Identification and Protection of Critical Program Information (CPI)

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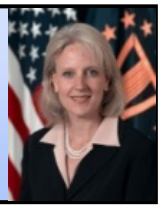

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- **Program Protection**

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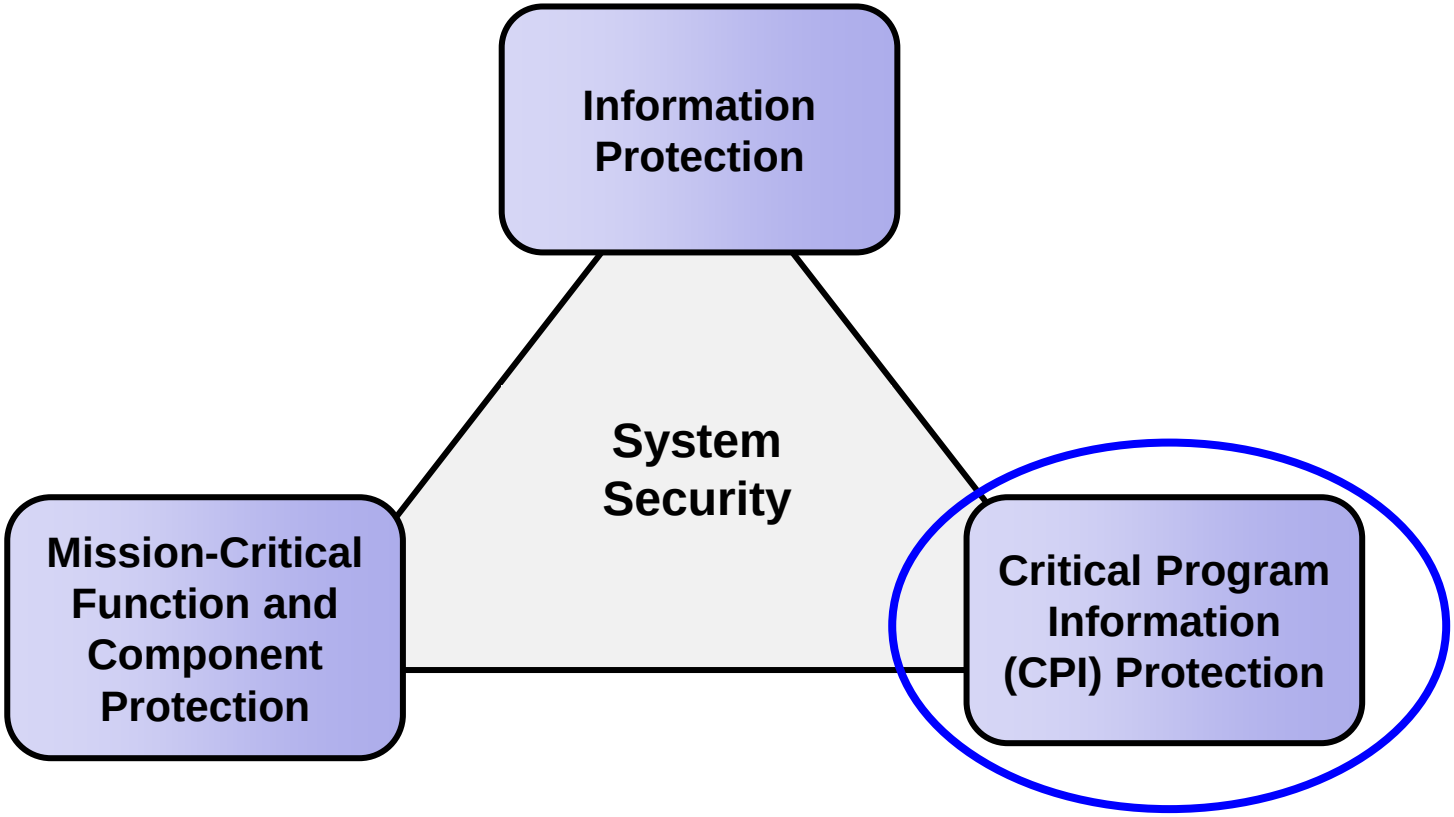

