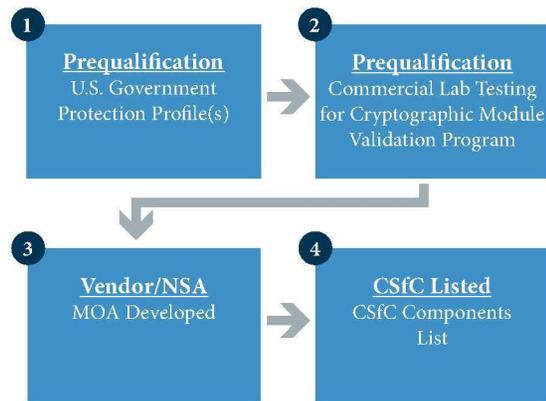


# How can vendors get involved?

Vendors who wish to have their products eligible as CSfC components of a composed, layered IA solution must build their products in accordance with the applicable U.S. Government Protection Profile(s) and submit their products using the Common Criteria process. NSA/CSS enters into an agreement with the vendor which may stipulate other requirements for the particular technology.

The CSfC Component Intake Process is depicted below:



Once the product has met these requirements, NSA/CSS will add it to the list of commercial products eligible for use in CSfC.



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# Commercial Solutions for Classified (CSfC)

## What is CSfC?

U.S. Government customers increasingly require immediate use of the market's most modern commercial hardware and software technologies within National Security Systems (NSS) in order to achieve mission objectives. Consequently, the National Security Agency/Central Security Service's (NSA/CSS) Information Assurance Directorate (IAD) is developing new ways to leverage emerging technologies to deliver more timely IA solutions for rapidly evolving customer requirements. NSA/CSS's Commercial Solutions for Classified (CSfC) process enables commercial products to be used in layered solutions to protect classified NSS information. This will provide the ability to securely communicate based on commercial standards in a solution that can be fielded in months, not years.

Although NSA/CSS's strategy for protecting classified information continues to employ both commercially-based and traditional Government-Off-The-Shelf (GOTS) IA solutions, IAD will look first to commercial technology and solutions in helping customers meet their needs for protecting classified information. Additionally, IAD continues to support customers with existing GOTS IA solutions or needs that can only be met via GOTS.

## What is a Capability Package?

A Capability Package contains vendor-neutral information that allows customers/integrators to successfully implement their own solutions.

Using the information in a Capability Package, customers/integrators make product selections while following the specifications to create an architecture with specific commercial products configured in a particular manner.

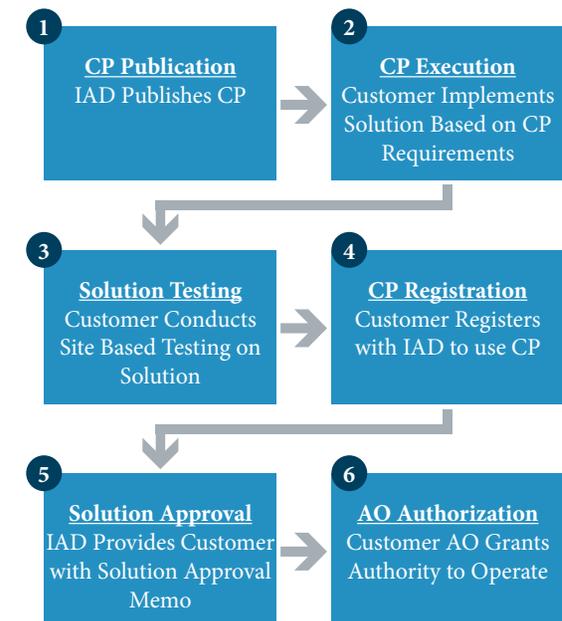
### Capability Packages include:

- Capability's general description and security architecture
- Pointer to listing of eligible products
- Security roles of the products
- Overall System Security
- Requirements/Guidance for:
  - Customers/Integrators
  - Administrators
  - Testers
  - Certifiers/Accreditors
  - Interoperability
  - Key Management
  - Lifecycle Maintenance
- Classified Residual Risk Assessment (provided separately)

## How can you get involved?

For information or assistance in determining whether an approved Capability Package (CP) satisfies their needs, U.S. Government customers (e.g., Department of Defense Components, Intelligence Community Organizations, and Federal Agencies) can engage NSA/CSS through their designated IAD Customer Advocates. Integrators should coordinate through their U.S. Government customer points of contact.

The CSfC process is shown in the diagram below:



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