# How to Obtain a NIST (National Institute of Standards and Technology) Self-assessment Score

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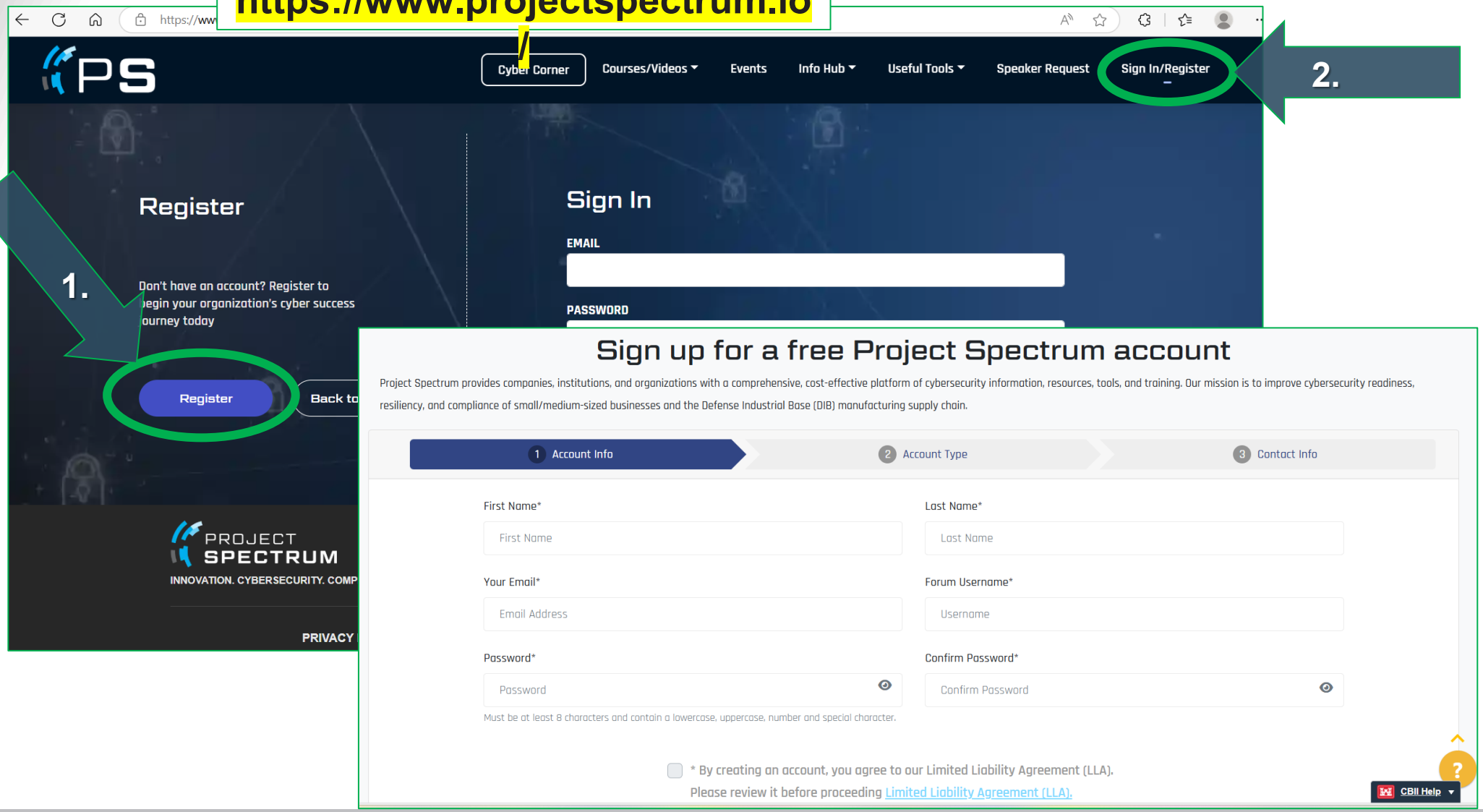
# 1. CREATE A PROJECT SPECTRUM ACCOUNT

# 2. LOGIN

**https://www.projectspectrum.io**



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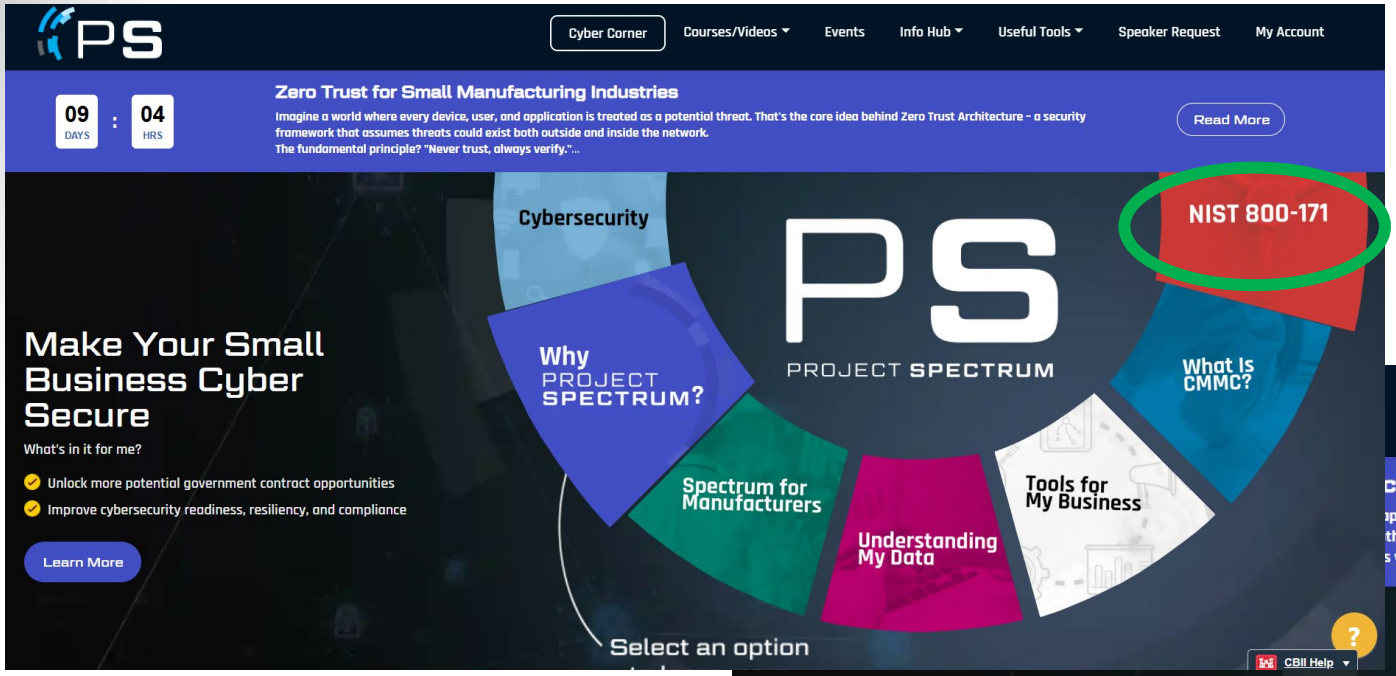
# 3. CLICK ON “NIST” AND THEN “WHAT IS NIST?”