Today's focus is on CPI identification and protection

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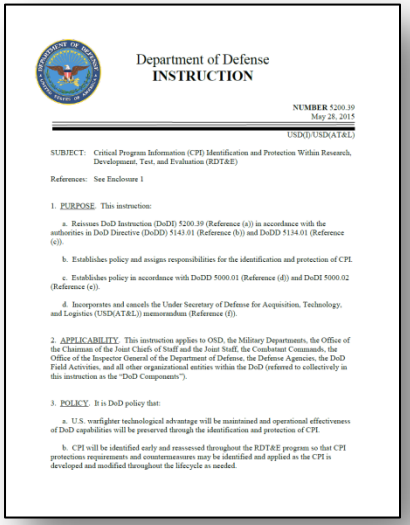
Recent Updates to CPI and AT Policy



Department of Defense
INSTRUCTION

NUMBER 5200.39
May 28, 2015

USD(I)/USD(AT&L)

SUBJECT: Critical Program Information (CPI) Identification and Protection Within Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation (RDT&E)

References: See Enclosure 1

1. PURPOSE. This instruction:

a. Reissues DoD Instruction (DoDI) 5200.39 (Reference (a)) in accordance with the authorities in DoD Directive (DoDD) 5143.01 (Reference (b)) and DoDD 5134.01 (Reference (c)).

b. Establishes policy and assigns responsibilities for the identification and protection of CPI.

c. Establishes policy in accordance with DoDD 5000.01 (Reference (d)) and DoDI 5000.02 (Reference (e)).

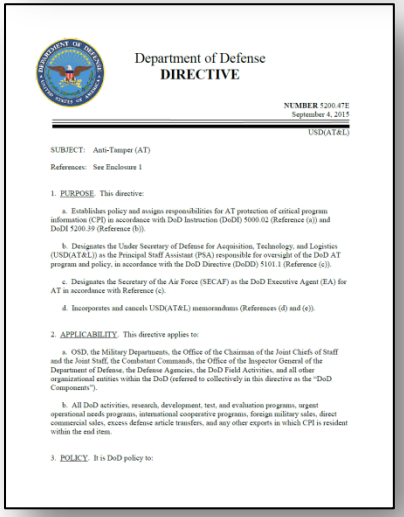
d. Incorporates and cancels the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics (USD(AT&L)) memorandum (Reference (f)).

2. APPLICABILITY. This instruction applies to OSD, the Military Departments, the Office of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Joint Staff, the Combatant Commands, the Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Defense, the Defense Agencies, the DoD Field Activities, and all other organizational entities within the DoD (referred to collectively in this instruction as the "DoD Components").

3. POLICY. It is DoD policy that:

a. U.S. warfighter technological advantage will be maintained and operational effectiveness of DoD capabilities will be preserved through the identification and protection of CPI.

b. CPI will be identified early and reassessed throughout the RDT&E program so that CPI protections requirements and countermeasures may be identified and applied as the CPI is developed and modified throughout the lifecycle as needed.



Department of Defense
DIRECTIVE

NUMBER 5200.47E
September 4, 2015

USD(AT&L)

SUBJECT: Anti-Tamper (AT)

References: See Enclosure 1

1. PURPOSE. This directive:

a. Establishes policy and assigns responsibilities for AT protection of critical program information (CPI) in accordance with DoD Instruction (DoDI) 5000.02 (Reference (a)) and DoDI 5200.39 (Reference (b)).

b. Designates the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics (USD(AT&L)) as the Principal Staff Assistant (PSA) responsible for oversight of the DoD AT program and policy, in accordance with the DoD Directive (DoDD) 5101.1 (Reference (c)).

c. Designates the Secretary of the Air Force (SECAF) as the DoD Executive Agent (EA) for AT in accordance with Reference (c).

d. Incorporates and cancels USD(AT&L) memorandums (References (d) and (e)).

2. APPLICABILITY. This directive applies to:

a. OSD, the Military Departments, the Office of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Joint Staff, the Combatant Commands, the Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Defense, the Defense Agencies, the DoD Field Activities, and all other organizational entities within the DoD (referred to collectively in this directive as the "DoD Components").

b. All DoD activities, research, development, test, and evaluation programs, urgent operational needs programs, international cooperative programs, foreign military sales, direct commercial sales, excess defense article transfers, and any other exports in which CPI is resident within the end item.

