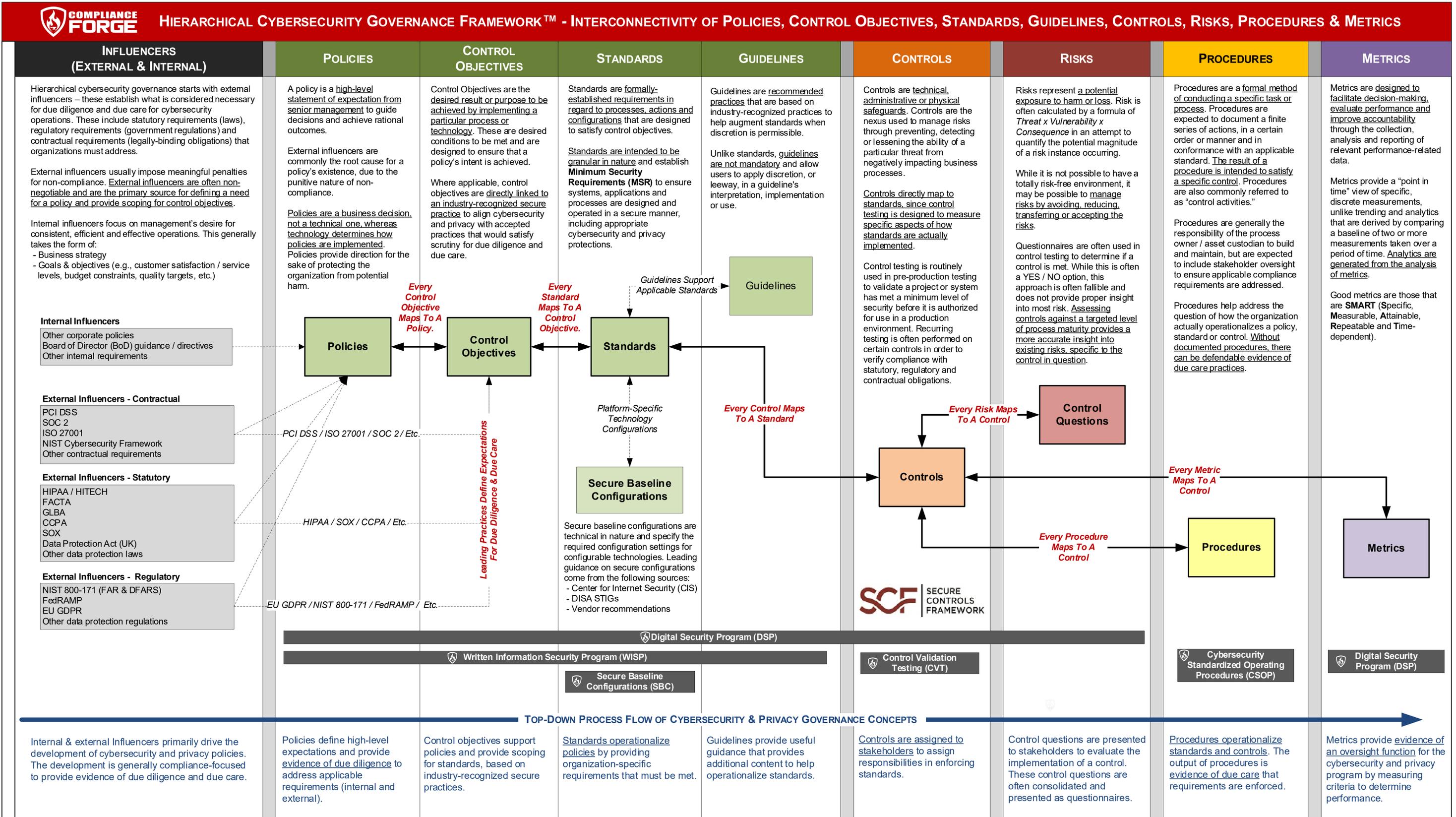


# Understanding The Hierarchical Nature of Cybersecurity & Privacy Documentation

The ComplianceForge Hierarchical Cybersecurity Governance Framework™ (HCGF) takes a comprehensive view towards the necessary documentation components that are key to being able to demonstrate evidence of due diligence and due care. This framework addresses the interconnectivity of policies, control objectives, standards, guidelines, controls, risks, procedures & metrics. The Secure Controls Framework (SCF) fits into this model by providing the necessary cybersecurity and privacy controls an organization needs to implement to stay both secure and compliant.

ComplianceForge has simplified the concept of the hierarchical nature of cybersecurity and privacy documentation in the following diagram to demonstrate the unique nature of these components, as well as the dependencies that exist:





# Operationalizing Cybersecurity Business Plans

The **ComplianceForge Operationalizing Cybersecurity Planning Model™ (OCPM)** takes a practical view towards implementing cybersecurity business plans. CISOs are often not at a loss for a plan, but executing these plans often fall short due to disconnects between strategic, operational and tactical components of the planning process. At the end of the day, Individual Contributors (ICs) need to know how they fit into business planning, what their priorities are, and what is expected from them in their duties.

The nexus of any business plan should be a Capability Maturity Model (CMM) target that provides quantifiable expectations for People, Processes and Technologies (PPT). Likely, there is a phased, multi-year roadmap to meet these CMM-based cybersecurity objectives. Those documented objectives, in conjunction with the business plan, provide evidence of due diligence. The objectives define the operational needs and prioritization of PPT and those include standardized procedures, for how these technologies and processes are implemented at a tactical level. Those Standardized Operating Procedures (SOPs) both direct the workflow of ICs, but the output of the SOPs provides evidence of due care.