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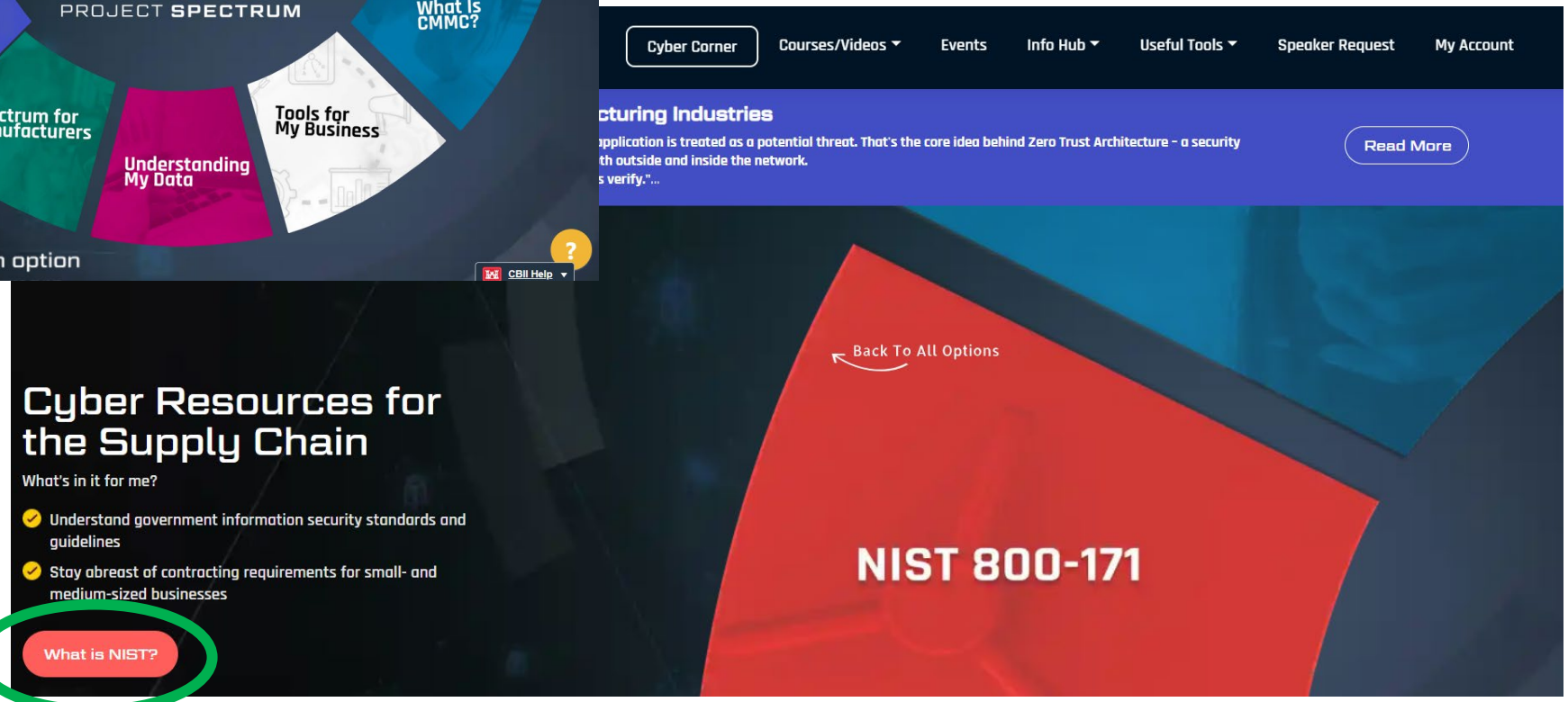