3. POLICY. It is DoD policy to:

- **DoD Instruction (DoDI) 5200.39, "Critical Program Information (CPI) Identification and Protection Within Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation (RDT&E)," May 28, 2015**
  - Focuses the definition of CPI on capability elements that provide a technological advantage
  - Requires that CPI be identified early and reassessed throughout the program
  - Emphasizes horizontal identification and protection
  - Aligns with policies and responsibilities of DoDI 5000.02, DoDD 5200.47E, and DoDI 5200.44
- **DoD Directive (DoDD) 5200.47E, "Anti-Tamper," September 4, 2015**
  - Establishes AT program governance, specifically designates SAF as the DoD Executive Agent for AT and requires that DoD Component heads establish Offices of Primary Responsibility for AT
  - Requires that DoD Component heads conduct AT planning, implementation, and evaluations in alignment with guidance from the DoD Executive Agent for AT

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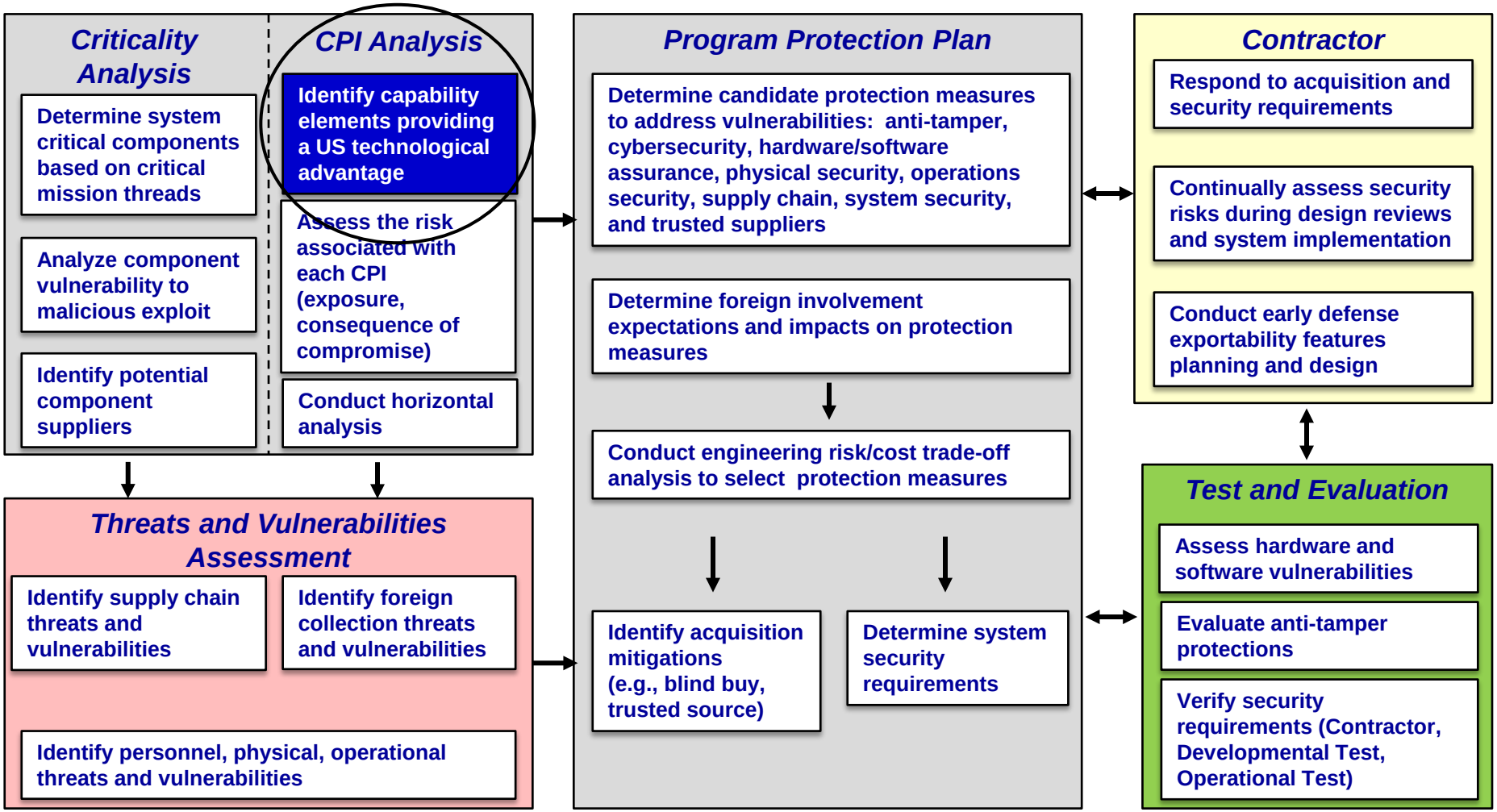
System Security Engineering (SSE) Methodology



