Software Engineering Institute Contract Extended by Department of Defense for $2.7 Billion

July 8, 2020 — The U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) has extended its contract with Carnegie Mellon University (CMU) to operate the Software Engineering Institute (SEI) for an additional term of five years with a value of up to $2.7 billion. The contract ensures that the institute, a federally funded research and development center (FFRDC), will continue to support national security by advancing and transitioning the science, technologies, and practices needed to make software a strategic advantage for the DoD.

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