

MESSAGE FROM ANAB LEADERSHIP



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At ANAB, we are driven by our commitment to providing accreditation services that build confidence and value for industry and government stakeholders worldwide.

Accreditation is about more than just compliance; it is about creating a culture of continuous improvement.

We believe that through accreditation, businesses can not only meet regulatory requirements but also enhance their operations, instill confidence in their stakeholders, and ultimately contribute to global economic progress and trade.

At ANAB, we are proud to be a part of your journey toward operational excellence and partnering with you as a trusted leader in the field of accreditation.

Our Philosophy

Integrity: We are committed to the highest standards of impartiality, transparency, and ethical conduct.

Collaboration: We work together to achieve quality and operational excellence.

Continuous Improvement and Agility: As industries evolve, we adapt our accreditation processes to meet global standards and prepare organizations for future challenges.

Global Impact: Our accreditation services help businesses gain global recognition and trust, fostering international trade and knowledge exchange.

Our Mission

To build confidence in the competence, reliability and integrity of conformity assessment bodies, helping to protect against risks to health and safety, and provide value for stakeholders worldwide.

KEY DEVELOPMENTS IN ANAB AND AI



AI IN ACCREDITATION

ANAB is exploring how to leverage AI to enhance accreditation processes, improve efficiency, and maintain the highest standards in quality of Information Technology Systems, including AI systems and technologies.

SUPPORTING ETHICAL AI IMPLEMENTATION

The ethical deployment of AI is a global concern. ANAB promotes responsible AI use by accrediting organizations that adhere to global ethical guidelines and standards, mitigating risks like bias, security breaches, and privacy violations.

ISO/IEC 42001 AND AI GOVERNANCE

ANAB accredits conformity assessment bodies (CABs) who certify organizations to ISO/IEC 42001, enabling them to manage AI risks and assure transparency, accountability, and ethical practices throughout the AI lifecycle.

FOSTERING INNOVATION WITH ACCOUNTABILITY

While AI presents opportunities and operational improvements, ANAB assures AI-driven innovations meet global quality and security standards. By accrediting CABs who certify AI developers, we foster public trust in these technologies.

Recognizing the potential and risks of AI, ANAB is committed to assuring responsible AI adoption. To this end, ANAB has joined the AIQI Consortium (The Walbrook Accord), an international Initiative focused on ethical AI.

ANAB AND SUSTAINABILITY



ANAB accredits CABs who certify organizations for sustainability standards like ISO 14001 and ISO 50001, who certify products or their movement from the forest to the end user to standards such as SFI Chain of Custody, and validation and verification bodies to ISO/IEC 17029 and ISO 14065. This assures accredited organizations have the necessary competence and impartiality to assess organizations effectively.

By offering accreditation for these programs, ANAB helps assure the reliability of sustainability certifications. This rigorous process involves assessing CABs' ability to perform audits, validations, verifications, inspections, and testing, ensuring organizations conform to sustainability criteria. ANAB's role supports the integrity of sustainability efforts, helping organizations demonstrate environmental and social responsibility to meet global standards.

ANAB AND THE CYBER AB

The Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification Accreditation Body, Inc. (The Cyber AB) plays a pivotal role in safeguarding sensitive information across the Department of Defense (DoD) supply chain through the Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification (CMMC) program. As the official accreditation body, The Cyber AB ensures that organizations within the defense industrial base (DIB) adhere to the strict cybersecurity standards mandated by the DoD.



ANAB/CyberAB PARTNERSHIP

ANAB is partnering with The Cyber AB to execute the accreditation mission for the Department of Defense's Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification (CMMC) Program. The Cyber AB is the exclusive accreditation body for CMMC and is charged with accrediting CMMC Third-Party Assessment Organizations (C3PAOs), the inspection bodies responsible for evaluating and certifying organizations seeking certification within the defense industrial base to ensure they conform to CMMC's cybersecurity requirements.

The Cyber AB has engaged ANAB for our recognized expertise, capacity, and long-standing experience in conducting accreditation assessments. ANAB will be tasked with conducting detailed accreditation assessments and routine surveillance visits of C3PAOs. These evaluations will verify that each C3PAO maintains the necessary capabilities and compliance to perform CMMC certification inspections competently, impartially, and in accordance with CMMC assessment doctrine. ANAB's

responsibilities for the accreditation assessment process will directly support The Cyber AB's accreditation committee decisions for the C3PAOs.

THE IMPORTANCE OF CMMC ACCREDITATION

CMMC is arguably the largest and most ambitious supply-chain security conformity assessment program to date. CMMC helps protect our defense sector from cyber threat actors seeking to compromise controlled unclassified information (CUI) that resides at the heart of DoD and industry collaboration and military technology innovation. CMMC certification will soon be required for defense companies to be eligible for the awarding of DoD contracts. Accreditation is vital to instilling trust and confidence in the consistency, competency, and impartiality of CMMC certification. This structured and collaborative accreditation process will ensure a uniform, high standard of quality throughout the CMMC Program. By accrediting only those C3PAOs that meet the requirements, The Cyber AB will uphold the DoD's goal of protecting CUI within the defense industrial base, ultimately strengthening national security and the integrity of our military's supply chain.