# 4. NAVIGATE TO THE SELF-ASSESSMENT

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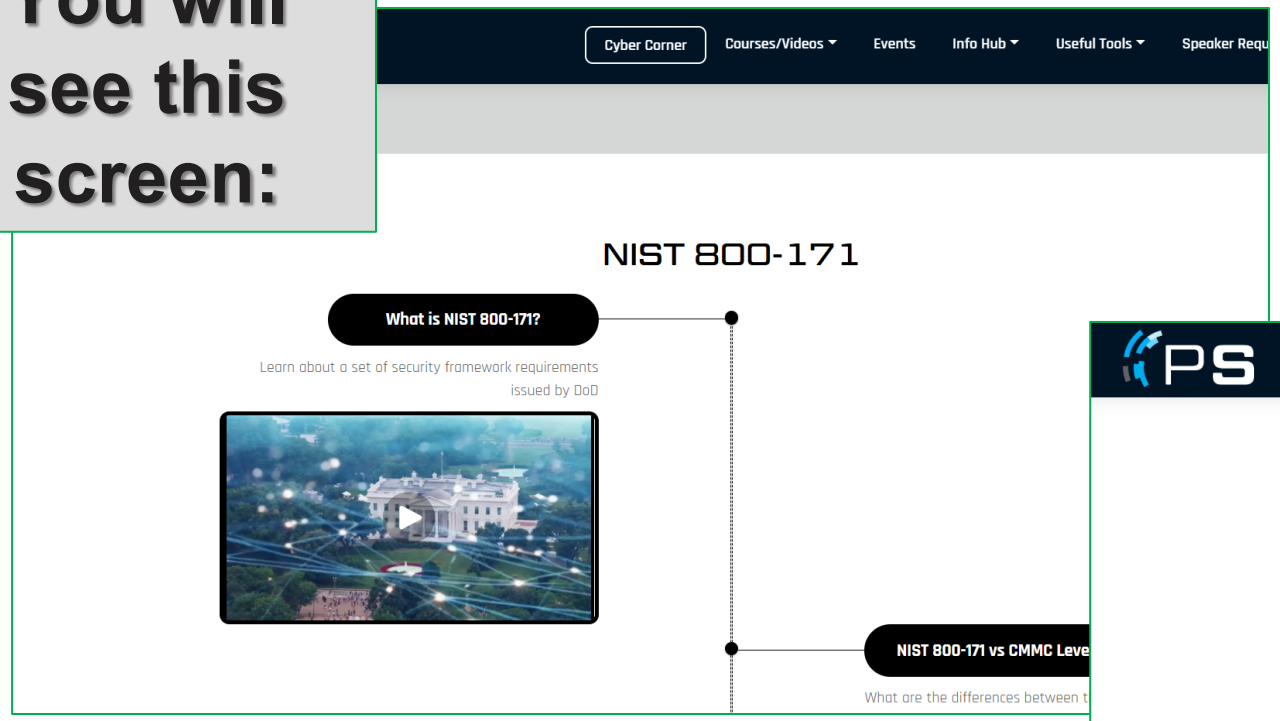
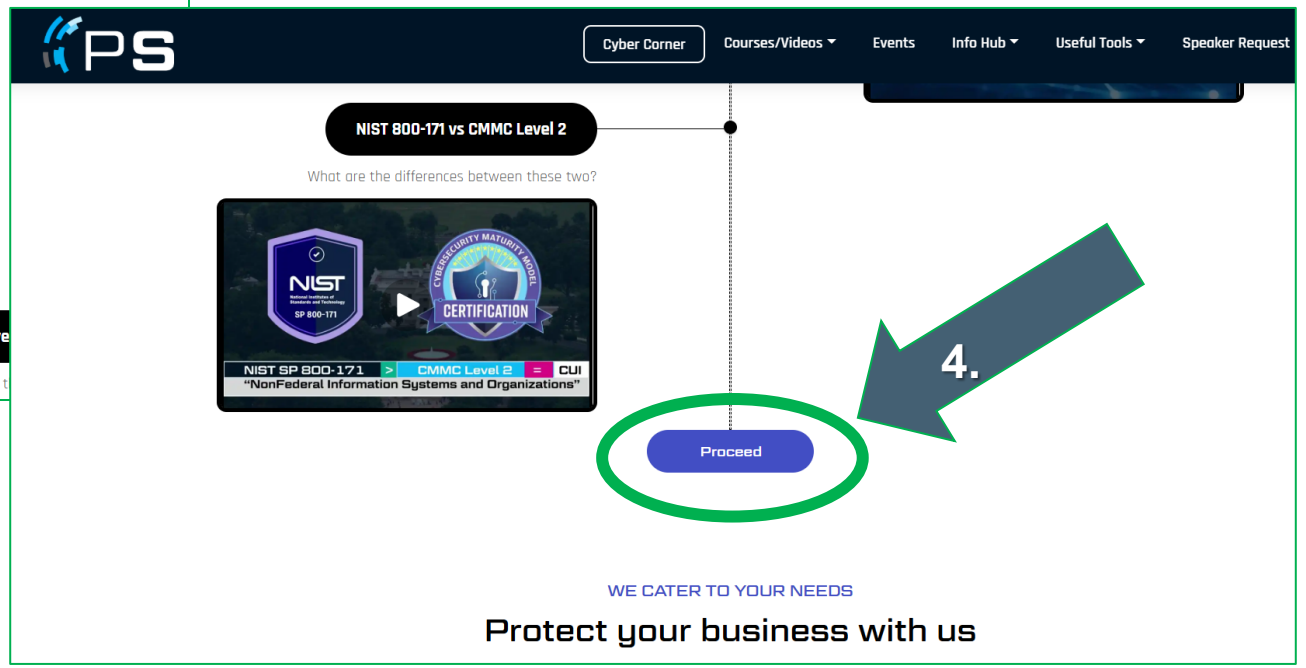



