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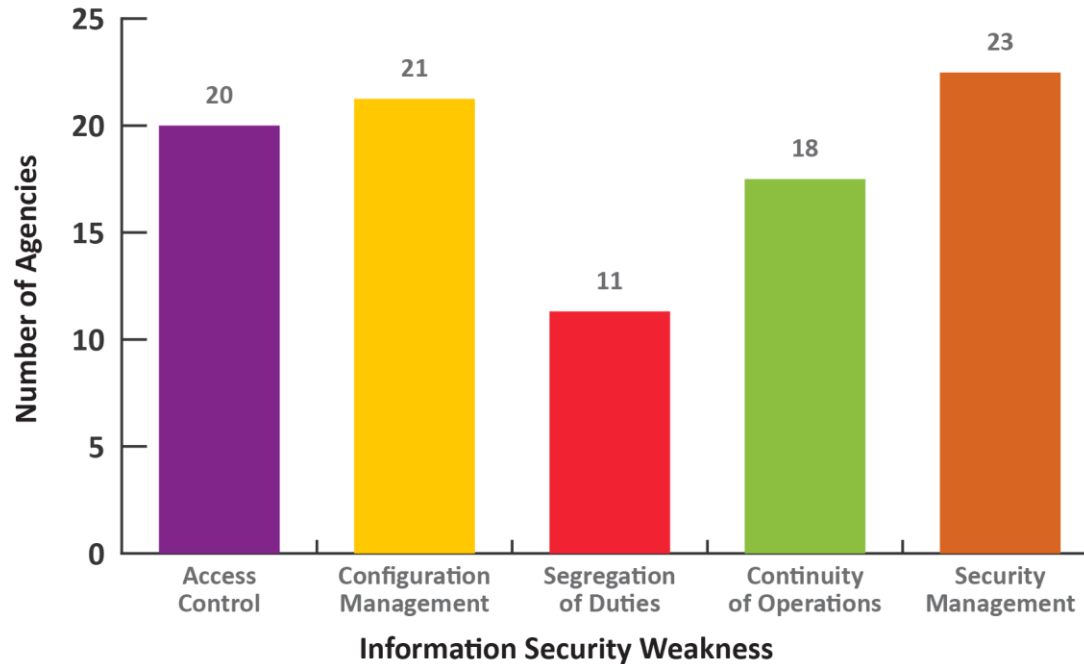


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U.S. Federal Agencies Vulnerability Categories



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(Source: GAO Reports for fiscal year 2014)

Our commitment



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*“In the realm of the 21st century cloud technology and dynamic world of Cyberspace, **what transcends in DHS, above all, is its solemn commitment to protect the United States Government and civilian infrastructures from Cyberespionage and Cyberthreats.**”*

*“In the arena of Cyberespionage and Cyberthreats, **what resonates with the United States citizens is the protection of their personal freedom, wellbeing, property, and identity** from those who are adamant to harm them.”*

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This presentation encompasses a scientific DHS Model that effectively mitigates National Cybersecurity for Transport Networks (NCTNs) risks and vulnerabilities

DHS Components



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DHS Components Supporting U.S. Cybersecurity Initiatives

National Protection and Program Directorate (NPPD)	Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC)	Domestic Nuclear Protection Office
United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)	United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)	Office of Health Affairs (OHA)
United States Customs and Border Protection (CBP)	United States Secret Service (USSS)	Office of Intelligence and Analysis
United States Coast Guard (USCG)	Directorate for Management	Office of Operations Coordination
Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)	Science and Technology Directorate	Office of Policy

Source: <http://www.dhs.gov/components-directorates-and-offices>

NCTNs are:

- The essential focus of the DHS's initiatives to protect global transport infrastructures
- The inseparable part of DHS's mission critical, social interaction, and sensitive cyber transport systems

Model's Goals



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- To support supply chain components: PSTNs, CCCT), NGN, and GSMs
- To provide clear distinction between risks and vulnerabilities and how to manage them
- To prevent threats to the Nation's Sixteen Critical Sectors
- To facilitate transports' insurance and privacy legislations, policies, standards, etc.

Model's Mission



- Continuous mitigation of the real time interconnected GSMs transport interlinks
- Continuous facilitation of the global transport design and development systems

Addresses:

- Global transport's inherent risks and vulnerabilities
- The drivers of the 21st century Cybersecurity transport thrust process

Model's Global Topology



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- Interconnect vital segments of today's NCTNs with global Cellular Cloud Computing Technology (CCCT)
- Facilitate voice and data transport systems through Integrated Services Digital Networks (ISDNs), dial-up, and related legacy and modern technologies
- Support implementation of the global transport networks including microwave transmission links and fiber optic capabilities.

