1. Obtain executive-level commitment to establish a SCRM program.
2. Communicate with all organizational stakeholders -- horizontally and vertically.
3. Identify, assess, and prioritize critical assets, systems, processes, and suppliers.
4. Implement integrated risk reduction: identify, assess, prioritize, and implement measures to reduce risks to items delineated in #3 above.
5. Elevate security as a primary metric, just like cost, schedule, and performance, for assessing a vendor’s ability to meet contract requirements.
6. Conduct due diligence on suppliers at least through the first tier.
7. Monitor suppliers’ adherence to agreed-upon SCRM-related security requirements.
8. Identify critical data/information about your organization and customers.
9. Establish processes to share information with suppliers about vulnerabilities and vice versa.
10. Manage security risks when terminating relationships with suppliers.
11. Monitor effectiveness of established risk mitigating strategies, update as needed.
12. Train employees about managing, mitigating, and responding to supply chain risks.
13. Plan for contingency operations; exercise plans regularly, update as needed.