What is OTTPS?

Sterling Computers Corporation (Sterling) is Open Trusted Technology Provider™ Standard (O-TTPS) Certified. O-TTPS is short for The Open Group’s Trusted Technology Provider Standard. This is an internationally recognized certification program designed to ensure integrity in technology development and to prevent maliciously tainted and counterfeit products from entering the supply chain.

This program is sponsored by the Open Group, a global consortium with membership represented by Industry leaders, such as Cisco, Boeing, and Raytheon, the Software Engineering Institute (SEI) and the Government to include NASA. O-TTPS Best Practices are equivalent to Internal Standards Organization ISO/IEC 20243:2015 which is a set of requirements for standards and guidelines designed to safeguard and protect Federal acquisition information, government contracts, covered defense information, and technical designs against cyber threats. This includes NIST 800-161 revision 1 cybersecurity risk management practices and protections to the Federal supply chain and product lifecycle to prevent Defense technical data from being stolen or manipulated.

Sterling recognizes that Supply Chain Risk Management (SCRM) is foundational to acquisition and should not be compromised along with cost, schedule, and performance to reduce our exposure and risk against cyber threats. Sterling is a participant in the Government Industry Data Exchange Program (GIDEP) to enhance various supply chain standards and data protections in the development and manufacturing of complex systems. Our SCRM plan documents Best Practices and acquisition controls in numerous domains and processes.

Sterling first achieved OTTPS certification in January 2020 and is renewed through 2026. This is a market differentiator, which results in partnerships among trust technology providers and integrators. We have been working on security enhancements to our infrastructure since these standards were released. These include people, technology, facility and process improvements. We have implemented state-of-the-art technology in our infrastructure, cloud applications, and system architecture. In turn Sterling flow downs requirements to our suppliers to verify and protect controls and monitors due diligence and compliance to standards.

As a SEWP contract holder, this is a key criterion for SEWP’s Enterprise Authorized Reseller Program. In addition, Sterling has won praise from GSA for its 2GIT SCRM plan and processes. However, this OTTPS certification is relevant to all in the marketplace to include commercial-off-the-shelf (COTS) industry: acquirers, providers, suppliers, integrators, distributors, and value-added resellers.

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