Model Provides



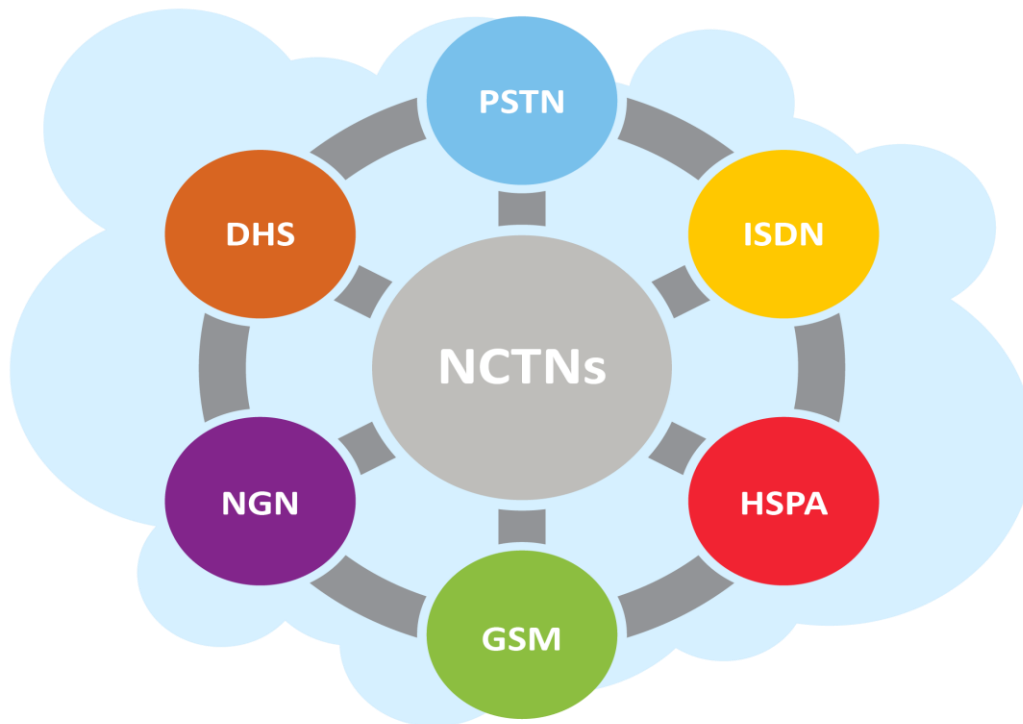
- A continuous mitigation of the global transport's lifecycle systems
- A secured and effective global architectural Transport Validation and Verification System (TV&VS)

Model's Support



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Cellular Cloud Computing Technology

