



Citadel Security Group Cybersecurity Assessment Review

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**NIST CSF 2.0 Cybersecurity Audit
Summary of Findings**

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SPS Cybersecurity Audit

- Who Citadel Security Group (Franklin alumni CEO!)
- Scope SPS technology systems and Vendor controls
- Controls Evaluated 108 cybersecurity controls
- Date s 7 week audit; findings report 8/21/2024



Summary of Findings

- All controls scored in tier 3 or 4 (Repeatable & Adaptive)
 - “Robust security posture”
 - “Aligned to best practices”
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- 1 medium finding (password length enforcement)
 - 1 low finding (missing policy/procedure docs)
 - 1 low finding (employee access not always revoked after position change)



Next Steps

- **Business Owner: Carlos Del Valle**
- **SME: April Mardock**
- **Timeline: majority Sept 2025; transitions Sept 2026**
- **Costs: Year 1 \$100,000; Year 2 \$400,000**



Corrective Action Plan

- 1) Fix all system and user accounts where the passwords are of insufficient length (and change account policies for force this in the future) by Sept 2025
- 2) Update policy 6501, Procedure doc 6501SP, and the DoTS Infosec Handbook for missing content by Dec 2024
- 3) Work on both manual (Sept 2025) and automatic (Sept 2026) methods to remove “prior” role rights for staff as they change jobs.





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