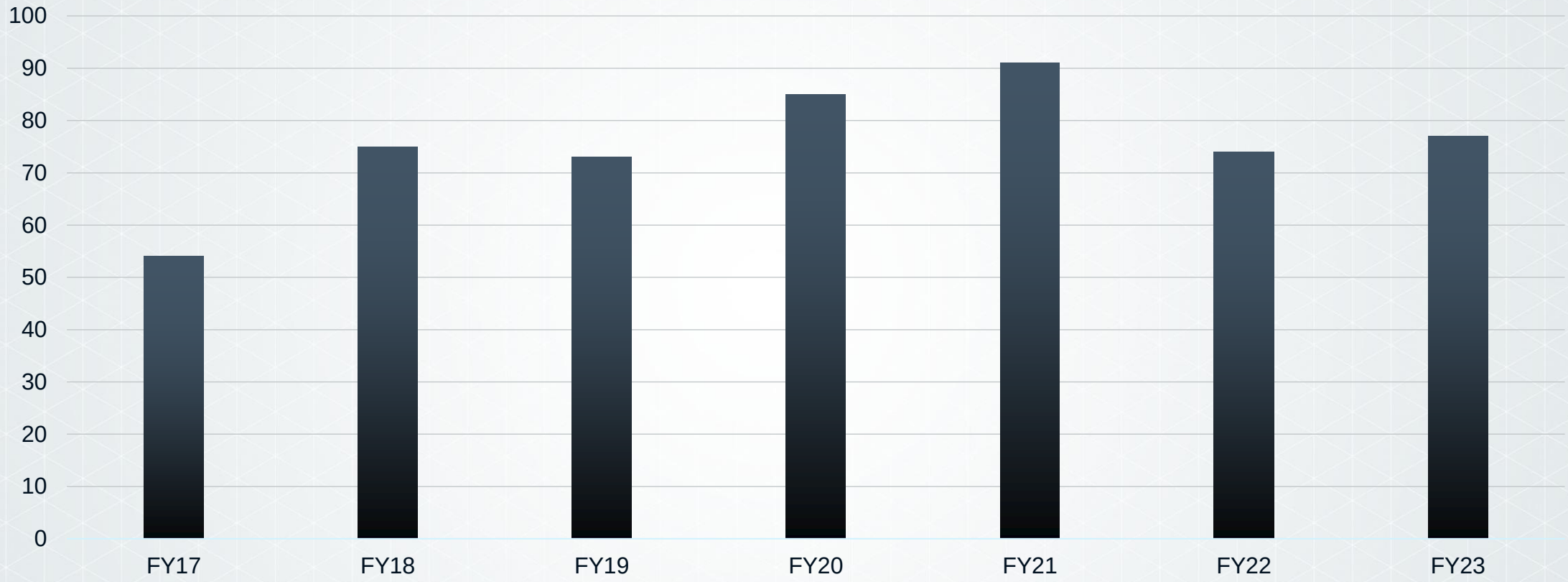


215+ Products & 1000+ Product Configurations

NIAP Portfolio



Total NIAP Evaluations by Fiscal Year



Continued growth of PP coverage and product evaluations

NIAP Today

- Mature COTS Product Evaluation for National Security Systems
- Define minimum security requirements for commercial technologies
- Represent US in Common Criteria Recognition Arrangement
- CNSSP 11 Enforcement Mechanism