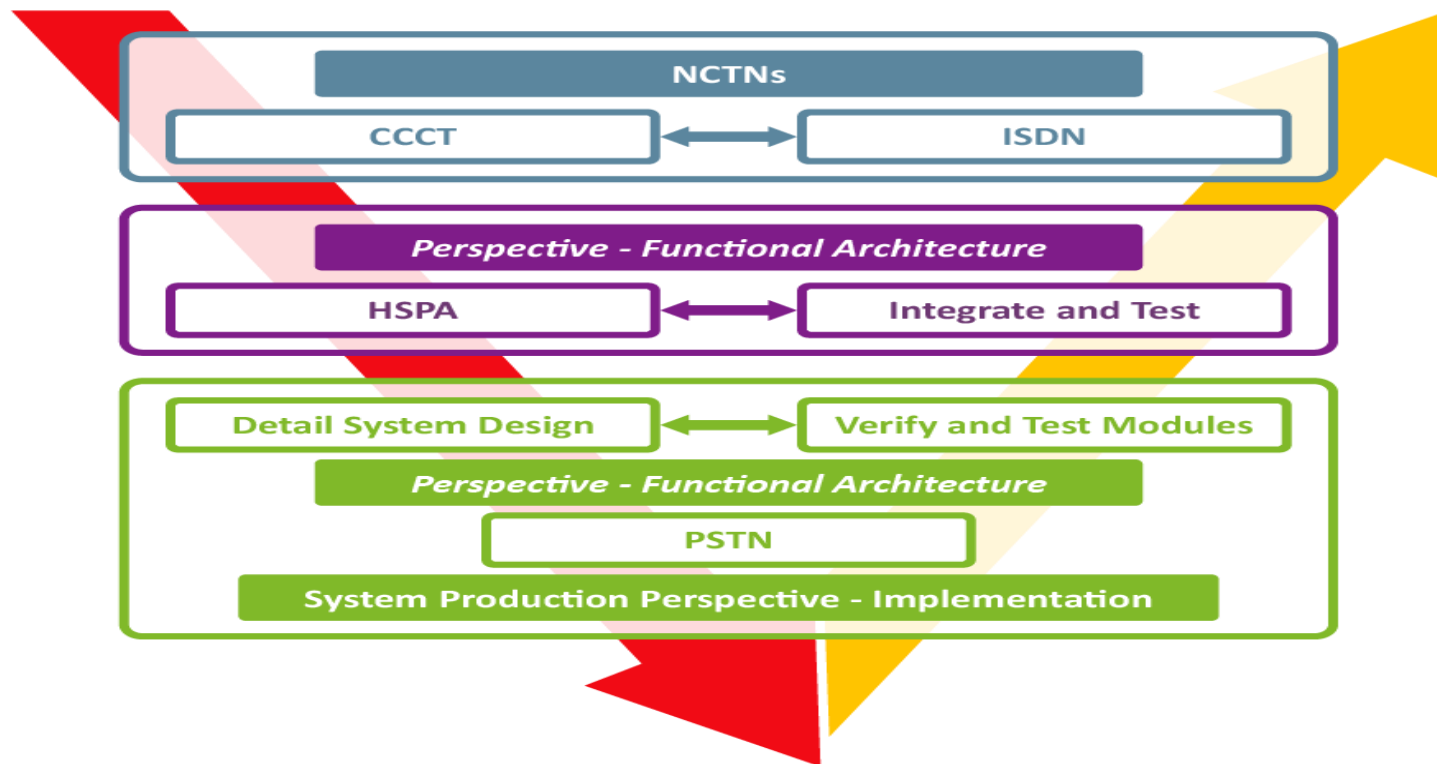


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Model's Systems



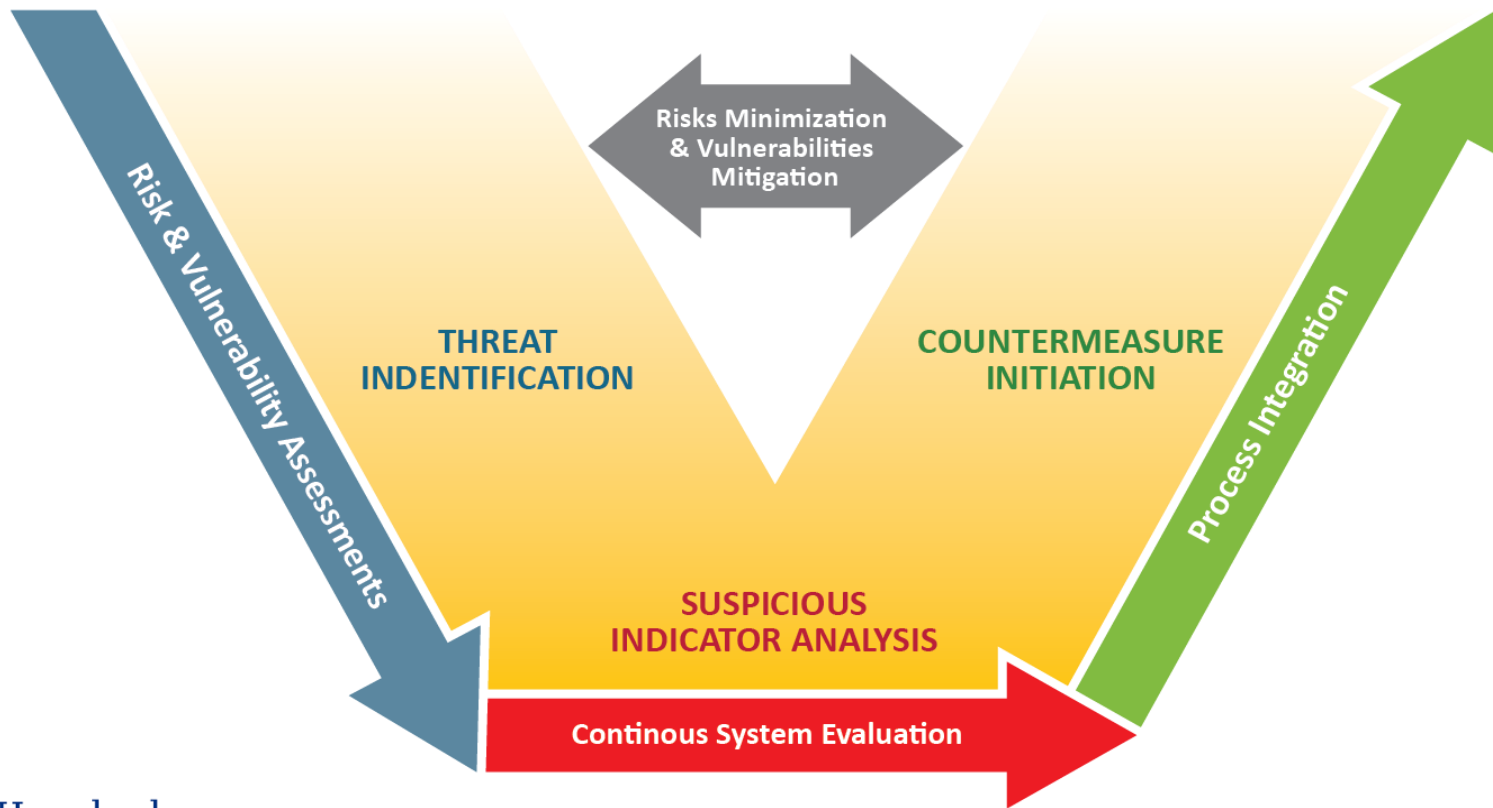
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Model's Management Process



