

Merito Solutions, Inc.

DevSecOps | Application Security | Quality Engineering | Secure Software Delivery

Company Overview

Merito is a trusted Value-Added Partner (VAP) specializing in DevSecOps, application security, and quality engineering for enterprise and government environments for over 25 years. We help organizations modernize and secure the software delivery lifecycle by integrating security, compliance, and quality directly into CI CD pipelines without slowing mission delivery.

Combining best-of-breed tooling, deep technical expertise, and a high touch support model, Merito remains actively involved even after initial implementation to ensure long-term adoption, operational maturity, and measurable outcomes. Our engineers led delivery model and Signature Support capability make Merito a trusted partner for complex, production critical environments in compliance with federal standards and risk management frameworks.

Merito is currently part of the DoD Enterprise Software Initiative ESI BPA, supporting enterprise software acquisition, licensing, and optimization across DoW programs. We bring expertise in supporting procurement through GSA Schedule along with our partners MFGS, and Carahsoft, enabling streamlined and compliant federal acquisition. Merito demonstrates proven capability in enterprise software licensing, renewals, compliance, and cost optimization for large federal user base all while being CMMC Level 1 certified.

Merito's Core Capabilities

- A. DevSecOps Strategy and Enablement: Merito designs and operationalizes scalable DevSecOps programs that align development, security, and operations teams aligned to federal security frameworks and mission objectives. We help organizations define governance models, pipeline standardization, and security ownership that scale across complex enterprise environments. Our approach balances speed, security, and compliance while supporting continuous delivery. Key capabilities include:
 - DevSecOps governance models and operating frameworks
 - Pipeline standardization across distributed teams
 - Secure software development lifecycle design
 - Security ownership and policy as code enablement
 - Alignment with OWASP Top 10, NIST, RMF, FISMA, and Zero Trust principles
 - Support for ATO readiness and continuous authorization models
- B. Application Security Integration: Merito integrates application security controls directly into CI/CD pipelines to support proactive risk management and continuous assessment. Our signal over noise approach ensures security findings are actionable, auditable, and aligned with operational risk tolerance. Key capabilities include:
 - SAST (Static Application Security Testing) integration
 - DAST (Dynamic Application Security Testing) integration
 - SCA (Software Composition Analysis) and open-source risk management
 - Container and Kubernetes security

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- Secrets management and credential hygiene
- Vulnerability triage and prioritization based on business and mission risk

- C. **CI/CD Pipeline Engineering & Automation:** Merito engineers and optimizes secure and compliant CI/CD pipelines across modern DevOps platforms used in federal and hybrid cloud environments. We integrate security testing, quality gates, and policy enforcement while maintaining fast release cycles and audit readiness. Our solutions maintain fast release cycles while supporting regulatory and compliance requirements. Key capabilities include:
- Pipeline design and automation for cloud and on premises systems
 - Integration of security testing and quality gates
 - Policy enforcement and compliance automation
 - Audit readiness, traceability, and continuous monitoring
 - Support for Infrastructure as Code (IaC) and immutable environments
- D. **Toolchain Selection and Optimization:** As a VAP and technical advisor, Merito helps customers evaluate, procure, integrate, and optimize DevSecOps and application security tools. We focus on aligning tooling to real workflows for long-term business value and maximizing ROI. Key capabilities include:
- Optimization of tooling configurations to align with real world development workflows
 - Maximizing ROI through rationalization and performance tuning
 - Vendor agnostic advisory, tool evaluations and architecture design
 - Reduction of tool sprawl, license optimization, and cost control
 - Integration across DevOps, security, and compliance platforms

Merito Signature Support (MSS) for DevSecOps and AppSec

Merito Signature Support (MSS) is a defining capability and a key differentiator from large providers. This model provides customers with direct access to senior engineers who understand federal environments, pipelines, and security posture. MSS ensures active adoption, sustained operational effectiveness, reduced downtime, and continuous improvement throughout the contract lifecycle.