**Scroll down and click "Proceed":**



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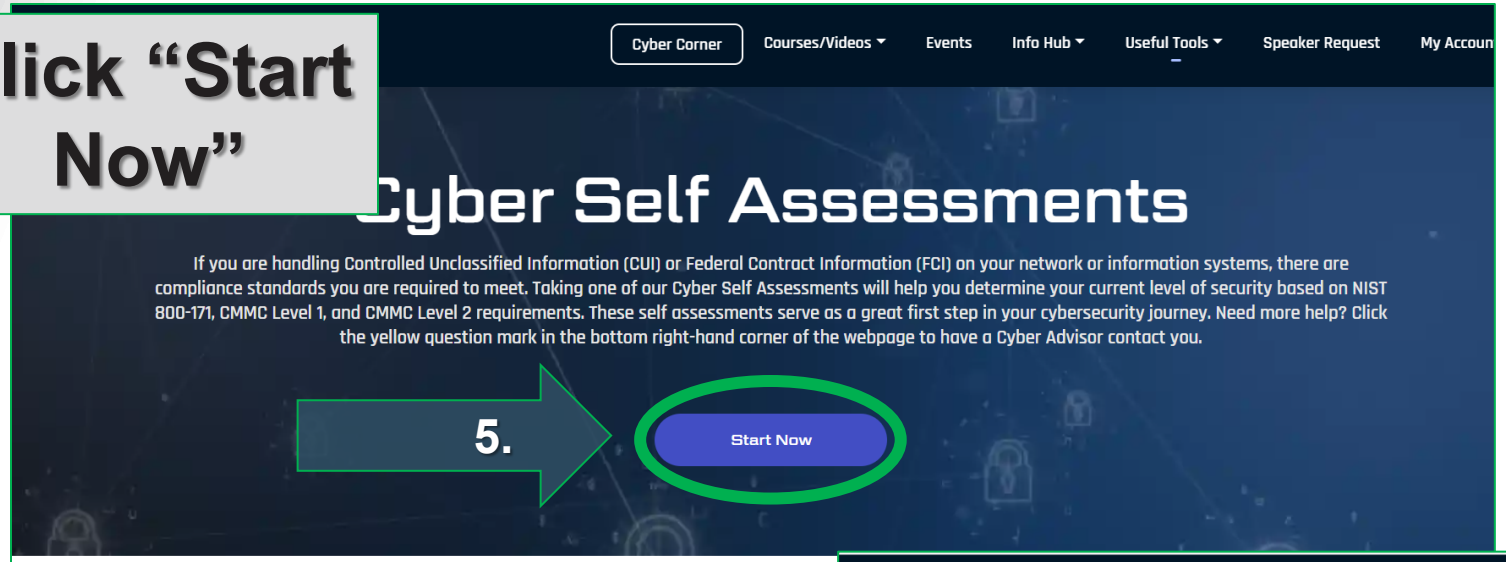
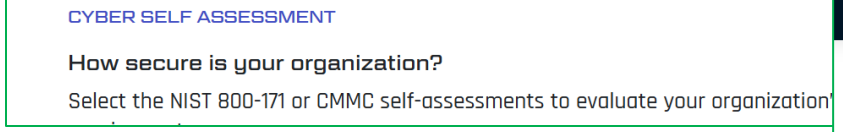
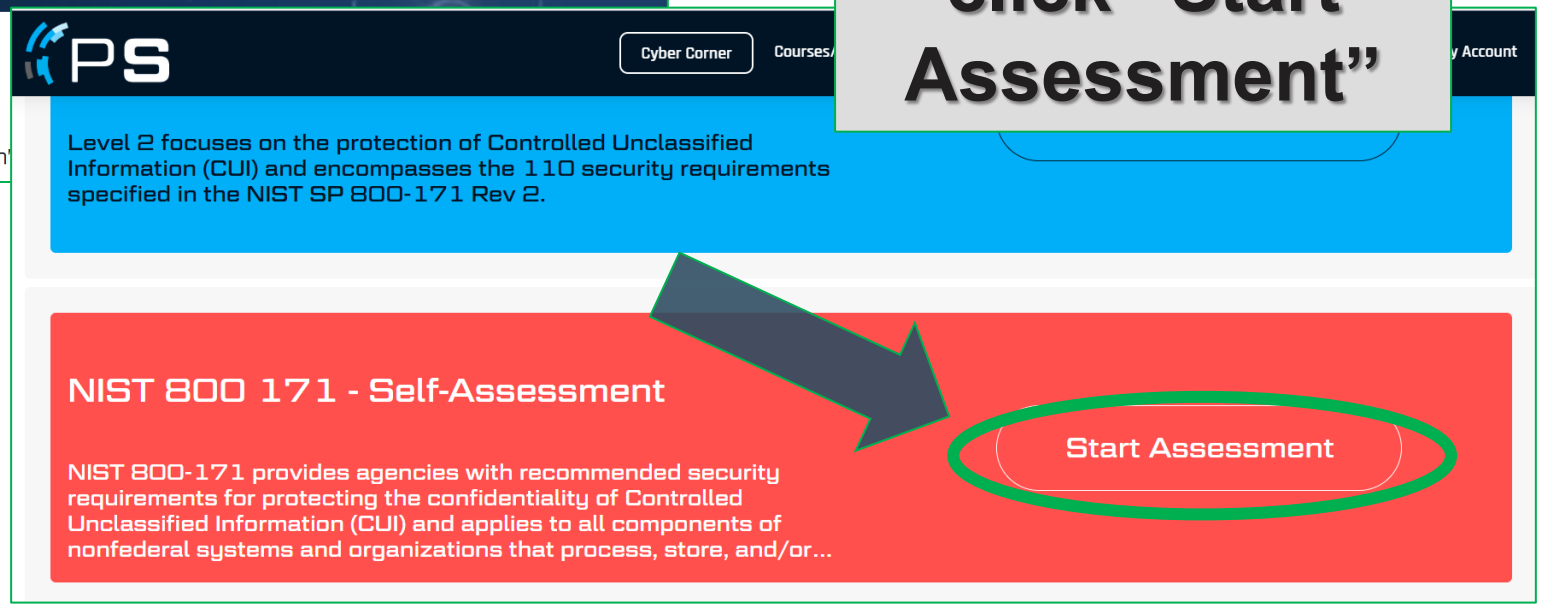
# 5. BEGIN SELF-ASSESSMENT