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Model's Lifecycle Process – Use Case



Instantaneously after a probable harmful intrusions, the system simultaneously activates its Risks and Vulnerabilities Prevention Methods:

1. Identifies and blocks threat and abnormality before it can harm a DHS NCTNs.
2. It is bridged to MITRE's CVE, CWE, and CAPEC databases to be further analyzed and determined whether any "similar" information exists within these servers.
3. If there is a remedy within MITRE databases, the appropriate "fix action" is activated to prevent the threat and abnormality from harming the NCTNs; then it notifies other Government agencies, private industry, and civilian stakeholders of the incident, remedy, and all other relevant information.
4. If there is no remedy within the MITRE databases, the system continues to block the threat and abnormality until a "fix action" remedy is found by DHS SMEs. As soon as the remedy is found, it is included in the MITRE databases, for future references, and all of the relevant information is circulated to the appropriate Government agencies, industry, and civilian stakeholders as a warning.

Note: Following diagrams will illustrate the above process

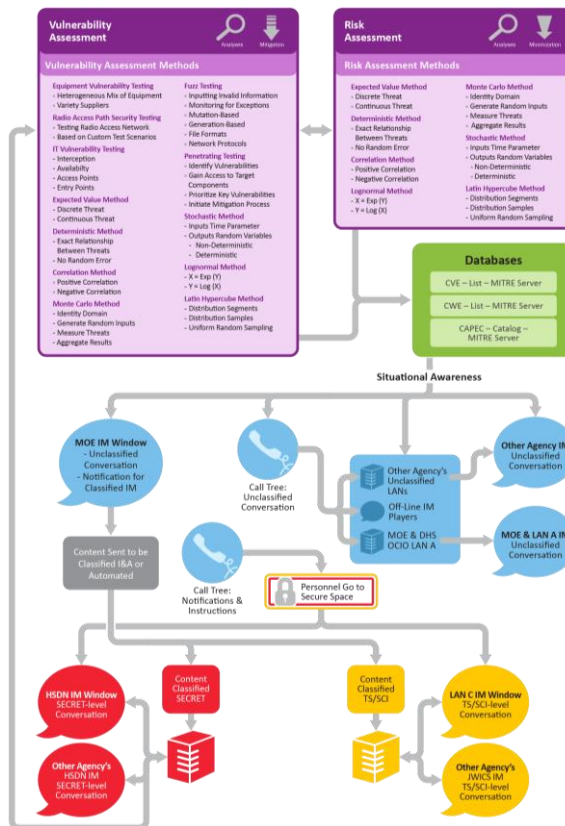
Model's Lifecycle Assessment Diagram

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Provides:

- Risk Minimization Assessment Methods
- Vulnerability Mitigation Assessment Methods
- Risk and Vulnerability Auditing Methods



Vulnerability Assessment

- Identify weaknesses in systems, processes, or personnel that could be exploited by adversaries.
- Assess the potential impact of identified vulnerabilities.
- Determine the likelihood of exploitation based on threat intelligence and adversary capabilities.
- Develop mitigation strategies to reduce vulnerability.