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FY23 Product Evaluations

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Protection Profiles

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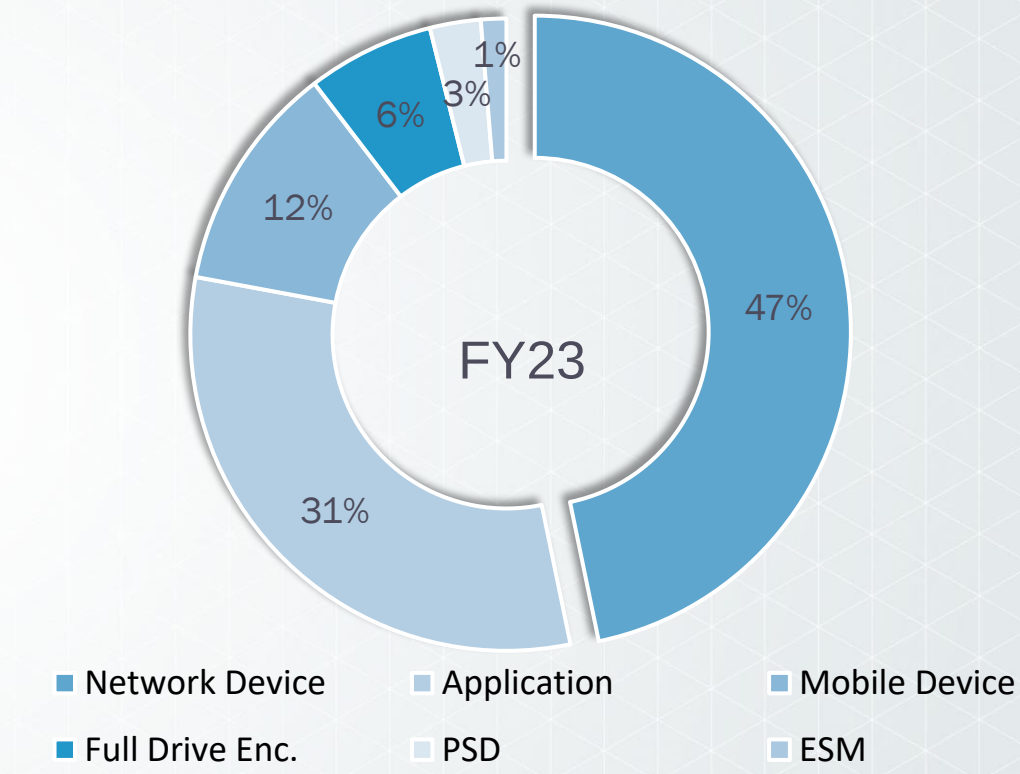
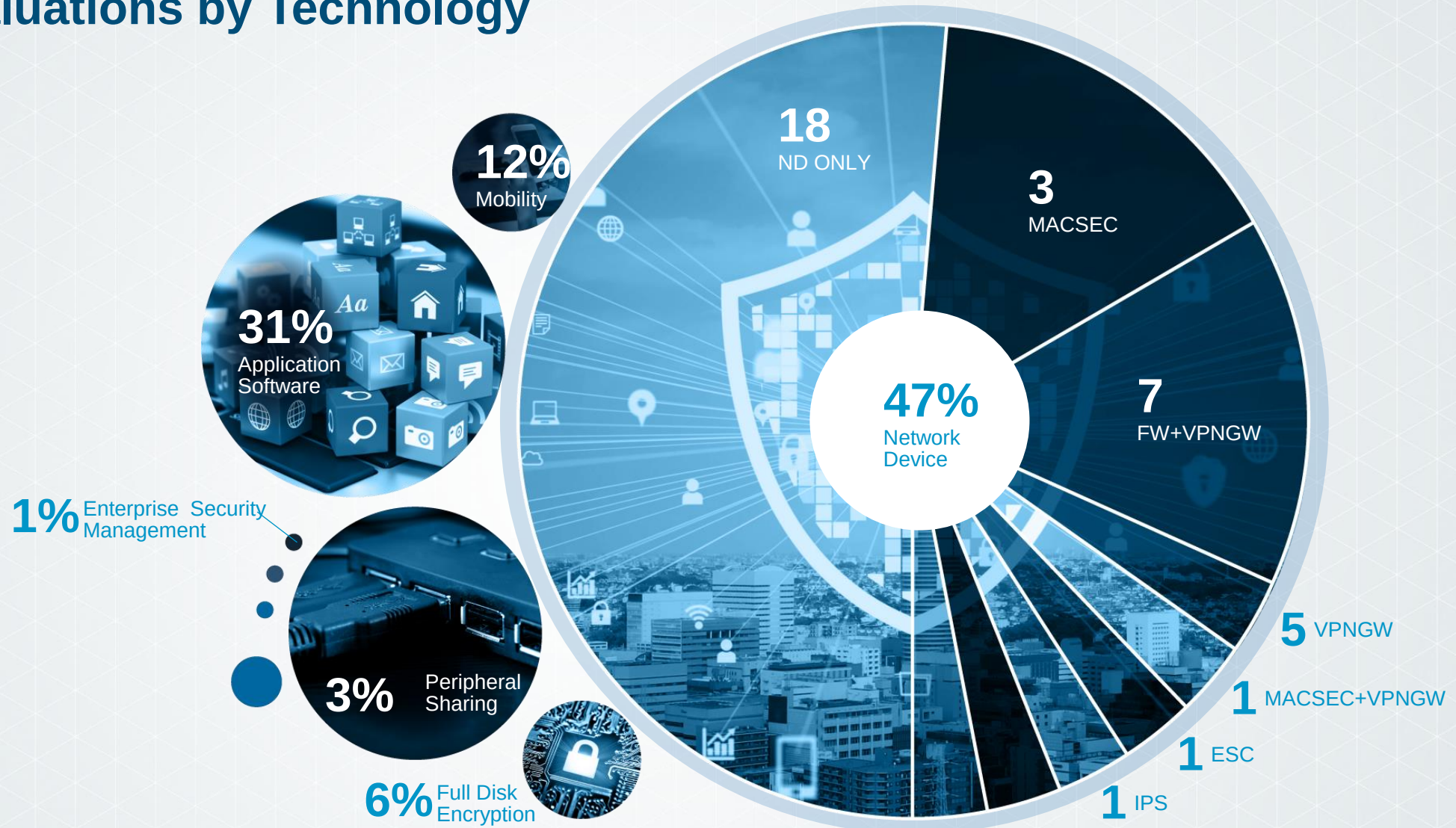
Nation Partnerships