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CPI – Our Most Critical Capabilities

- **Per DoD Instruction 5200.39, CPI has been scoped to focus only on those elements that:**
  - Provide a capability advantage
  - Reside on the end-item (system or supporting systems)

- **Definition of CPI**
  - "U.S. capability elements that ***contribute to the warfighters' technical advantage***, which if compromised, undermines U.S. military preeminence. U.S. capability elements may include, but are not limited to, software algorithms and specific hardware residing on the system, its training equipment, or maintenance support equipment."

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Identifying CPI

Identify Technology Areas and Thresholds

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Identify the CPI

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Review and Approve the CPI

- **What are the criteria/thresholds for determining if specific software or hardware on my system is CPI?**
- **What specific software or hardware on my system meets or exceeds these criteria/thresholds?**
- **Do the appropriate approval authorities agree with the CPI determination?**

"CPI will be <u>identified early</u> and reassessed throughout the RDT&E program…" DoD Instruction 5200.39

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CPI Identification Resources

- Government and contractor technologists / subject matter experts
- Open source intelligence analysis of the technology (literary reviews, on-line postings, technology conference topics/agenda, commercial databases)
- Security Classification Guides
- DoD Policy*
- DoD Component-specific CPI tools and decision aids
- Acquisition Security Database (ASDB)*
- Example list of CPI*

*Under development

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Monitoring CPI and CPI Protections

Event/Trigger	A change…	Potential Impact(s)
Operational Environment	In the physical location of the system with CPI other than that for which it was originally designed	Increased or decreased system exposure
Protection Effectiveness	In the ability of the CPI protections to deter, impede, detect, and/or respond to an attempt to exploit CPI	Compromised CPI Increased number of known residual vulnerabilities
Security Classification	To a relevant SCG, and thus the classification thresholds used for information that may reveal CPI	Information which revealed CPI may no longer be classified; conversely, information which may reveal CPI may now be classified
System Modification	To the system architecture and/or designs	CPI added, removed, or modified CPI protection measures modified
Technology Maturation	In the state-of-the-art for a particular CPI technology domain, and thus the thresholds used for CPI identification	Technologies previously identified as CPI may no longer qualify as CPI; Technologies not previously identified as CPI may qualify as CPI
Threat	In the adversary ability to obtain the CPI	Increased number of known residual vulnerabilities

"CPI will be identified early and <u>reassessed</u> throughout the RDT&E program…" DoD Instruction 5200.39