Risk Assessment

- Identify threats and their potential impact on critical assets.
- Assess the vulnerability of those assets to the threats.
- Determine the overall risk level based on the combination of threat, vulnerability, and impact.
- Develop risk management strategies to mitigate or accept risk.

Situational Awareness

- Understand the current state of the system and the environment.
- Identify changes in the situation and assess their potential impact.
- Make decisions based on the available information.

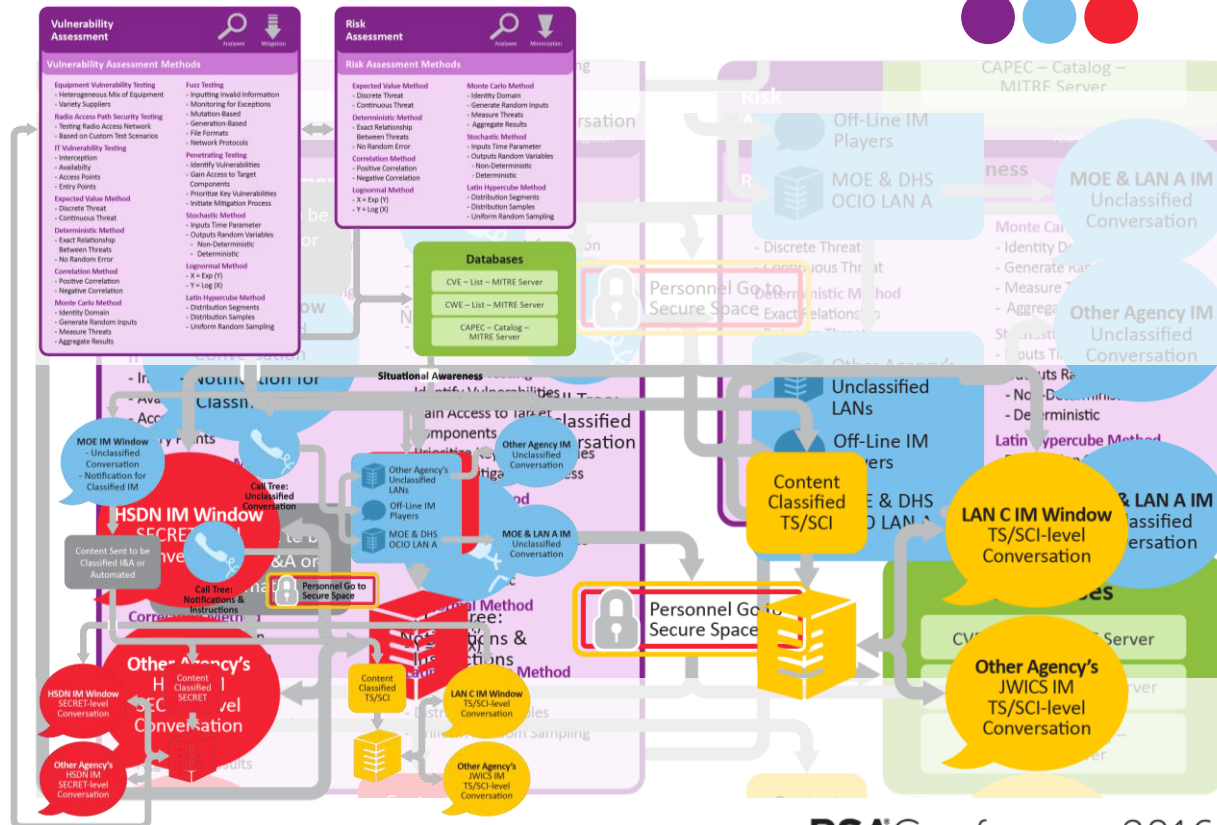
Communication States:

- Call State: Unencrypted Conversation**: Initial state where communication is unsecured.
- Call State: Encrypted Conversation**: State where communication is secured using encryption.
- Call State: Notification & Interruption**: State where communication is interrupted or notified.
- Call State: Disrupted Conversation**: State where communication is disrupted.
- Call State: Interrupted Conversation**: State where communication is interrupted.
- Call State: Suspended Conversation**: State where communication is suspended.
- Call State: Resumed Conversation**: State where communication has resumed after interruption.
- Call State: Terminated Conversation**: State where communication has ended.