FY23 Evaluations by Technology



- 77 Evaluations
- 264 Configurations

FY23 Evaluations by Technology



Represent U.S. in CCRA

Position the U.S. as a leader among Common Criteria Recognition Agreement (CCRA) nations. Further U.S. government and industry objectives to eliminate trade barriers and ensure transparent, meaningful, and repeatable evaluations.

Certificate Producers


Australia


Canada


France


Germany


India


Italy


Japan


Malaysia


Netherlands


Norway


Poland


Qatar


Republic of Korea


Singapore


Spain


Sweden


Turkey


United States

Certificate Consumers


Austria


Czech Republic


Denmark


Ethiopia


Finland


Greece


Hungary


Indonesia


Israel


New Zealand


Pakistan


Slovak Republic

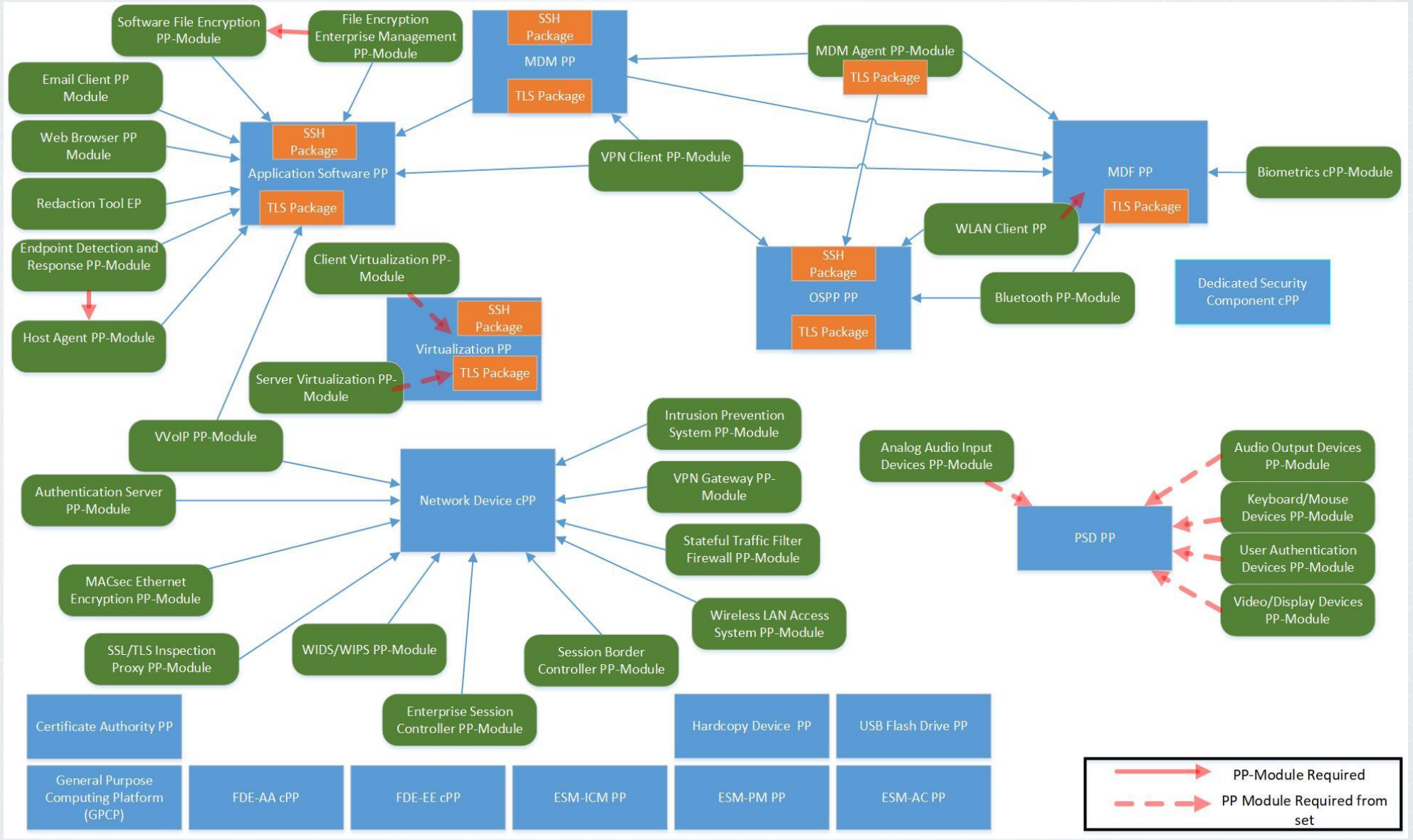

United Kingdom

Requirements Driving Protection Profile Development (2023)

- Post Quantum updates to algorithms – CNSA 2.0
- International standards updates to all Protection profiles – CC:2022
- Cybersecurity Requirements Updates – Supply Chain, Vulnerability tracking, SSDF, Zero Trust
- Commercial Solutions for Classified Roadmap coordination and product availability - CSfC
- Cloud strategy – Operational Requirements, Whole of government coordination, Industry and International Coordination

