

File 20100414.1234: Notes from the UCDMO talk today by Marianne Bailey, Director of UCDMO. This will be useful for Tuesday's talk on RM 5.0 part 2.

In 2005, the DOD and IC CIOs got together and formed the Unified Cross Domain Management Office, or UCDMO. UCDMO theoretically has authority over all Cross Domain Transfer solutions in DOD and IC.

What UCDMO does:

- They maintain a Baseline list of approved Cross Domain solutions (currently 17 of them in the most recent list published December 2009). Being on this list means:
 1. That 'someone' has tested the product, and the test criteria meet UCDMO's minimum criteria for test quality. (UCDMO doesn't do the testing.)
 2. That there is a programme office for the product, guaranteeing some minimum level of O&M support.
- UCDMO manages a sunset list—notifying the DOD and IC communities when an older Cross Domain product no longer has sufficient O&M support *and there is a replacement available* for it.
- They do data calls to the user community to determine what their needs currently are.
- UCDMO tries to encourage development to follow needs and not be duplicative. When they hear about good ideas they fight to get funding for them. When they heard about bad ideas or duplicated effort, they try to discourage it.
- They develop unified processes and policies; been working on those since 2006. Currently there are still separate DOD and IC C&A standards. Last July, NIST SP 800-53 was finally published, containing the security controls UCDMO needed.
- Unified Cross Domain Implementation Process coming out this summer: it will go in 8500.2 on the DOD side and ICD 5/03 (?) on the IC side.
- UCDMO created three profiles: Access, Transfer, and ???.
- Cross Domain Profiles Tool
- Baseline list version 3.2.0 issued December 2009.
- They support the Security Community Testing Group (SCTG).
- There are CDSOs in every branch: Army, Navy, NSA, et cetera. They know the products and the criteria for your local applications—go to your local CDSO first.
- UCDMO sponsors Developer Days whenever they discover a new vendor; they invite them in for a chat, stand up the developer before a panel of Subject Matter Experts, and grill them on capabilities, O&M, and support.
- RSEG: Requirements Security Engineering Group
- CDSO: Cross Domain Solutions Office(s)
- CSTG: Community Security Testing Group
- CDRB: Cross Domain Resolution Board
- CDTF: Cross Domain Testing Forum
- URI: www.ucdm.gov is where you can find the Baseline list.
- UCDMO Conference 9–12 August 2010 in Boston, Massachusetts. Deadline for abstracts is Friday, 16th April. URI: www.ncsi.com username: Joe.Loughry@LMCO.com password I*5gC&P>
- The rules for VALID 2010 require that papers not be under review in any other conference or journal.
- Send UCDMO a new abstract for a new lecture. Which track?

References