What is the CDM Program?

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**001 Jim Wiggins: Hi there. This is Jim Wiggins. And we're here today talking about the continuous diagnostics and mitigation program from DHS.

So, what is the CDM program?
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Answer:
The CDM Program assists departments and agencies (D/As) in implementing Information Security Continuous Monitoring (ISCM).

**002 So, the CDM program, also known as the continuous diagnostics and mitigation program, helps departments and agencies by facilitating information security continuous monitoring or ISCM.
What Is the CDM Program?

Answer:
The CDM program provides a consistent, government-wide set of automated ISCM tools, technologies, and procedures to enhance the Federal government’s ability to

• Establish a strong security posture that provides more timely risk management for containment of cyber threats
• Prioritize risk so that management can make informed decisions concerning security problems

**003 Now, this ISCM concept is supported through the procurement of a set of government wide automated tools, technologies, and procedures that help departments and agencies both establish a strong security posture that provides those respective departments and agencies with the ability to make more timely risk based decisions, and also be able to help prioritize those risks so they can determine where they want to focus their efforts and ultimately decide which security problems they want to fix first.
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**Additional information:**

OMB M14-03 states, “The CDM program was developed by DHS. Under this program, DHS coordinated with the GSA to establish a government-wide BPA under Multiple Award Schedule 70, which Federal, State, local, and tribal governments can leverage to deploy a basic set of capabilities to support continuous monitoring of security controls in Federal information systems and environments of operation.”

**004 So, the CDM program is actually referenced in an Office of Management and Budget, or OMB, memo known as 1403. And in that particular memo, it states that the CDM program was developed by DHS. Under this program, DHS coordinated with GSA to establish a government-wide BPA, that’s a blanket purchase agreement, under multiple awards schedule 70, which federal, state, local, and tribal governments can leverage to deploy a basic set of capabilities to support continuous monitoring of security controls in federal information systems and environments of operations.”
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Additional information:
CDM was designed to help Federal civilian organizations implement a robust data collection system and dashboard.

**005 So, the end game here is that the CDM program was designed to help federal, civilian organizations implement a robust data collection system and dashboard to facilitate this ISCM and continuous monitoring concept.
If you'd like more information about the CDM program, you can visit the following website at www.dhs.gov/cdm. Or you can send an email with your questions to cdm.fnr@hq.dhs.gov. Thank you.