- Big Picture drivers: Secure by Design/Secure to Market/Secure by Default

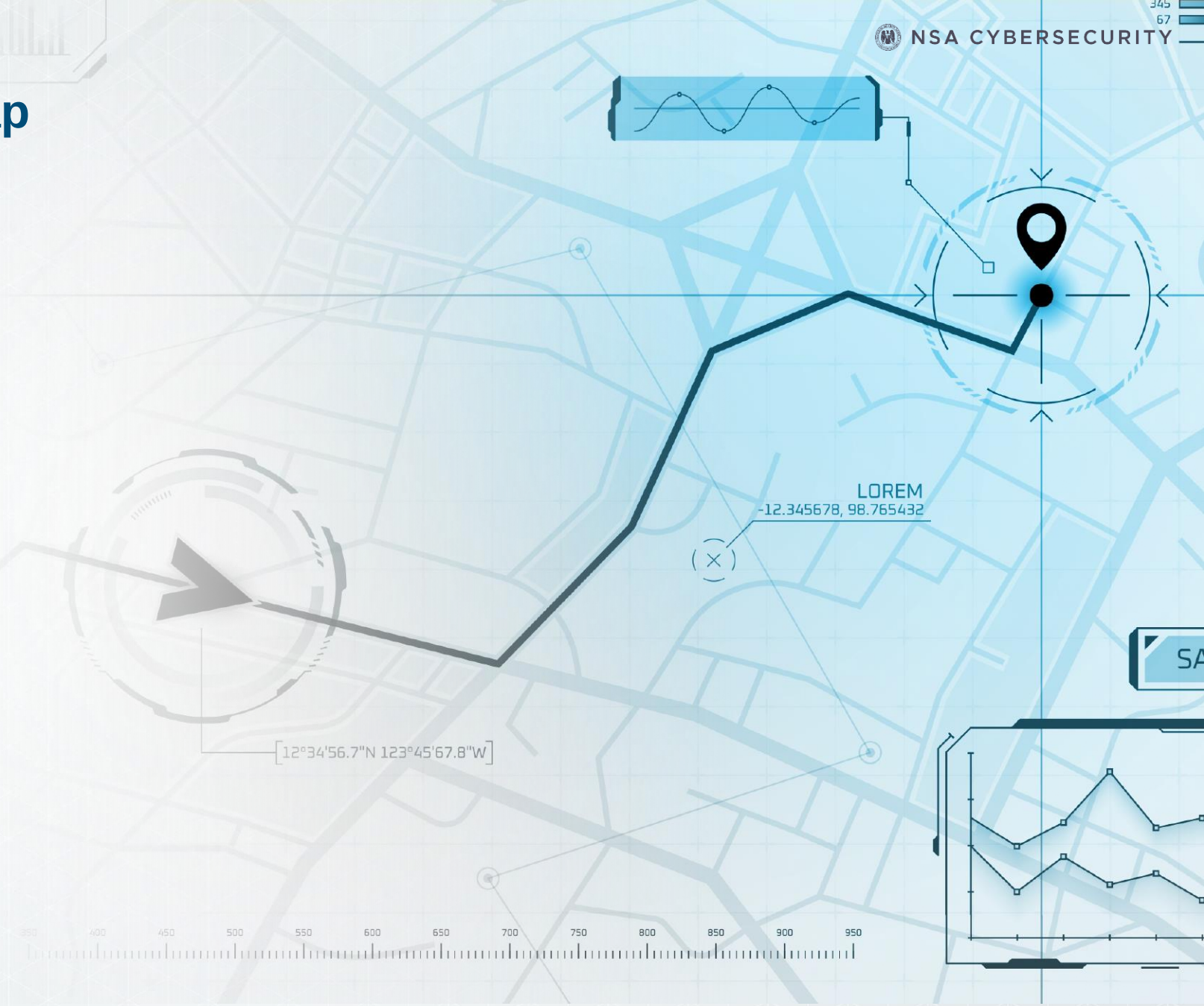
The Inter-connections of PP's



Protection Profile Roadmap

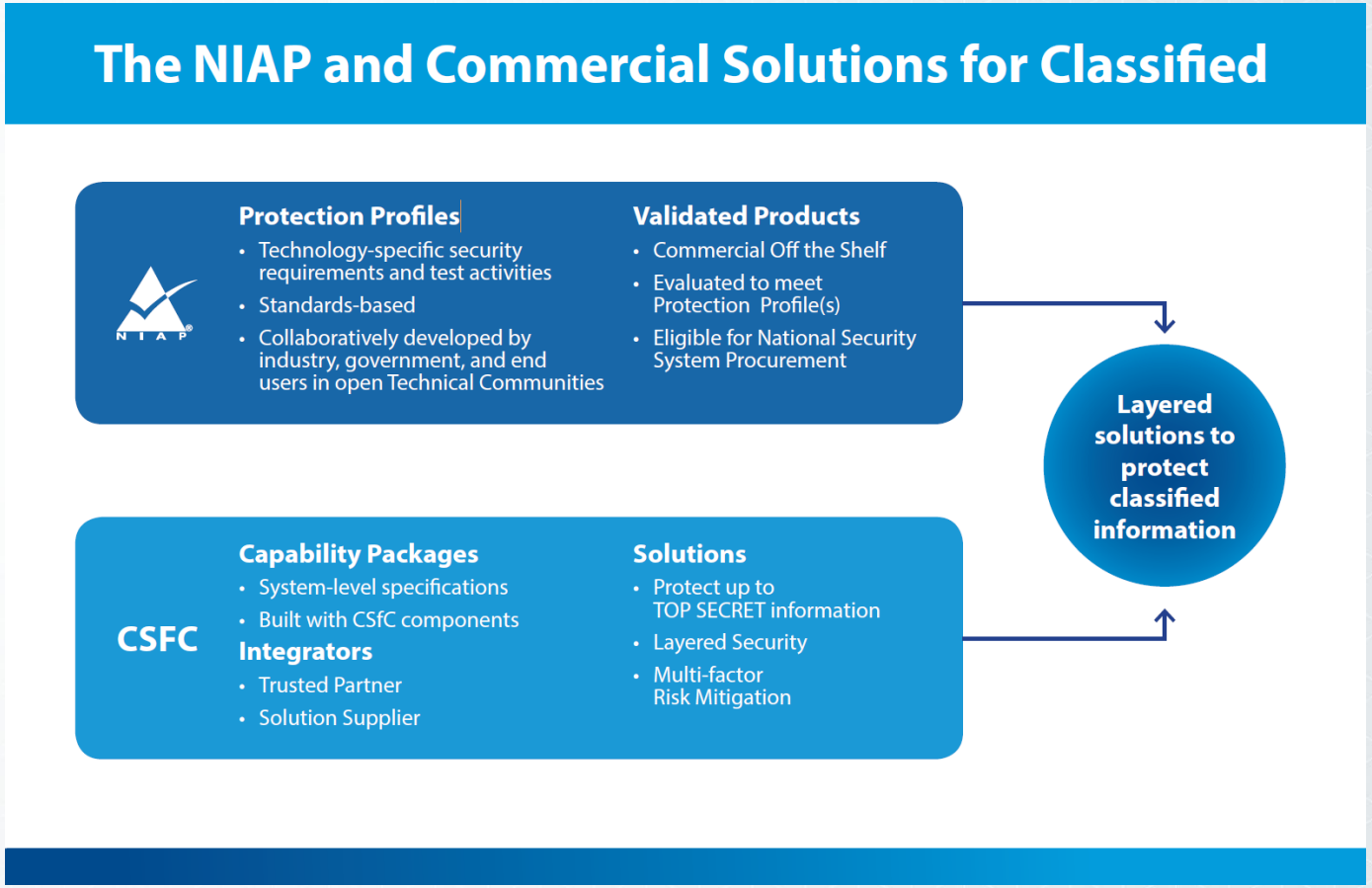
Priorities:

- CC:2022 Conversion
  - App SW Group
  - Mobility Group
  - ND Group
  - PSD Group
  - Virtualization Group
  - Individual PPs
- CNSA 2.0
  - LMS/XMSS
  - CRYSTALS Kyber/Dilithium



Relationship Between NIAP and CSfC

- CSfC enables products on NIAP Product Compliant List to be used in layered solutions to protect classified National Security Systems (NSS).
- After receiving NIAP validation, a vendor follows a separate process with CSfC to obtain approval to be used in CSfC.
- CSfC may require a product to support certain, more secure selections that are only optional for NIAP compliance.
- Approved products are added to the CSfC Components List.