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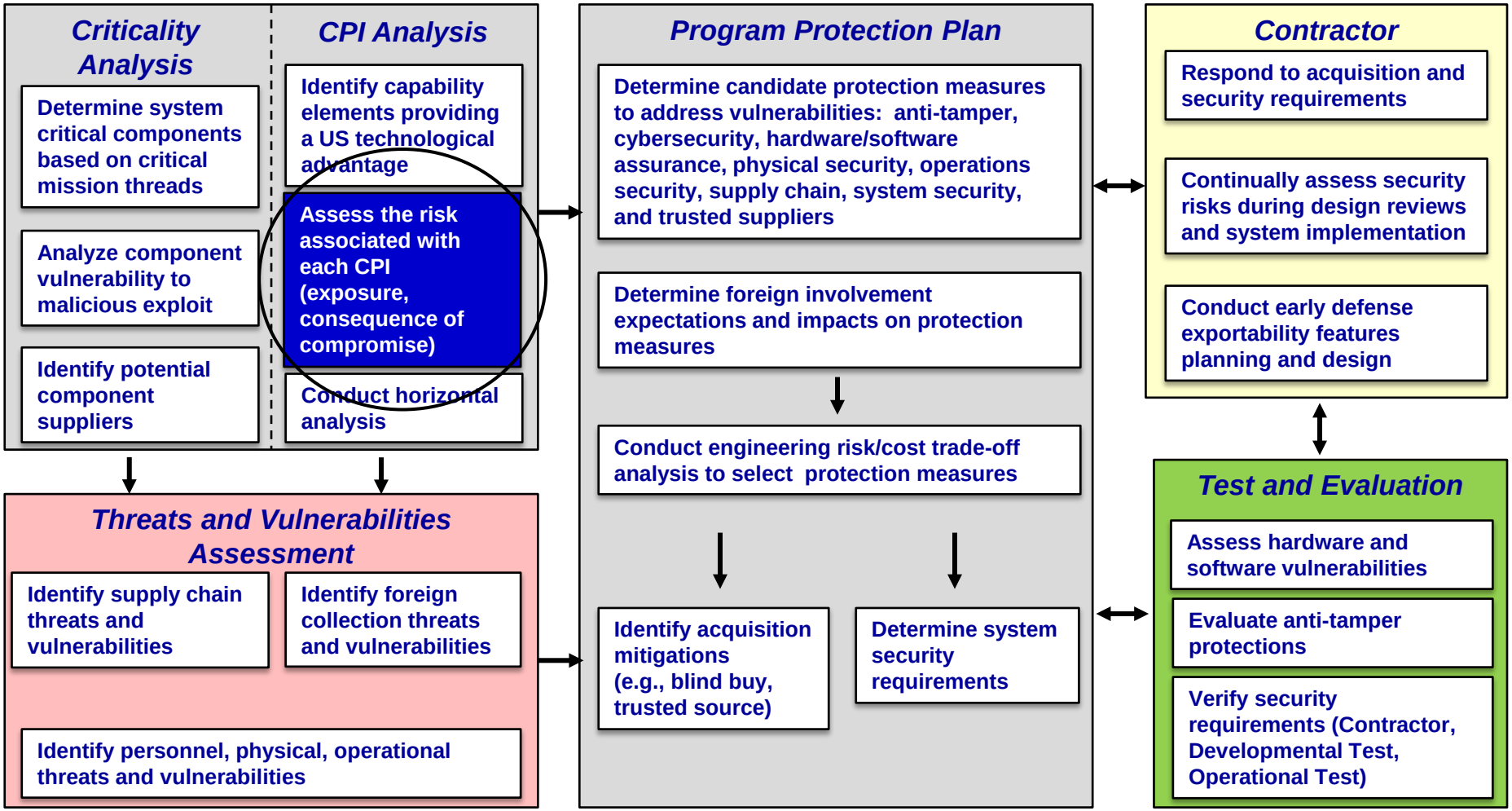

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Determining CPI Risk – Level of Protection Required

- **The level of protection is based on the risk associated with each CPI**
  - Risk = consequence of CPI compromise, system exposure, and assessed threat
- **Consequence of CPI Compromise***
  - The impact, if the CPI is compromised, on U.S. tactical or strategic military advantage, and the time and resources required for the U.S. to re-gain that tactical or strategic military advantage.
- **Exposure**
  - The likelihood that an adversary will be able to obtain the end-item: operational environment is a primary factor.
  - ***Per AT Guidelines v2.1, assume export level exposure.***
- **Threat**
  - An assessment of foreign adversary interest and skill in obtaining CPI.

***Enhancements underway by DoD Executive Agent for Anti-Tamper**

"CPI will be horizontally identified and protected…based on the exposure of the system, consequence of CPI compromise, and assessed threats."
DoD Instruction 5200.39

