



National Information Assurance Partnership

Common Criteria Evaluation and Validation Scheme

CCEVS Policy Letter #12

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SUBJECT: Letter of Interest (LOI) Requirement for Acceptance into CCEVS Evaluation

PURPOSE: CCEVS is requiring a LOI identifying the Department of Defense (DoD), Intelligence Community (IC) or other National Security customer that has expressed interest in purchasing the product/TOE being submitted for evaluation. As of 1 Oct 07, CCEVS will no longer accept a vendor's business case as justification for acceptance into the U.S. Scheme. The following policy is provided to further detail these requirements.

POLICY: The Evaluation Acceptance Package (EAP) submitted by the CCTL must contain the required LOI. Once CCEVS approves the EAP, scheduling of the initial Validator Oversight Review (VOR) for the product will commence.

The LOI must include the full product name and version number, intended Evaluation Assurance Level (EAL) along with the customer point of contact to include organization/office designator, phone number and email address. In addition, the LOI should describe the expected usage scenario and operational environment in which the product will be implemented along with some approximation of how widely the product is anticipated to be deployed (i.e. approximate number of products expected to be purchased). Note that this LOI in no way binds the government customer to purchase the product.

Protection of Information:

All information provided to CCEVS to meet this policy will be handled as company proprietary and protected accordingly.

Effect:

The primary intent of this policy is to ensure CCEVS resources are used to evaluate products that national security customers need to securely operate their networks. A secondary intent is to gather metrics to help support the CCEVS business case.

Effective Date:

All new evaluations submitted to CCEVS on or after 1 October 2007 must conform to this policy.

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