CNSA 2.0 Overview

Motivation for Transition

NSM-8

Goal: Fortify cybersecurity of National Security, Department of Defense, and Intelligence Community Systems.

- All federal agencies must use NSA-approved cryptography to protect NSS.
- NSA must update CNSSP 15: Use of Public Standards for Secure Information Sharing from CNSA 1.0 to CNSA 2.0 algorithms.
- NSA must provide PQ crypto planning.

NSM-10

Goal: Promote US leadership in quantum computing while mitigating risks to vulnerable systems.

- US must develop partnerships, promote collaboration with industry, academia, and overseas allies.
- NSA must provide guidance on quantum-resistant cryptography migration, implementation, and oversight for NSS.
- NSA must release timeline for deprecation of vulnerable cryptography in NSS.

CNSA 2.0 Overview

Algorithms

Function	Algorithm	Specification	Use Case	Parameters	CNSA 1.0
Symmetric Key Encryption	AES	FIPS PUB 197	General	AES-256	AES-256
Hash Algorithm	SHA2	FIPS PUB 180-4	General	SHA-384 SHA-512	SHA-384
Digital Signature	Leighton-Micali Signature (LMS)	NIST SP 800-208 RFC 8554	Software and firmware signing	All parameters in SP 800-208*	ECDSA (P-384) RSA (3072 bit min)
Digital Signature	eXtended Merkle Signature Scheme (XMSS)	NIST SP 800-208 RFC 8391	Software and firmware signing	All parameters in SP 800-208*	ECDSA (P-384) RSA (3072 bit min)
Asymmetric Key Establishment	CRYSTALS-Kyber (ML-KEM)	NIST FIPS 203	General	Level V	ECDH (P-384) DH (3072 bit min)
Digital Signature	CRYSTALS-Dilithium (ML-DSA)	NIST FIPS 204	General	Level V	ECDSA (P-384) RSA (3072 bit min)

*All parameters for LMS and XMSS are approved, but use of LMS with parameter SHA-256/192 is preferred.

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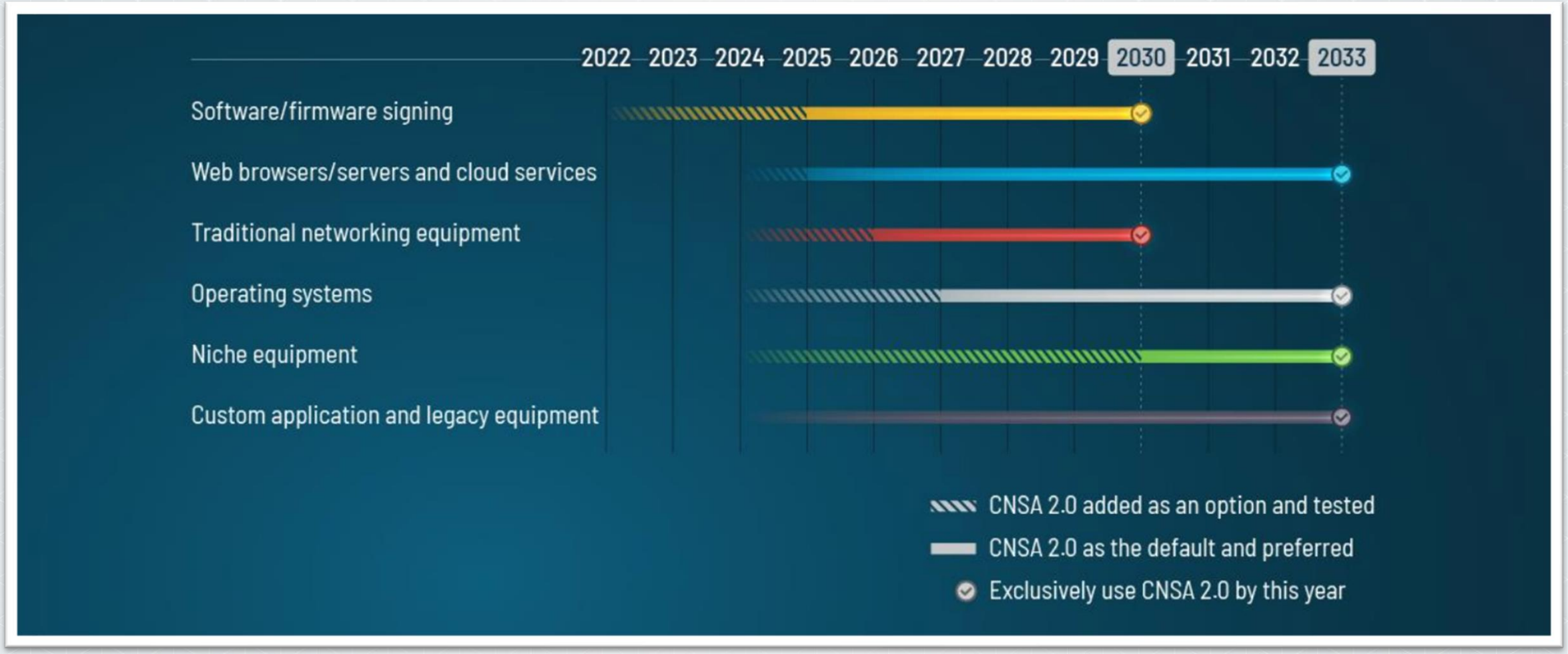
Anticipated Timeline



