



SUMMIT LINE FEDERAL SOLUTIONS, LLC

DEFENSE & AEROSPACE INDUSTRIAL-BASE ADVISORY

CAPABILITY STATEMENT

THE DEFENSE EXPANSION PATHWAY™

SBA-CERTIFIED VOSB · DEFENSE EXPANSION PATHWAY™ · EIGHT DOMAINS · 140 POINTS · NATIONAL COVERAGE

Summit Line Federal Solutions, LLC is an **SBA-certified Veteran-Owned Small Business** and defense & aerospace industrial-base advisory firm that **assesses and matures supplier readiness for prime supply chains** through its proprietary Defense Expansion Pathway™ (DXP™) — an objective, **rules-based**, eight-domain, 140-point methodology. **We de-risk the supply base — we don't supply parts.**

WHAT MAKES SLFS DIFFERENT

- 1 We de-risk the supply base — we don't supply parts.** SLFS is an honest-broker advisory: we hold no product lines, pursue no part numbers, and do not compete with the suppliers we assess. We find compliance and execution gaps in small, diverse, and emerging suppliers upstream — before they surface at first-article, audit, or program execution.
- 2 Objective and standardized.** A scorable instrument consistent across suppliers, sectors, and reviewers — built to augment prime supplier-development and Mentor-Protégé programs, not compete within them. Eight weighted domains with auto-generated POA&M remediation roadmaps.
- 3 Purpose-built for the defense industrial base — and veteran-led.** Founded by a U.S. Army veteran with 16 years of automotive supply chain leadership, SLFS specializes in converting automotive-heritage manufacturers to aerospace & defense work. SLFS assesses readiness; it does not certify or grant compliance.
- 4 Rules-based scoring with a generative-AI narrative layer.** Scoring, verdict thresholds, and routing are deterministic — the same answers always produce the same result, so suppliers stay comparable across a cohort and across time. Artificial intelligence drafts the written explanation of a result; it does not reach one. Every finding is reviewed and signed by a named advisor and written to a permanent audit record.

CORE COMPETENCIES

- ◆ **Supplier readiness assessment** via DXP™ — proprietary 8-domain, 140-point methodology
- ◆ **CMMC / NIST SP 800-171** readiness evaluation
- ◆ **Quality management system** & configuration-control maturity assessment
- ◆ **Cost accounting** & proposal-readiness review
- ◆ **Program execution** & schedule-discipline evaluation
- ◆ **Financial capacity** & sub-tier supply-chain-visibility analysis
- ◆ **POA&M remediation roadmaps** & supplier maturation tracking
- ◆ **Automotive-to-A&D conversion** guidance for Michigan's manufacturing base

DXP™ ASSESSMENT DOMAINS

D1 Cost Accounting & Proposal Readiness	DCAA-aligned cost segregation, FAR Part 31 allowability, indirect-rate structure, proposal pricing discipline.
D2 CMMC / NIST SP 800-171 Preparedness	CMMC 2.0 alignment and NIST SP 800-171 controls for FCI and CUI handling.
D3 Quality Management System Readiness	AS9100 / ISO-aligned quality-system maturity, process control, and audit readiness.
D4 Traceability & Configuration Control	Material traceability, engineering change control, configuration-management discipline.
D5 Supplier Qualification & Purchasing System	Approved-vendor governance, clause flowdown, CPSR-aligned purchasing controls.
D6 Program Execution & Schedule Discipline	IMS / IMP rigor, milestone management, on-time delivery performance.
D7 Financial Capacity & Working Capital	Balance-sheet strength to sustain government payment cycles and scale.
D8 Supply Chain Visibility & Supplier Readiness	Multi-tier visibility, sub-tier risk monitoring, supplier resilience — the highest-weighted domain, built for NDIS resilient-supply-chain priorities and Section 1260H sub-tier reach (June 2027).

Domain 8 (highlighted) is the highest-weighted domain, aligned to the National Defense Industrial Strategy's resilient supply-chains priority. Eight weighted domains scored on a proprietary composite readiness scale; domain-level scoring weights and rubrics are a trade secret of Summit Line Federal Solutions, LLC and are not published.

COMPANY DATA

UEI	XPNG67ZCCSF7
CAGE	20YH5
SAM.GOV	Active · thru July 2027
NAICS	541611 · 541614
SIZE	Small Business
SOCIOECONOMIC	SBA-Certified VOSB
LOCATION	Auburn Hills, MI
COVERAGE	National

ECOSYSTEM & PARTNERSHIPS

SLFS operates inside the defense industrial ecosystem — **NDIA Michigan** (corporate member), **AIAM**, and **Automation Alley**, where the firm publishes the **Defense-Ready Series** for Michigan's automotive-heritage manufacturing base.

SUB-TIER VISIBILITY, ON THE CLOCK

With Section 1260H prohibitions reaching sub-tiers in **June 2027**, primes need line of sight below Tier 1 now. **Domain 8** — our highest-weighted — assesses exactly that, aligned to the **NDIS** resilient-supply-chains priority.

ENGAGEMENT MODEL

- 1 Complimentary cohort readiness screen** — tiered Hot / Warm / Nurture heat map across a nominated supplier cohort.
- 2 Per-supplier domain assessment & gap-to-target analysis.**
- 3 POA&M remediation roadmap & re-score** to track maturation.
- 4 Phase 2 — full per-supplier engagement:** evidence-validated evaluation with an executable remediation plan.

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