Merito Signature Support (MSS) includes:

- Hands on troubleshooting and issue resolution across DevSecOps and AppSec tools
- Continuous performance tuning, pipeline and security optimization guidance
- Vendor escalation management and technical advocacy on behalf of the customer
- Proactive system health checks and usage reviews
- Continuous advisory support beyond initial implementation to drive adoption and maturity

Differentiators

- Signature Support model with direct access to senior technical experts
- Deep specialization in DevSecOps and AppSec, not general IT consulting
- Engineers led delivery with real world enterprise pipeline experience
- Vendor agnostic guidance paired with reseller and implementation expertise
- Long term partnership mindset rather than project-based delivery
- Proven ability to operate in complex, regulated, and mission critical environments

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Enterprise Change and Adoption

Merito supports organizational change and value-led business transformation through enablement workshops, developer training, security coaching, and operating model alignment. We focus on helping active teams adopt DevSecOps practices without disrupting delivery commitments. Key capabilities include:

- DevSecOps workshops, adoption strategy and operating model alignment
- Stakeholder alignment across development, security, and operations teams
- Developer and platform engineering training
- Security enablement and continuous AppSec coaching
- Operating model and process alignment
- Adoption metrics and maturity assessments

Relevant Experience and Contracts Supported

Merito supports DevSecOps, application security, and secure software delivery initiatives across the United States Department of Defense DoD (Department of War DoW), Intelligence Community IC, and federal agencies. Our experience spans operational, acquisition, and sustainment environments and aligns with DoD DevSecOps, RMF, NIST 800 53, Zero Trust, and modern software acquisition pathways. These contracts involved highly regulated and compliance-driven environments, production critical systems, and multi-year support relationships.

Federal Experience Sampling

Merito has provided support, directly and through authorized partners and prime contractors, to mission-critical programs within secure enclaves with compliance to STIGs, FedRAMP aligned controls, and federal cybersecurity mandates:

- AFLCMC / GBK Software License Acquisition
- ARMY ACC Software License Acquisition
- AFLCMC / C3CO-AOC Sustainment Team support for training, enablement, deployment, and ongoing operations
- U.S. Navy NIWC / NUWC: Secure DevOps and application security support for enterprise and mission systems.
- U.S. Central Command CENTCOM: Secure software delivery and DevSecOps enablement for operational mission systems as sub-prime.
- Other DoD and IC Programs: DevSecOps pipeline integration, application security modernization, and sustainment in controlled and classified environments.

Representative Engagements

- Enterprise DevSecOps pipeline standardization with integrated security controls aligned to RMF, NIST, and DoW DevSecOps guidance.
- Secure CI/CD implementations for regulated environments, supporting access control, artifact integrity, and platform hardening.
- Application security modernization improving vulnerability management, remediation workflows, and developer adoption at scale.
- DevSecOps and security toolchain optimization including implementation, training, sustainment, and long-term operational support.

Contracting and Engagement Model

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Merito is a low-risk, acquisition-ready partner with experience navigating DoD licensing, security, and sustainment requirements, helping agencies accelerate delivery, strengthen security posture, and sustain mission-critical systems. We support customers through flexible engagement models designed to align with federal acquisition requirements and mission timelines

- Professional services and technical advisory
- Tool procurement and license optimization
- Implementation, integration, and pipeline engineering
- Signature Support and managed services
- Continuous monitoring, optimization, and ongoing enablement
- Staff augmentation and embedded engineering support

Summary

Merito enables federal and defense organizations to implement and sustain secure, high velocity software delivery through integrated DevSecOps practices and continuous application security. We stand apart from large system integrators by combining deep technical expertise with a Signature Support model, backed by long term support and optimization. Customers rely on Merito not just to implement DevSecOps, AppSec & tooling solutions, but to ensure they continue delivering security, speed, and measurable business value.

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