General Process for NIAP Implementation of CNSA 2.0

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LMS
- For software and firmware signing
- Standardized by NIST in SP 800-208

2

XMSS
- For software and firmware signing
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CRYSTALS-Kyber (ML-KEM)
- For key establishment
- Draft standard FIPS 203 released by NIST; can expect final standard sometime in 2024
- NIST will publish SP 800-227 on the general properties of KEMs

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CRYSTALS-Dilithium (ML-DSA)
- For general purpose digital signatures
- Draft standard FIPS 204 released by NIST
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2. NIST adds support for algorithm to CAVP.

"All cryptography in the TOE for which NIST provides validation testing of FIPS-approved and NIST-recommended cryptographic algorithms and their individual components must be NIST validated (CAVP and/or CMVP). At minimum an appropriate NIST CAVP certificate is required before a NIAP CC Certificate will be awarded." (NIAP Policy Letter 5)

NIAP's CAVP Mapping document will need updates to incorporate the new algorithms.

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NIST's Automated Cryptographic Validation Program (ACVP) should expedite this process.

LMS and XMSS may require Cryptographic Module Validation Program (CMVP) validation in addition to CAVP validation.

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3. **NIAP updates the relevant Protection Profiles to include the newly-standardized algorithm as the preferred configuration option.**

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3. NIAP updates PPs to support use of algorithm.

Algorithm-Specific Updates

The algorithm is added in as a selection to all relevant PPs. This is determined by:

- what type of algorithm it is (encryption vs. authentication), and
- whether it is for general use, or approved only for a specific use case (e.g. software and firmware updates for LMS and XMSS).

SFRs, testing activities, application notes, and more may need to be updated in order to account for additional considerations that arise through use of the algorithm.

Protocol-Specific Updates

SDOs publish new standards documents that update existing standards in order to allow for the use of the new algorithm in a specific protocol standard.

Updates may be made to the CNSA RFC that profiles the protocol in question.

All PPs that use the given protocol need to incorporate updates to align with new SDO documents and CNSA profile.

SFRs, testing activities, threats, assumptions, and more may need to be updated.

In both cases, updates need to be traced through PPs on which revised PPs are dependent (i.e., the dependency a PP-Module has on a base-PP) in order to ensure consistency throughout updates.

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4. Equipment must meet updated PP requirements in order to be validated or remain compliant.

New equipment:

- Equipment that has not yet been validated must meet the updated Protection Profile requirements in order to be validated.

Already validated equipment:

- Equipment that has already been validated must meet the updated Protection Profile requirements when it is due for its next update in order to remain compliant.
- NIAP certifications typically last for two years with the possibility of an additional year.
- Certifications for some technologies may last for up to five years (e.g. Peripheral Sharing Devices).
- For more information on the re-evaluation process, see NIAP-CCEVS Publication 6, Assurance Continuity: Guidance for Maintenance and Re-Evaluation.