Data States:

- DATA: IN-USE**: Data currently being used.
- DATA: AT-RISK**: Data at risk of compromise.
- DATA: COMPROMISED**: Data that has been compromised.
- DATA: RECOVERED**: Data that has been recovered after compromise.
- DATA: DESTROYED**: Data that has been destroyed.
- DATA: RESTORED**: Data that has been restored after destruction.

The flowchart illustrates the operational security assessment process, starting with Vulnerability Assessment and Risk Assessment, leading to Situational Awareness, which then branches into various communication and data states. The diagram uses icons like a magnifying glass, shield, and database symbols to represent different components and actions.



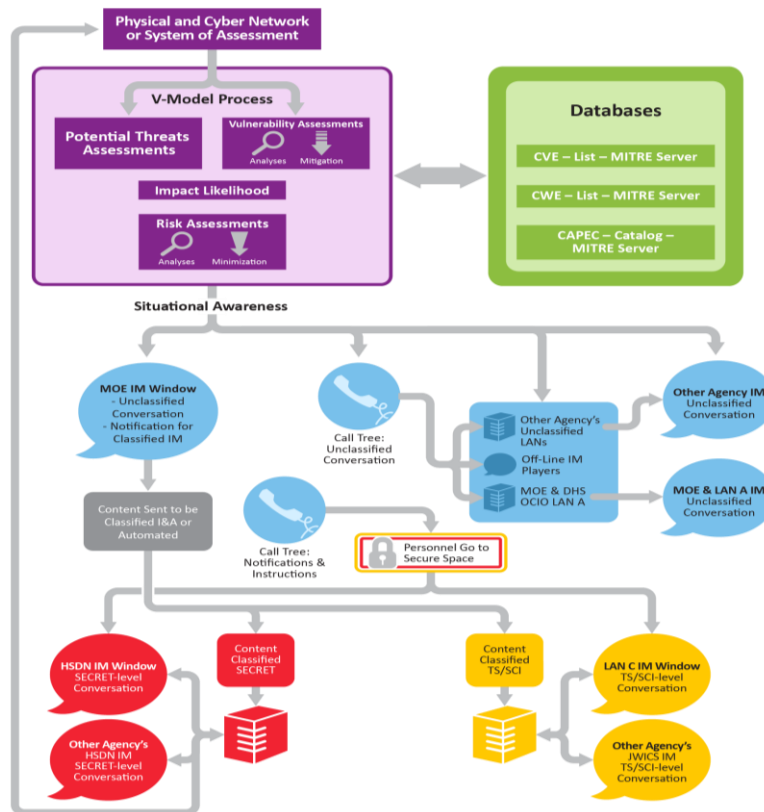
Model's Lifecycle Components



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Supports:

- Physical and Cyber Networks
- Cybersecurity Architectures
- Cellular Cloud Computing Technologies



The diagram illustrates a comprehensive threat assessment and situational awareness system. It begins with a 'Physical and Cyber Network or System of Assessment' which feeds into a 'V-Model Process' and 'Databases'. The 'V-Model Process' includes 'Potential Threats Assessments', 'Vulnerability Assessments', 'Impact Likelihood', and 'Risk Assessments'. The 'Databases' include 'CVE List - MITRE Server', 'CWE List - MITRE Server', and 'CAPEC Catalog - MITRE Server'. The process flows through various channels such as 'MOE IM Window', 'HSDN IM Window', 'LAN C IM Window', and 'Other Agency's IM Window', all leading to 'Situational Awareness' and 'Personnel Go to Secure Space'. It also shows 'Content Classified TS/SCI' and 'Call Tree: Notifications & Instructions'.