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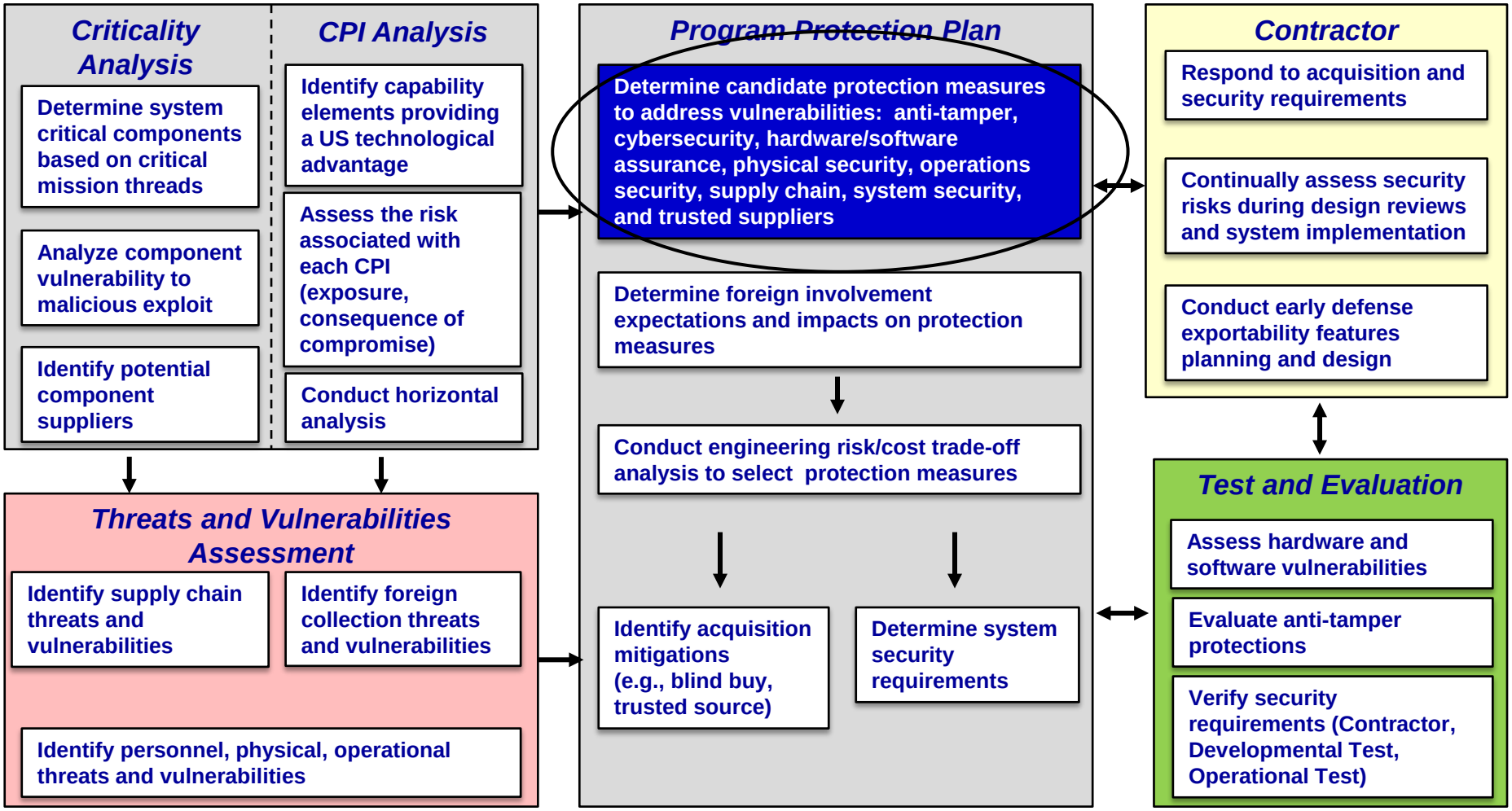