**Click "Start Now"**




**Scroll down to the NIST section and click "Start Assessment"**



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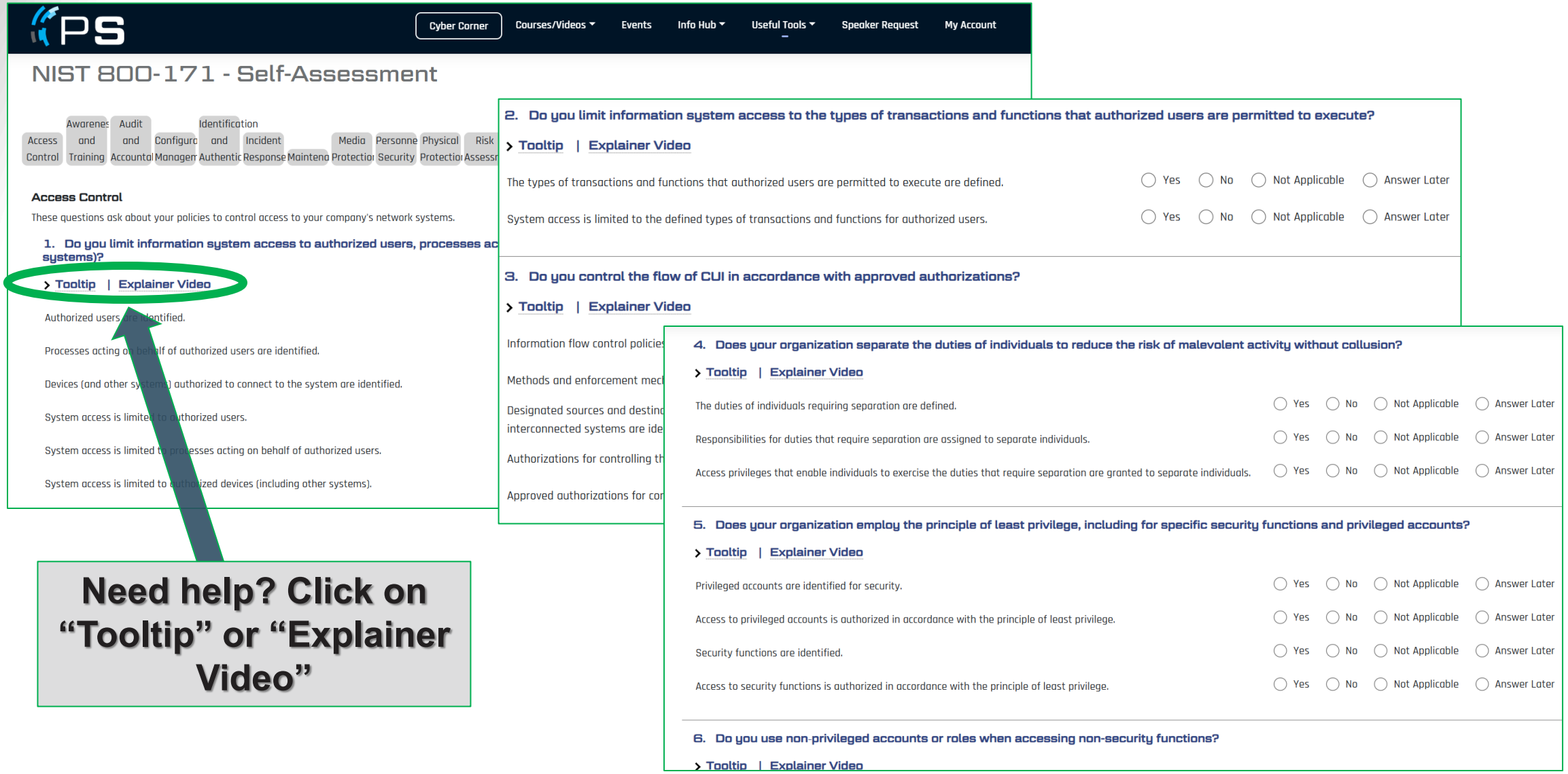
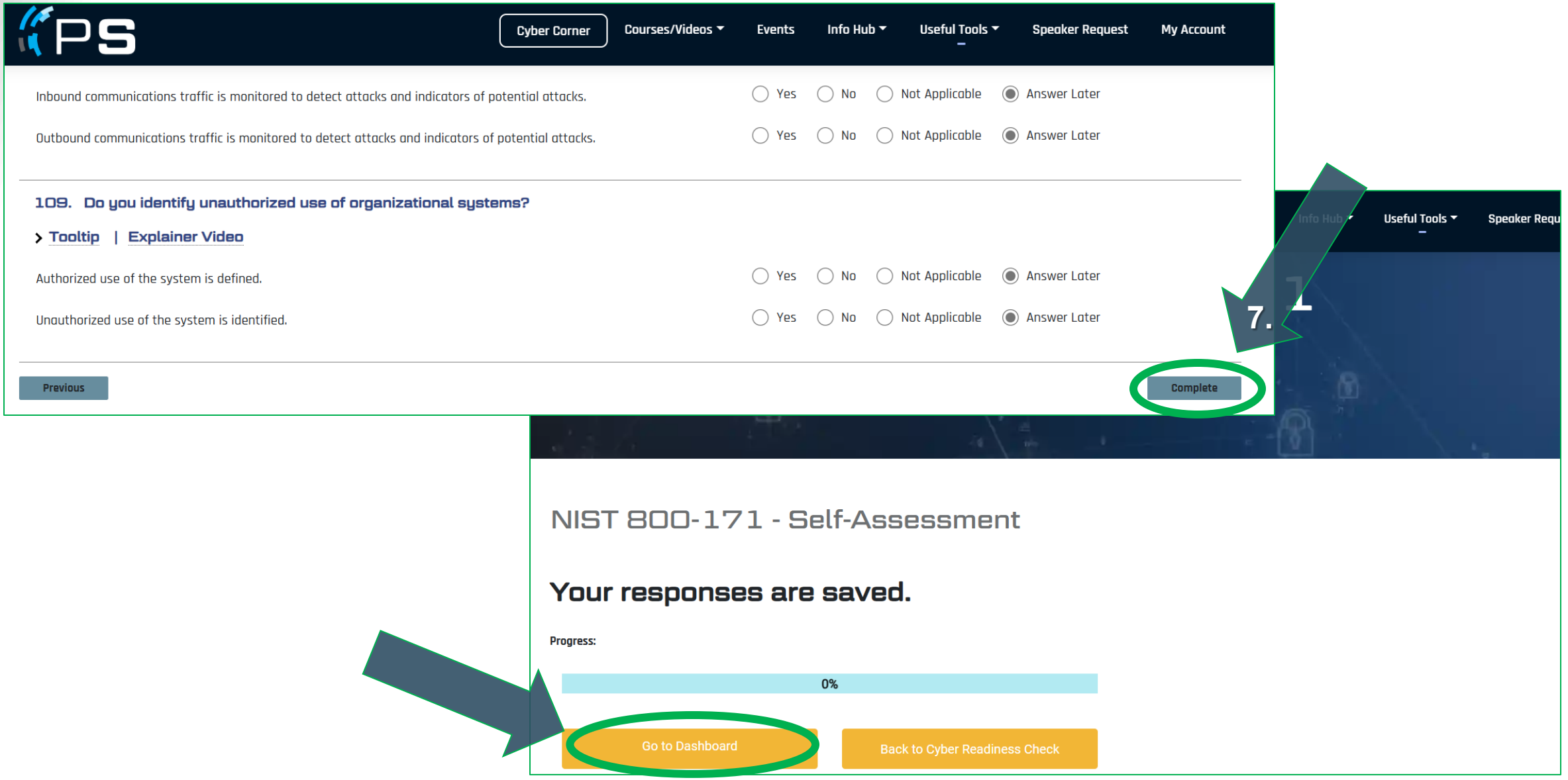
# 6. CONDUCT SELF-ASSESSMENT



