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*We appreciated their professionalism, responsiveness, and ongoing support every step of the way.*

Sarah Loyd  
Corporate Cyber Engineer  
Plus3 IT Systems

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Tripoint had an *excellent experience working with ecfirst* for our CMMC assessment.

*Their team was thorough, professional, and clear throughout the process*, while also being easy to work with in what continues to be a complex and rapidly evolving CMMC landscape.

*Their experience and attention to detail gave us confidence* that nothing was overlooked, and they took the time to explain their findings in a way that made the process feel manageable rather than overwhelming.

We appreciated their practical approach and the *confidence they helped bring to the assessment experience*, and we would recommend ecfirst to any organization navigating CMMC compliance.

Eric Ross  
Vice President, Operations  
Tripoint Solutions

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*We engaged ecfirst, an Authorized C3PAO, for our CMMC Level 2 assessment, and the experience exceeded expectations from initial planning through final execution. Communication was consistent, clear, and proactive; we always knew where we stood, what was needed next, and how to prepare. ecfirst assessors brought both technical depth and extensive hands-on cybersecurity experience, enabling productive discussions and efficient control validation.*

*The process was highly organized, anchored by a front-end readiness review that eliminated surprises and set the tone for a smooth assessment. They balanced rigor with efficiency, focusing on what mattered without creating unnecessary burden on our team.*

*We came through ecfirst's assessment with confidence in both our compliance posture and the process itself.*

*We would confidently recommend ecfirst to any organization seeking a surgical, structured C3PAO assessment with a partner that treats the engagement as a true collaboration.*

Christina Mansfield  
Vice President, Operations  
Diaconia, LLC

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## ANB ENGINEERING



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*ANB Engineering had a very positive experience working with ecfirst throughout our CMMC Level 2 assessment.*

*The ecfirst team provided clear guidance, structured support, and was responsive at each stage of the process.*

*Their approach helped streamline what can otherwise be a complex and demanding assessment, allowing us to move forward with confidence.*

*We appreciated the professionalism and collaboration throughout the process.*

Mario Paredes  
Sales Representative  
ANB Engineering, LLC

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*Working with ecfirst throughout our CMMC journey was a highly positive, transparent, and well-managed experience!* From the initial conversation with Ms. McLoughlin through the final assessment with Dr. Hodges, their team demonstrated a thorough and collaborative process.

What stood out most was their ability to balance rigor with collaboration.

The phased assessment process was thorough and disciplined, yet they *maintained an approachable mindset that helped our team stay confident every step of the way.*

*Their communication was consistent, clear, and proactive, ensuring that expectations, timelines, and deliverables were always well understood.*

*ecfirst's phased assessment methodology brought structure* to what can otherwise be a complex and demanding process.

*Dr. Hodges' attention to detail and focus on validating true cybersecurity maturity gave us confidence* not only in achieving compliance but in strengthening our overall security posture.

*In addition to their technical expertise,* Ms. McLoughlin's professionalism and responsiveness made a meaningful difference.

*She kept everyone organized, efficient, and fully engaged, addressing questions quickly.*

Overall, *ecfirst proved to be an amazing, reliable, and knowledgeable partner.*

*We would strongly recommend* them to any organization seeking a C3PAO that will provide smooth, transparent, and honest support on their CMMC certification efforts.

**Sandi Ponjavic**  
Chief Operating Officer  
Pegasi Defense, LLC

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Working with ecfirst on our CMMC Level 2 assessment was *a highly professional and transparent experience*.

Their *team demonstrated deep expertise and a disciplined assessment approach* that validated both our compliance and the maturity of our cybersecurity program.

*Achieving a perfect 110 reinforced our confidence* that our environment is built to protect Controlled Unclassified Information and support the nation's warfighter.

*We would confidently recommend ecfirst to organizations pursuing CMMC certification.*

Gary Schwartzenberger

President  
Alico Cyber Solutions

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ecfirst was an excellent partner during our CMMC third-party assessment. Their team brought deep CMMC and NIST SP 800-171 *expertise, clear communication, and a professional, collaborative approach* that made a complex audit both *efficient and constructive*. They were thorough, *fair, and focused* on meaningful cybersecurity maturity and not just compliance.

Majid Syed

IT Director  
Starlab Space

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Working with the *ecfirst team has been an outstanding experience*. From start to finish, Casey McLoughlin, Dr. Dwayne Hodges, and Ali Pabrai demonstrated *exceptional professionalism, responsiveness, and deep expertise in guiding Fairwinds through the CMMC Level 2 assessment process*.

ecfirst communicated clearly and promptly, *which made each step in the process feel seamless*. Whether it was coordinating schedules, clarifying requirements, or resolving last-minute issues, *the team at ecfirst handled everything with efficiency and a positive attitude*. Their proactive approach ensured that our assessment stayed on track and that all deliverables were reviewed accurately and on time.

What stood out most was Dr. Hodges' personal commitment to collaboration. *He consistently went above and beyond—providing timely updates, sharing critical feedback, and ensuring our team had the support needed to succeed*. This level of dedication not only made the process productive but also instilled confidence that we were in capable hands.

Thanks to ecfirst's efforts, *the entire engagement was smooth, organized, and highly effective*. I would strongly recommend *ecfirst to any organization seeking a trusted partner for compliance and cybersecurity initiatives*.

