





## CORPORATE SUPPORT SERVICES

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# Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI)

CUI is not a classification and should not be referred to as "classified as CUI." A better way to phrase it is "controlled as CUI."

#### **Purpose of the CUI Program**

Federal agencies routinely generate, use, store, and share information that, while not classified, still requires some level of protection from unauthorized access and release.

Historically, each agency developed its own practices for sensitive information, resulting in a patchwork of processes across federal agencies. Similar information might be labeled differently, or different types of information might have the same markings with different meanings depending on each organization's usage. The CUI Program is a unified effort between Executive Branch agencies to standardize these protections and practices across departments and agencies.

#### What that means to us

Since 2017, the government has required contractors to also protect CUI. The evolving CMMC program, which is expected to take full effect this year, places increasing emphasis on compliance and verification. You've already seen some of the new cybersecurity measures we've put in place.

Please note, as STI finalizes our CMMC Program and work toward CMMC certification we will continue to provide targeted training for our employees to help you better understand what's expected of you.

With this being said, you'll see CUI markings in more places as the government's "mark everything CUI" attitude expands. For now, please take every effort to protect anything marked as CUI you may receive. Seek help if you are not clear as to what you can share and what you cannot.

If you receive anything marked as CUI that you were not expecting, immediately contact STI Security: <a href="mailto:security@sum-mittech.us">security@sum-mittech.us</a>.

If you have any questions, please contact Caty Savage, FSO, at (850) 312-9356 or csavage@summittech.us

### A Message from Our CEO

"It's the start of a new year but I would be remiss if I first failed to look back on 2024 and the foundation it has provided to build on this upcoming year. Summit, like all companies, faced challenges, and like any company that does, it was able to overcome them because Summit is made of dedicated, intelligent, and hardworking individuals that are able to work as a team. At the corporate level, Human Resources, Recruiting, Accounting, Contracts, Security, Program Management, and Business Development all refined processes, improved service, and strategized to ensure future growth for Summit and its Team. And on our programs, our people have continued to strengthen Summit's name and reputation as a company that provides first-class service and solutions. All of this was dependent on having the right people. You proved last year that each of you are the right people. Thank you!

Our foundation is solid and now it's time to kick off the New Year! I couldn't imagine a better group of people to lead as we take on all the new challenges 2025 presents to our company. I hope over the holiday season each of you had a chance to decompress and revitalize yourselves through spending time with family and friends. Going into 2025, we need to maintain our individual focus on providing outstanding service to our internal and external customers. We need to continue to find ways to improve our service and provide even greater value to those we serve. Most importantly, we need to challenge ourselves daily to become the best versions of ourselves. And by setting a personal focus on that goal, you'll not only enhance our collective success as a Team but also positively impact those we interact with both personally and professionally.

Together, let's make 2025 our most successful and impactful year yet – here's to a year of growth, collaboration, and shared achievements!"

Sincerely, William Funaro