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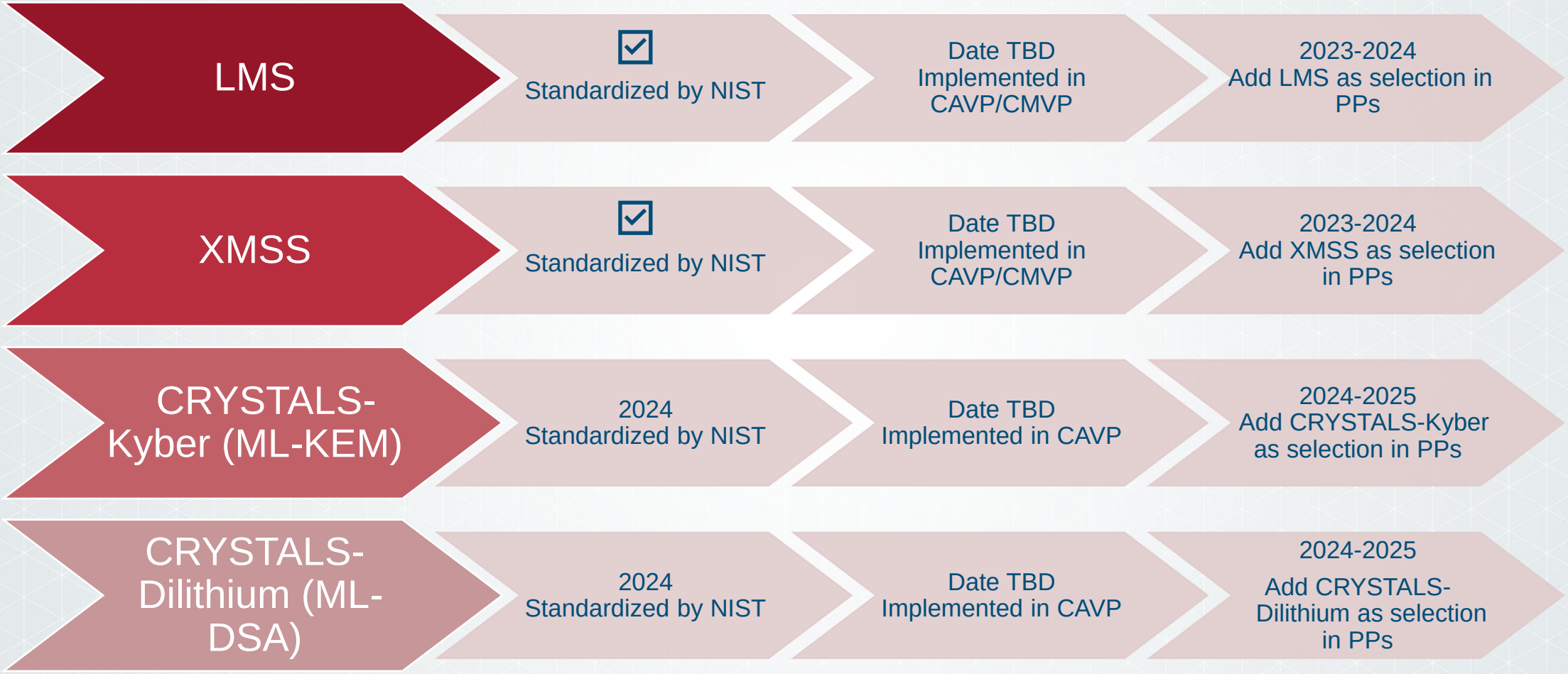
5. **After some time, non-CNSA 2.0-approved algorithms will be removed as options from Protection Profiles.**

Predicted Timeline for Adding Algorithms to PPs



NIAP Cryptographic Technical Community

Support Efforts to Update PPs

- Members can provide technical input to the development and maintenance of cryptographic Security Functional Requirements (SFRs).
- TC is focused on incorporating quantum-resistant algorithms from CNSA 2.0 into Protection Profiles.
- First round of updates will enable use of LMS and XMSS stateful hash-based digital signatures for software and firmware signing.
  - Incorporate requirements into Protection Profiles, beginning with Application Software, General Purpose Operating System, and Mobile Device Fundamentals.
  - Make recommendations for collaborative Protection Profiles, beginning with Network Device and Dedicated Security Component.
- Future updates will add support for CRYSTALS-Kyber (ML-KEM) for key establishment, and CRYSTALS-Dilithium (ML-DSA) for digital signatures.
- The TC is open to all participants.

References

- CNSA Suite 2.0 Cybersecurity Advisory
- CNSA Suite 2.0 FAQ
- NIST SP 800-208
- CNSSP 15
- CAVP Mapping
- NIAP Policy Letter 5
- NIAP-CCEVS Publication 6
- NSM 8
- NSM 10
- Status Report on the Third Round of the NIST Post-Quantum Cryptography Standardization Process
- RFC 7383, IKEv2 Message Fragmentation
- RFC 9242, Intermediate Exchange in IKEv2
- RFC 9370, Multiple Key Exchanges in IKEv2

How to Contribute

- Technical Communities
- Common Criteria User Forum
- GitHub site: https://github.com/commoncriteria

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