The U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) created the **Unified Capabilities Approved Products List (UC APL)** in 2011 to identify solutions that can be trusted to address its security concerns. DoD agencies may only purchase products from this list to build their technology infrastructure.

### Why Pursue A UC APL Listing?
Achieving third-party certifications and security validations enables product vendors to:

- Access previously untapped markets, such as the Air Force, Army, Navy, and Marine Corps
- Demonstrate their corporate commitment to product security
- Elevate their company’s brand to potential customers that their products have been independently evaluated against transparent and auditable standards for security
- Gain competitive edge in the marketplace

### The Big Questions

#### How much does a listing on the UC APL cost?
Certification costs vary greatly, depending upon the complexity of the product and the amount of planning done prior to starting the process. Costs for listing a product on the UC APL typically fall into six major areas: product design consulting, product design changes and implementation, STIG Testing, documentation production, Testing Centers of Excellence fees, and UCCO fees.

#### How long does a UC APL listing take?
There are three major phases to achieving a listing on the UC APL: Design and Documentation, Laboratory Testing, and UCCO Review. A typical validation effort can take up to 12 months.

#### Who are the key players in the UC APL listing process?
There are three key players in the UC APL listing process: 1. The Unified Capabilities Certification Office (UCCO) sets information security mandates, and is ultimately responsible for approving the listing of products on the UC APL; 2. The DoD’s Testing Centers of Excellence conduct Information Assurance (IA) and Interoperability (IO) tests to ensure that products meet the required level of security and integrate into existing infrastructures without introducing operational risk; and, 3. IT product vendors must ensure their products conform to the UC APL requirements, and submit documentation to a government lab for testing.

#### To what types of products does the UC APL apply?
The UC APL applies to any product that is being considered for inclusion in a DoD technology environment.

#### Do all product vendors have to achieve listing on the UC APL?
U.S. DoD agencies may only purchase products from the UC APL to build their technology infrastructures.
Corsec’s Solutions

Corsec’s guidance through the maze of certification processes can be the difference between generating revenue when it was budgeted and having to delay and reforecast, perhaps for months or even years. Our capabilities enable product vendors in the following areas:

- De-Risking Assessment
- Product Design Consulting
- Documentation Creation

To support their unique needs, Corsec has created several solutions bundles including:

**Core Solution**

For those companies who are seeking guidance with a limited scope of services, our Core Solution pulls from our Advisory, Design Engineering Consulting and Documentation Service areas, and covers certification fundamentals, including a De-Risking Assessment, Product Design Consulting and Documentation Creation.

**Enhanced Solution**

In addition to the documentation set, all key certifications require additional engineering efforts. With the UC APL, the requirement is STIG Testing. Corsec’s Enhanced Solution augments vendors’ engineering capabilities by completing this requirement.

**Turnkey Solution**

For companies seeking the least risky path to certificate issuance, or companies with critical go-to-market timelines, the Turnkey Solution is designed to cover every possible need. It includes the Enhanced Solution, plus all phases of lab testing, all government fees, and program management and oversight. It is a solution for companies requiring end-to-end management of the certification process.

**Unified Capabilities Approved Products List (UC APL)**

Satisfies DoD / DISA Requirements

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- De-Risking Assessment
- Product Design Consulting
- Documentation Services

- STIG Testing
- TCOE Oversight & Monitoring
- Sponsor Coordination
- Project Management

- Desktop Review
- TCOE Coordination
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“ScienceLogic now holds the distinction of being the first-ever complete end-to-end IT infrastructure monitoring company named to the DoD’s UC APL. The guidance we received through our partnership with Corsec proved critical in our success. Achieving this critical milestone is a massive achievement that opens the door to the DoD and beyond.”

— Dave Link, Co-Founder and CEO, ScienceLogic

**Why Corsec?**

Corsec is the global leader in providing access to new markets via IT security validations. With the largest staff of experts in the industry and a comprehensive solution that spans consulting, documentation, testing, enterprise lab services, and strategic product roadmap planning, Corsec has secured more than 350 FIPS 140-2, Common Criteria and UC APL certifications for hundreds of organizations on five continents over the last 15 years.

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