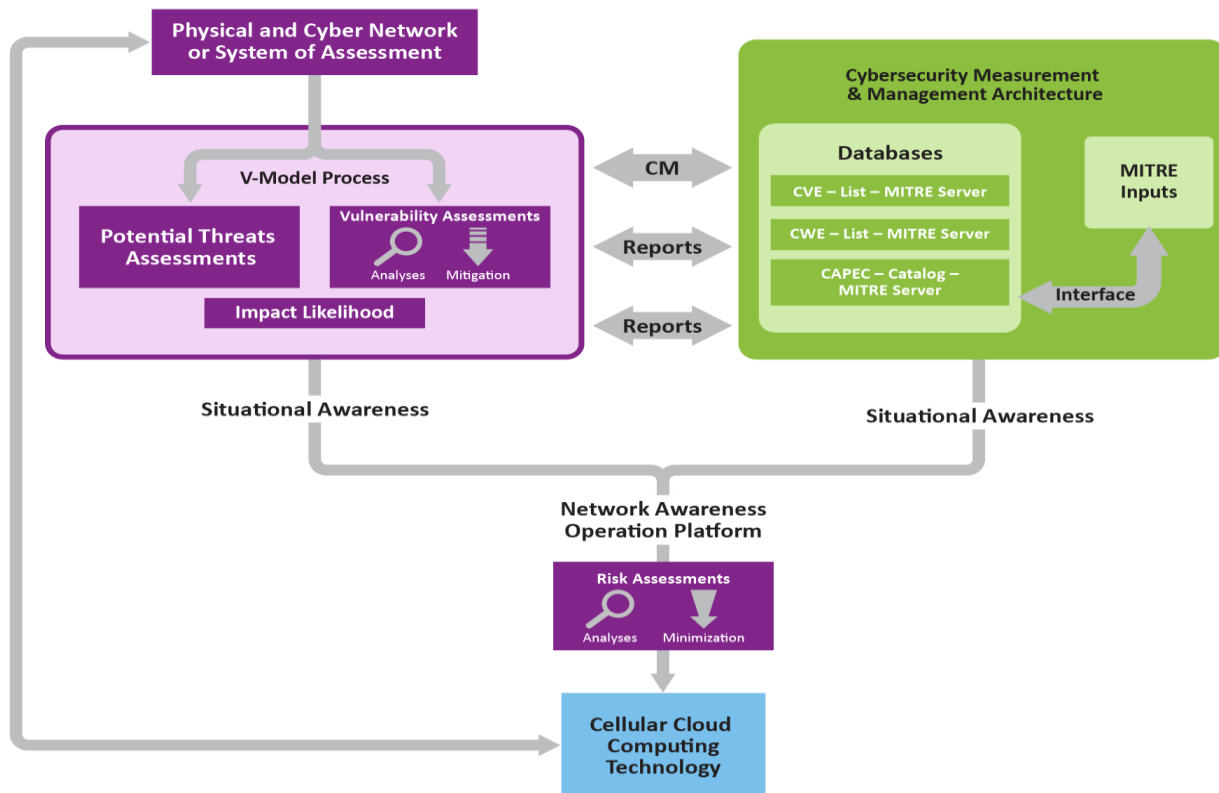
Model's Lifecycle Engineering Process



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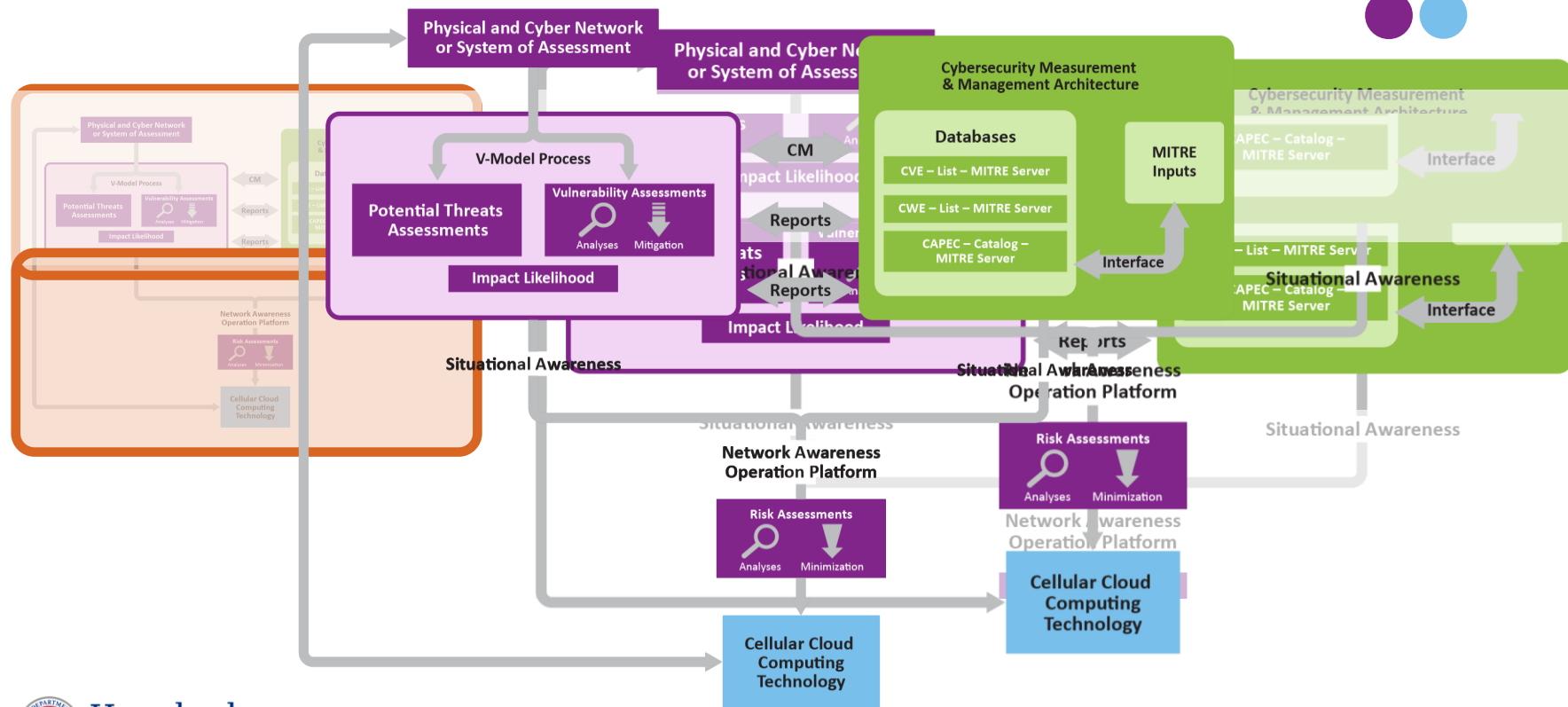
Facilitates:

- Strategy and Logistics
- Enterprise Application
- Asset Management
- Procurement Management
- Product Management



Model's Lifecycle Engineering Process

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The Model's practical applications entail:

- Establishing a National Platform for NCTNs supply chain security
- Improving secure trade flow of the most recent information, hardware, software, firmware, and interfaces
- Supporting the development and implementation of global telecommunication supply chain security measures by establishing a harmonious supply chain security initiative
- Stresses the Human Factors
- Encourages the definition and implementation of common NCTNs platform

Model's Transformation to Reality



- **Model is developed and approved**
- **Related White Paper is circulated and staffed**
- **Budget in process**
- **Production timeline in process**

A few of the Randomly Selected DHS SMEs Testimonials

Mike Roskind: The paper is well written and thoughtful. Supply chain management is critical to cyber and this offers ways to develop a model on known vulnerabilities which can be attributed and shared for risk management. Detecting unknown vulnerabilities is still the country's long pole.

