

BAKER'S DOZEN

13 ELEMENTS OF AN EFFECTIVE SCRM PROGRAM

- 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.
- 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.