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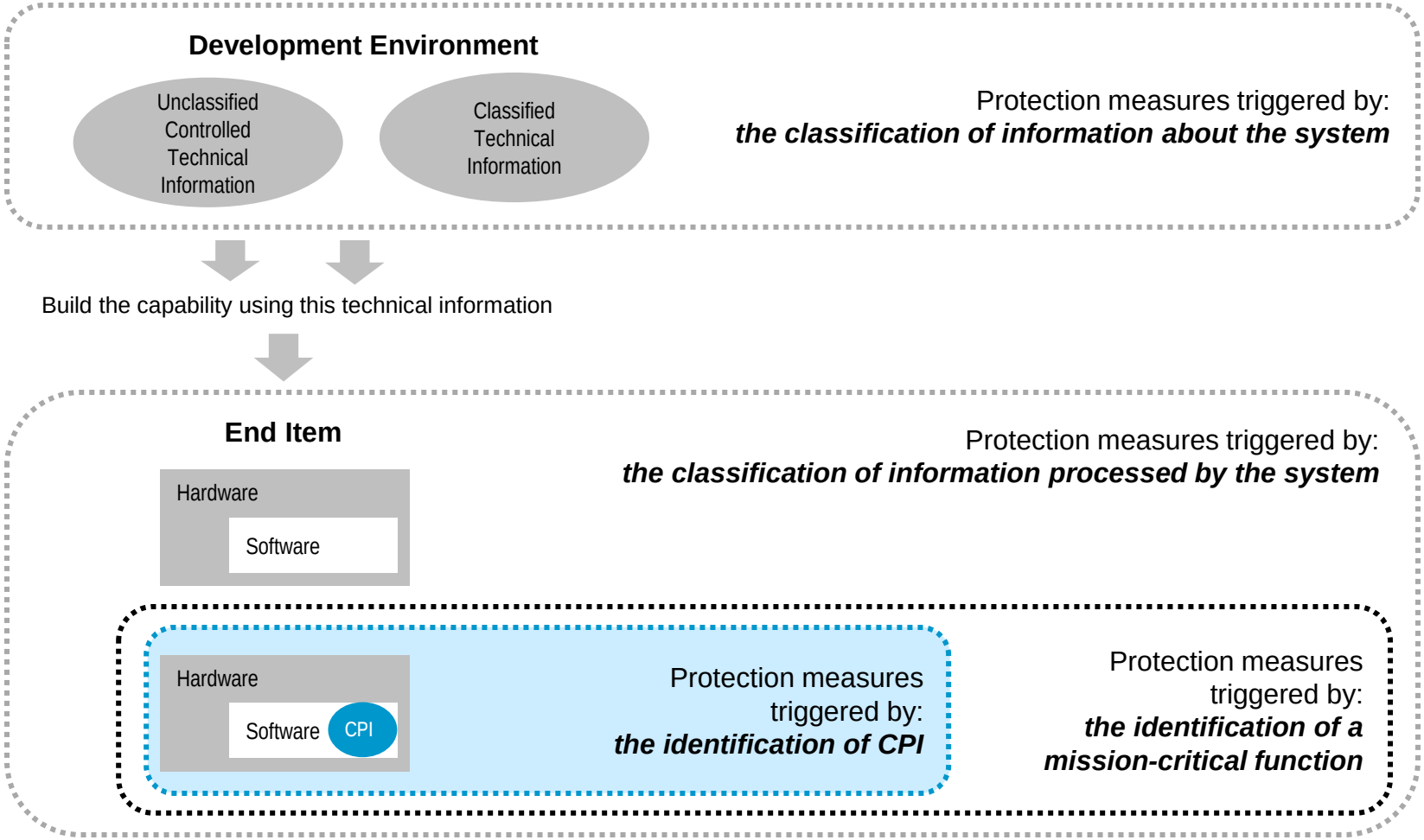
Protecting CPI - System Context



*Note that there are also protection measures triggered by the identification of a mission-critical function that impact acquisition and testing processes

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CPI-Specific Protections

- **Based on the assessed level of risk identify the appropriate CPI protections**

- **Anti-Tamper**
  - Systems engineering activities intended to prevent or delay exploitation of CPI in U.S. defense systems in domestic and export configurations to impede countermeasure development, unintended technology transfer, or alteration of a system due to reverse engineering.

- **Differential Capability (subset of Exportability Features)**
  - Modifications to DoD systems which result in exportable versions. These modifications include incorporating capabilities that are unique to the foreign partner and removing capabilities that are for the U.S. only.

"Support the sale or transfer of certain defense articles to foreign governments and their participating contractors while preserving U.S. and foreign investments in CPI…" DoD Directive 5200.47E

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System Security Engineering (SSE) Methodology

Criticality Analysis

- Determine system critical components based on critical mission threads
- Analyze component vulnerability to malicious exploit
- Identify potential component suppliers

CPI Analysis

- Identify capability elements providing a US technological advantage
- Assess the risk associated with each CPI (exposure, consequence of compromise)
- Conduct horizontal analysis

Threats and Vulnerabilities Assessment

- Identify supply chain threats and vulnerabilities
- Identify foreign collection threats and vulnerabilities
- Identify personnel, physical, operational threats and vulnerabilities

Program Protection Plan

- Determine candidate protection measures to address vulnerabilities: anti-tamper, cybersecurity, hardware/software assurance, physical security, operations security, supply chain, system security, and trusted suppliers
- Determine foreign involvement expectations and impacts on protection measures
- **Conduct engineering risk/cost trade-off analysis to select protection measures**
- Identify acquisition mitigations (e.g., blind buy, trusted source)
- Determine system security requirements

Contractor

- Respond to acquisition and security requirements
- Continually assess security risks during design reviews and system implementation
- Conduct early defense exportability features planning and design

Test and Evaluation

- Assess hardware and software vulnerabilities
- Evaluate anti-tamper protections
- Verify security requirements (Contractor, Developmental Test, Operational Test)