Starks, George: "A telecommunication Supply Chain Model to Prevent Cyberspace Risks and Vulnerabilities" is a well-supported, well-structured and well-written white paper, which I believe lays a solid foundation that offers DHS the ability to better secure its telecommunication environment, and it was my pleasures to peer review it.

Tumbarello, Stephen: Your White Paper "A Telecommunications Supply Chain Model to Prevent Cyperspace Risks and Vulnerabilities" is Outstanding! I would easily give it an "A" grade!

Maxey, Serena: Keep up the great work. Your paper was pretty brilliant.

Woodhouse, Allen: It has a lot of promise and no doubt will have lots of senior level support as well.

Moore, Gerald: This is a very well written paper and I look forward to reading the final draft.



The Model provides:

- Service security
- Service availability
- Service Integrity
- Service interoperability
- Service privacy



Proactively supporting and participating in the DHS's Cybersecurity initiatives to the extent that it directly and indirectly impacts your organization's efforts by:

- Establishing a National Platform for NCTNs supply chain security
- Improving secure trade flow of the global transport information, hardware, software, firmware, and interfaces
- Facilitating the development, updating, and implementation of global transport supply chain security measures



The Model safeguards:

- Vital NCTNs systems 24x7x365 from cyber intrusions and espionage
- NCTNs components and infrastructures
- CDMA, PSTNs, GSMs, NGN, and other legacy circuit-switched and modern packet-based next generation transports systems



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