My personal thoughts on NIST's CSF further back up previously made comments. I have looked into third party management extensively and noted there is a big discrepancy in knowledge of information security among vendors. This differing knowledge, especially that of a larger company that works with hundreds or thousands of vendors, can have a domino effect. As previously mentioned, vendor A must be aware of who their business partner vendor B is doing business with.

A previous comment also mentions they have used CSF with CIS Controls to develop a simpler set of controls, which I would say is necessary for smaller companies who lack the resources and guidance to secure information correctly. A CSF-Lite, per say, that would highlight the basic standards needed for a smaller enterprise who does not personally interact with a wide range of partnerships but interacts directly with another enterprise who does.

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