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The U.S. Government has notified GA of a critical vulnerability (CVE-2020-0601) affecting Microsoft Windows® 10, Windows Server 2016 and 2019, and applications that rely on Windows for trust functionality. Impacted systems must be patched immediately to maintain compliance with continuous monitoring and correct system flaws as required by the National Institute of Standards and Technology Special Publication (NIST SP) 800-171 Rev. 1.

Microsoft released a set of patches for the Windows platform on January 14, 2020. Please take **immediate** action to (1) patch any affected systems, and (2) notify your subcontractors. The Microsoft patch is available here:

https://portal.msrc.microsoft.com/en-US/security-guidance/advisory/CVE-2020-0601

Please prioritize patching any systems that are directly exposed to the Internet or regularly used by trusted users. The vulnerability could allow an attacker to spoof the identity of trusted users and compromise systems. Further details on the vulnerability can be found in the NSA Cybersecurity Advisory "Patch Critical Cryptographic Vulnerability in Microsoft Windows Clients and Servers" located at

https://media.defense.gov/2020/Jan/14/2002234275/-1/-1/0/CSA-WINDOWS-10-CRYPT-LIB-20190114.PDF.

Later this year, the United States Department of Defense will start implementing, across industry and on all contracts, requirements for the Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification (CMMC). This effort continues an industry focus on meaningful efforts to secure critical systems and information from evolving cyber threats. Please see <a href="http://ga.com/general-atomics-cybersecurity">http://ga.com/general-atomics-cybersecurity</a> for more information on how to continue improving your own cybersecurity maturity and capability. GA is committed to protecting and securing critical industry information and responding vigorously to the growing threat posed to our customers.

Thank you for your attention and continued vigilance,

**General Atomics** 

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