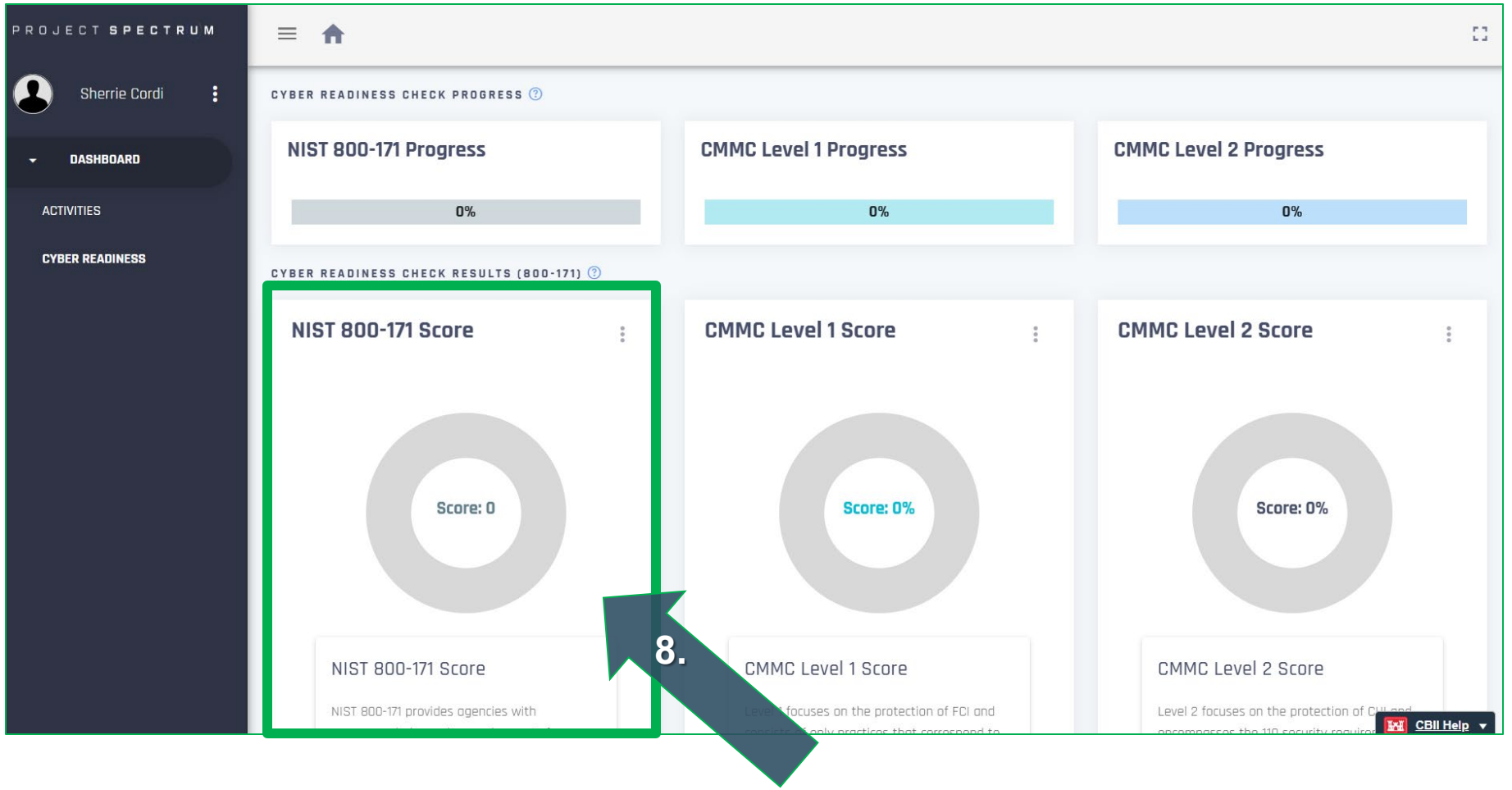

**Need help? Click on "Tooltip" or "Explainer Video"**

and so forth….. there are **109** sections total

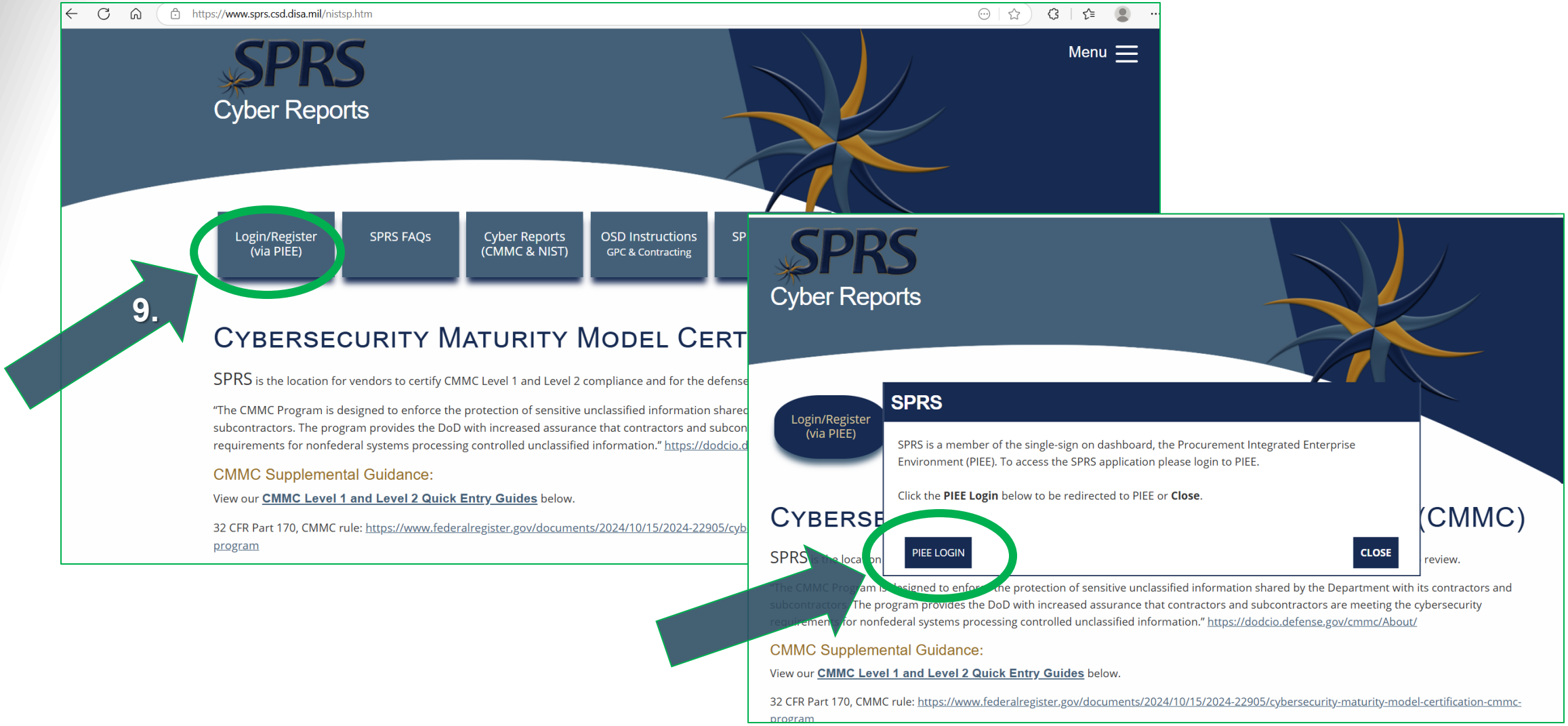
# 7. COMPLETE SELF-ASSESSMENT AND NAVIGATE TO DASHBOARD



# 8. VIEW YOUR NIST SCORE



# 9. NAVIGATE TO SPRS (SUPPLIER PERFORMANCE RISK SYSTEM)



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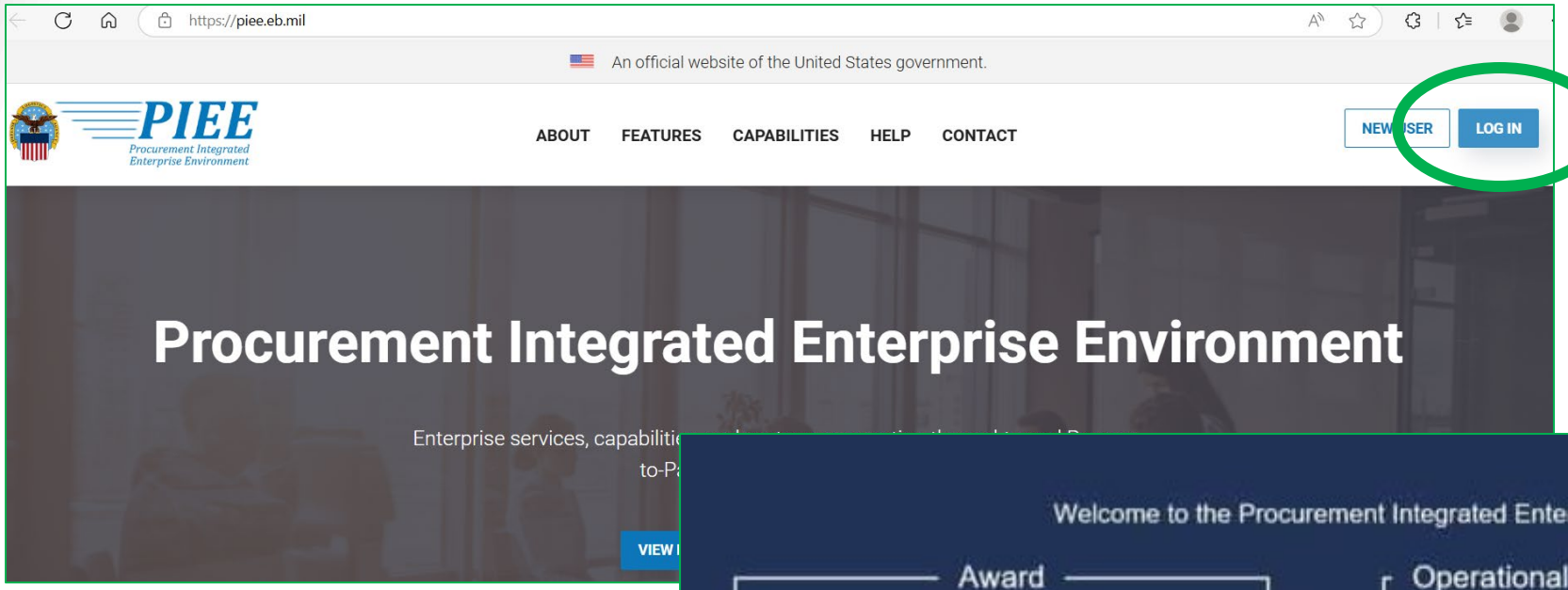
