

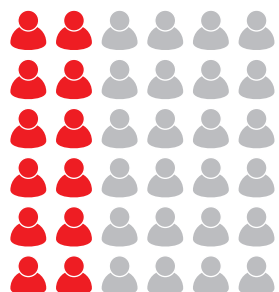
Secure Your IT Supply Chain

The supply chain your organization relies on to deliver IT systems and tools is at risk. New technologies — while helpful for your organization — have made IT supply chains increasingly diverse and decentralized, leaving them more vulnerable to threats.

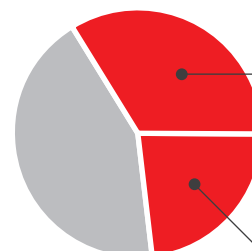


What type of threats do IT supply chains face?

	Non-Adversarial Threats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Natural disasters 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Poor quality products and services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Poor manufacturing and acquisition practices
	Adversarial Threats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Installation of counterfeit hardware and software 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Installation of malicious logic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Malicious or unqualified service providers



According to a 2016 GBC poll, **ONLY 1/3** of federal employees are confident in their organization's ability to manage supply chain risks



34% of federal employees are not very confident or not at all confident

23% of federal employees are somewhat confident

What can agencies do to enhance the security of their IT supply chains?



Strengthen IT procurement practices

Agencies to enhance risk analysis in the acquisition process to ensure that they are partnering with trusted, authorized suppliers. Cybersecurity needs to be strengthened to address threats that may come actors farther down the supply chain.



Encourage collaboration with the private sector

Supply chain insecurity doesn't only threaten the government. Agencies need to collaborate with private sector partners like CDW-G to develop industry-wide standards and best practices for addressing risks.



Create a strategy for addressing risks

Risks can't be eliminated, but they can be managed. Develop a comprehensive strategy that not only recognizes the changing nature of supply chains, but internal and external vulnerabilities.



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