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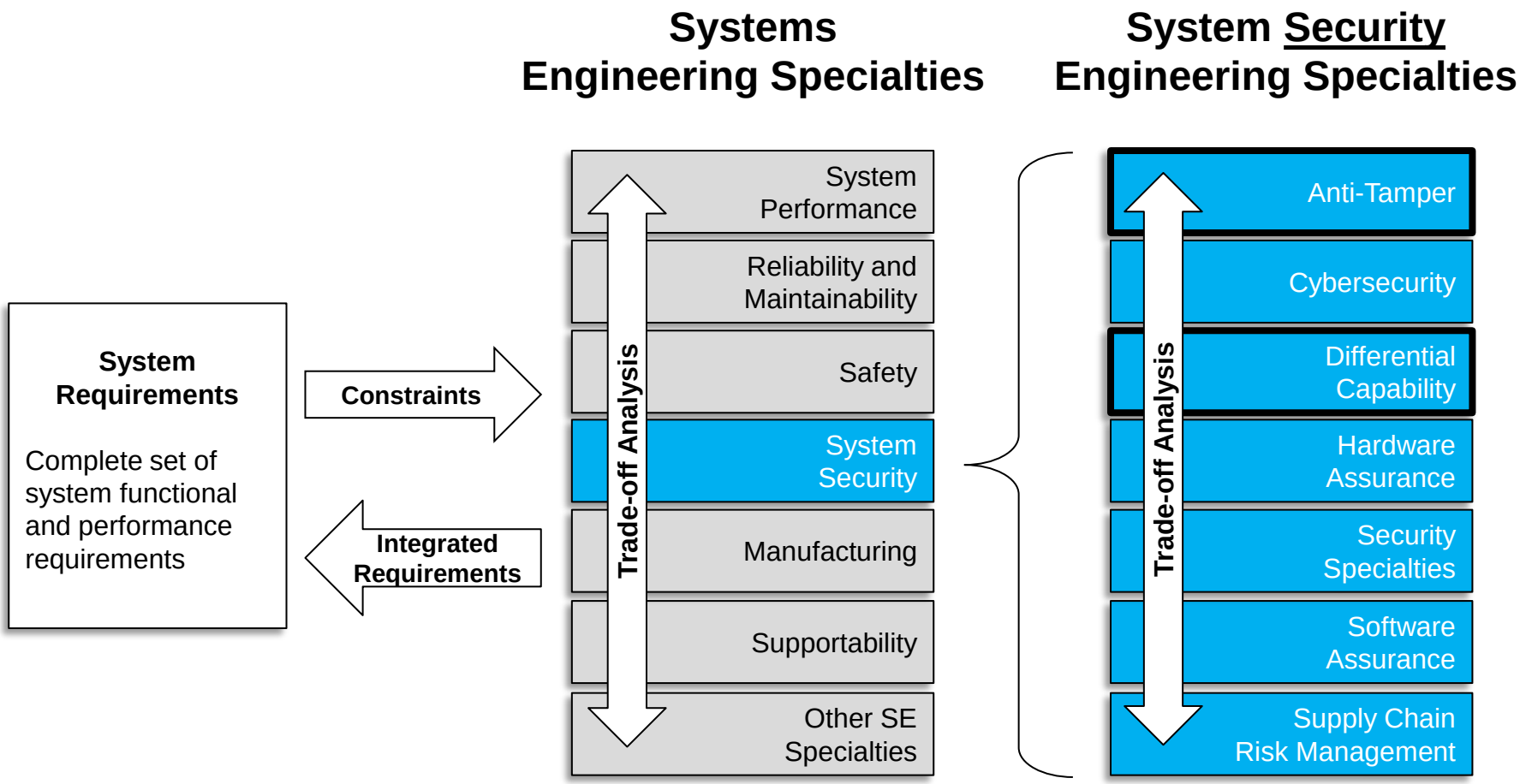
Protecting CPI - SE and SSE Trade-off Analyses



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Areas for Continued Focus

- **Reduce the subjectivity inherent in the current CPI identification and protection process by:**
  - Developing procedures that define a DoD standard set of activities to identify and protect CPI
  - Enhancing the ASDB to better support horizontal identification and protection
  - Developing an Example List of CPI that provides a list of capabilities that are typical CPI by system type
  - Enhancing Anti-Tamper guidance, specifically criteria associated with consequence of CPI compromise determinations
- **Mature and integrate system security engineering practices, to include CPI identification and protection, into systems engineering practices**

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