Good Cybersecurity Documentation

In the context of good cybersecurity documentation, components are hierarchical and build on each other to build a strong governance structure that utilizes an integrated approach to managing requirements. Well-designed documentation is comprised of five (5) core components:

- <u>Policies</u> are established by an organization's corporate leadership establishes "management's intent" for cybersecurity and data protection requirements that are necessary to support the organization's overall strategy and mission.
- <u>Control Objectives</u> identify the technical, administrative and physical protections that are generally tied to a law, regulation, industry framework or contractual obligation.
- <u>Standards</u> provide organization-specific, quantifiable requirements for cybersecurity and data protection.
- <u>Guidelines</u> are additional guidance that is recommended, but not mandatory.