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An official website of the United States government.
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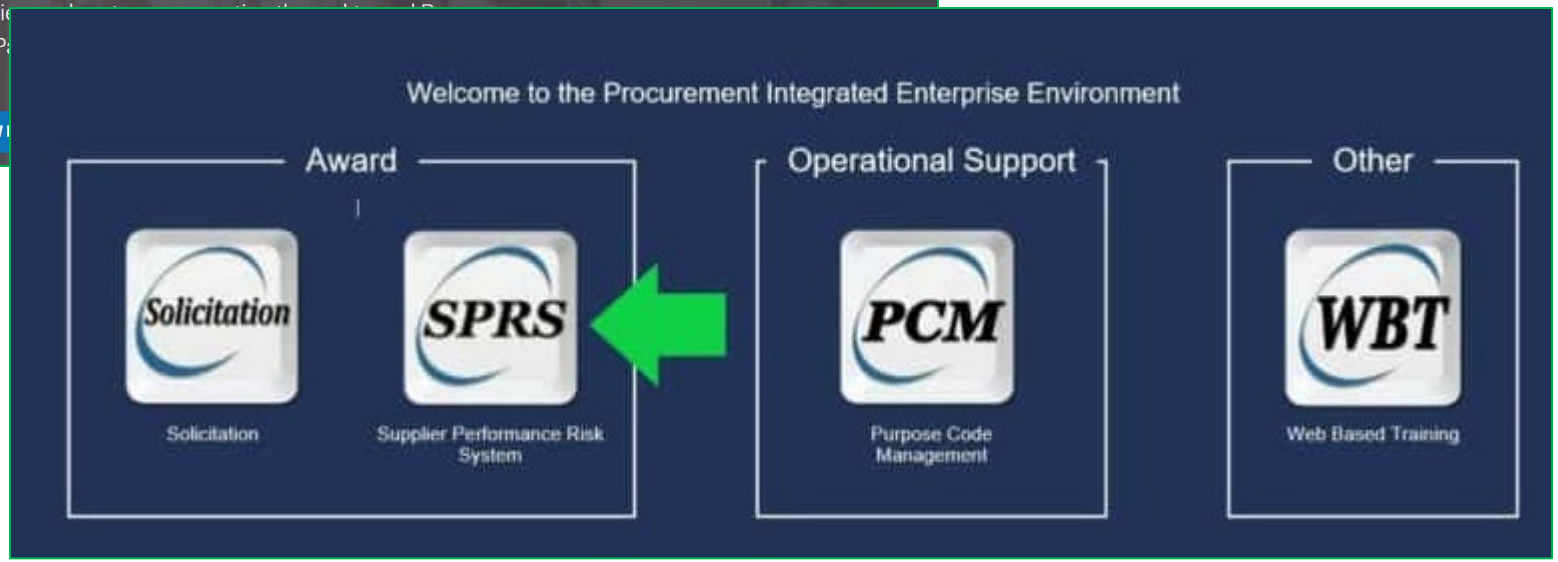
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Solicitation
Solicitation
SPRS
Supplier Performance Risk System
Operational Support
PCM
Purpose Code Management
Other
WBT
Web Based Training