**Wayne Schoonveld**  
Chief Information Officer  
Fairwinds Technologies

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*We truly appreciate the professionalism, competency, and thoroughness of the ecfirst team*. You have assembled a seasoned, *highly experienced group that ensures C3PAO CMMC engagements are expertly managed and flawlessly executed*.

*We look forward to future opportunities to collaborate within the CMMC ecosystem.*

**Chris Rose**  
Chief Executive Officer  
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It was a pleasure working with the ecfirst Team during the CMMC L2 certification engagement. *Despite it being our first audit on a new standard, the ecfirst Team was devoted throughout the Assessment. We truly appreciate the ecfirst Team expertise across the Body of Evidence required for the 110 requirements, which include 320 specific objectives, and the associated artifacts.*

We not only *successfully navigated the Assessment but also learned a great deal from the experience.*

Thank you again, and *we look forward to the possibility of working with ecfirst* in the future.

**Nirali Thummar**  
Director of Infrastructure  
VSolvit LLC

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This was a 16-month journey of preparation, assessments, and teamwork - *I couldn't be prouder of what this means for our company and our customers.*

*ecfirst - our official C3PAO* - made the process *enjoyable and painless.*

Thank you, Team ecfirst!

**Eric Dowsland**  
Chief Customer Officer  
CyFlare

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When MX2 set out on the path to achieve CMMC Level 2 certification, *it was very important to our leadership team to select the right C3PAO to partner with*

The MX2 mantra that we are on the runway to client CMMC success has been rocket fueled with the devotion of the ecfirst CMMC Team. Married with their surgical methodology, their *CMMC Unreadiness + their SSP Secret SaiCE references, and their commitment to the CMMC ecosystem, has resulted in deep value to MX2*

Here are five important reasons why ecfirst emerged as the MX2 Technology choice for our C3PAO partner

**Trust:** Organizations seeking a trusted partner for CMMC certification will find in ecfirst a proven leader, renowned for integrity, depth of expertise, and a meticulous approach to CMMC assessment.

**Methodology:** ecfirst exemplified integrity, thoroughness, and industry leadership as a C3PAO, providing MX2 with a clear, structured path to CMMC certification.

**Client Commitment:** ecfirst brought a commitment of the highest standard of professionalism and accuracy, ensuring that our CMMC assessment was conducted with rigor, transparency, and strategic insight.

**Humility in Execution:** Most importantly, ecfirst is distinguished by its exceptionally humble, courteous, dedicated, and professional team - far surpassing any other compliance organization MX2 has worked with. ecfirst is focused on their client's objectives, making each client their top priority, regardless of organization size. Throughout our engagement, we were consistently treated as their most valued client.

**Leadership:** The ecfirst CMMC journey launches with their chief executive, Ali Pabrai. He is surgical in process execution and visionary in the CMMC ecosystem, and all with one simple objective - devotion to client success.

**Divyash Patel**  
Chief Operating Officer  
MX2 Technology

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I initially engaged ecfirst, to provide approved Certified CMMC Professional (CCP) to me and some of my compliance team. I couldn't be more satisfied with the experience. *The training was comprehensive and engaging, providing me with the knowledge and skills I needed to successfully achieve my CCP certification.* The resources they provided after the training were invaluable, offering continued support and guidance as I prepared for the exam. I continued my CMMC journey with ecfirst by taking their approved Certified CMMC Assessor (CCA) training. Again, the people, the content, and the resources were outstanding. The instructor was not only very knowledgeable about the content but had real-world assessment experience and fielded all types of challenging questions from the class. I am in the process of studying for the CCA exam, but have a high degree of confidence about passing using the resources, especially the practice exam portal that ecfirst provides.

I was so impressed with the quality of the training and the dedication of the instructor that I decided to hire ecfirst to provide consulting services for my company, which is a Registered Provider Organization (RPO). *Their expertise and commitment to excellence have made a significant impact on our organization and our ability to provide CMMC readiness services to our customers.* I am confident that partnering with ecfirst was one of the best decisions we've made.

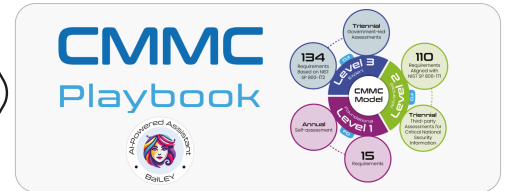
*I highly recommend ecfirst to anyone seeking top-notch CMMC training and consulting services.* I will also be highly recommending to our CMMC customers that are seeking certification to select ecfirst as their C3PAO. They truly go above and beyond to ensure their clients' success.

**Todd Heinz** C/CISO, CRISC, CBRA, CBRM, MABR, CMMC-RP&CCP, Network+  
Governance, Risk and Compliance Practice Manager  
Heartland Business Systems, LLC

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# Why cfirst for CMMC?

- Master of Science, Electrical Engineering
- CISSP (ISSAP, ISSMP)
- CISA
- CISM
- CCSP
- HITRUST CCSFP



## Surgically Defined CMMC Assessment Process



CCP Reference

“I am happy to let you know I passed the CMMC CCP exam on my first attempt. The CCP prep process was easier than I expected - thanks to the fantastic training class and study materials from the ecfirst CCP Academy! I appreciated my ecfirst experience.”



CCA Reference

“The ecfirst CCA Program was extensive with excellent assessment resources. Practical, real-world CMMC assessment scenarios presented, including insight on a credible SSP.”

## CMMC Readiness Mock Assessment



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