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The Cactus Group Announces the Launch of ThornScan, a Modern Compliance Workspace for the Defense Industrial Base

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November 22, 2025 - *The Cactus Group* today announced the launch of ThornScan, a compliance platform designed to help defense contractors, service providers, and primes navigate CMMC and NIST 800-171 requirements with increased clarity and operational efficiency.

ThornScan replaces fragmented spreadsheets, disconnected tooling, and manual workflows with a unified workspace built specifically for the Defense Industrial Base (DIB). The platform provides real-time visibility into compliance status, integrated evidence management, automated documentation, and streamlined support for both Level 1 and Level 2 environments.

"ThornScan was born from decades spent across IT, cybersecurity, and DoD compliance, where I saw firsthand how disconnected tools and complex workflows slowed teams down," said Justin Griffin, creator of ThornScan. "We built ThornScan to make compliance clear, understandable, and fully owned by the people doing the work - the practitioners themselves."

ThornScan offers capabilities including real-time monitoring of control status, automated SSP and POA&M generation, multi-entity management for providers, evidence linkage and validation, and Intune integration with full tenant data sovereignty. The platform is designed to support organizations of all sizes within the DIB, from small contractors to large multi-client service providers.

ThornScan reflects *The Cactus Group*'s hands-on approach: simplifying complex requirements, reducing operational burden, and helping organizations maintain readiness through accessible, effective tools and support.



Built for Defense Contractors and trusted providers who support their journey.

Availability

ThornScan is available now. Organizations can request a demo or learn more at https://thornscan.com.

About the Company

<u>The Cactus Group</u> is a cybersecurity and compliance services firm serving organizations across the Defense Industrial Base and Department of Defense. The company specializes in CMMC, NIST 800-171, and DoD readiness services, offering practical, experience-driven support for organizations working to meet and maintain compliance requirements.

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