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# HOW TO UPLOAD YOUR NIST SCORE

*****YOU MUST BE REGISTERED IN SAM.GOV AND HAVE A CAGE CODE*****

## 1. Get Access to SPRS

*You must use the Procurement Integrated Enterprise Environment (PIEE) to access SPRS*.

- Go to: https://piee.eb.mil/
- Click "Register" if you don't already have an account.
- During registration:Choose "SPRS" as the application.
- Select your appropriate role (usually "Contractor").
- Enter your CAGE Code (company identifier).*Your account must be approved by your company's Electronic Business Point of Contact (EB POC) in SAM.gov*.

## 2. Prepare Your NIST Score Submission

- Have the following info ready:
  - Your CAGE Code
  - The NIST 800-171 score
  - Date of the assessment
  - A Plan of Action & Milestones (POA&M) *if you have not implemented all 110 controls*
  - The expected date for achieving a perfect score (*if applicable*)

## 3. Submit the Score in SPRSLog into

- https://piee.eb.mil/
- Navigate to SPRS > NIST SP 800-171 Assessment
- Click “Create New Assessment”
- Enter all required data and submit

💡 Tips:

You do **not** upload a document — you just input your score and related information.

Only self-assessments are required for CMMC Level 1 and some Level 2 (until 2026).

Your score is valid for 3 years, unless your cybersecurity posture changes significantly.

# 👇 SUMMARY FOR SB CONTRACTORS

If you're just starting:

1. **Use Project Spectrum** to get free guidance and tools.
2. **Talk to your local APEX Accelerator** for personal help.
3. **Use the NIST templates** to perform a self-assessment.
4. **Submit your score in SPRS via PIEE**.
5. **Start planning now** for CMMC Level 1 by Oct 2025.

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# RESOURCES FOR SMALL BUSINESS CONTRACTORS

## CMMC & NIST 800-171

| Resource | Description | Link |
|---|---|---|
| **Business & Local Support** | | |
| **APEX Accelerators (formerly PTACs)** | Free one-on-one help for contractors on compliance, contracting, and cybersecurity | apexaccelerators.us |
| **SBA Small Business Development Centers (SBDCs)** | Help with business growth, federal readiness, and cybersecurity readiness | americassbdc.org |
| **Government & Official Resources** | | |
| **Project Spectrum** | Free tools, templates, training, and self-assessments specifically for small businesses | projectspectrum.io |
| **Cyber AB** (Accreditation Body) | Authoritative CMMC info, list of assessors (C3PAOs), and training | cyberab.org |
| **NIST 800-171** | Official requirements for protecting Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI) | csrc.nist.gov/publications/detail/sp/800-171 |
| **NIST 800-171A** | Assessment procedures to evaluate compliance | csrc.nist.gov/publications/detail/sp/800-171a |
| **Defense Contract Management Agency (DCMA) DIBCAC** | Conducts DoD assessments and publishes scoring methodology | dcma.mil |
| **Supplier Performance Risk System (SPRS)** | Required portal to submit your NIST score | sprs.csd.disa.mil *(login via PIEE)* |
| **Procurement Integrated Enterprise Environment (PIEE)** | Register to access SPRS and upload NIST scores | piee.eb.mil |
| **CMMC Assessors (C3PAOs)** | Independent third parties for Level 2c or Level 3 certification | Cyber AB Marketplace |

# RESOURCES FOR SMALL BUSINESS CONTRACTORS (CONT.)

## CMMC & NIST 800-171

### 🔐 Other Resources of Interest

| Resource | Purpose |
|---|---|
| **NSA Cybersecurity Guidance** | Advanced hardening tips and public cybersecurity advisories |
| **US Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA)** | Alerts, best practices, and risk management tools |

### 🛠️ Additional Tools & Templates

| Tool | Use |
|---|---|
| **NIST 800-171 DoD Assessment Scoring Template (Excel)** | Used to calculate your NIST score before submission |
| **POA&M Template (Plan of Action & Milestones)** | Used to document incomplete controls and mitigation plans |

# QUESTIONS?

**(I'M NOT A CMMC EXPERT, BUT I CAN HELP YOU FIND ONE!)**

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