



THIS
MONTH'S
FOCUS

SUPPLY CHAIN
INTEGRITY MONTH

DID YOU KNOW?

Secure supply chains are essential to protecting critical infrastructure, countering economic exploitation, and defending against cyber and technical operations.

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CRITICAL PROTECTION FOR CRITICAL SUPPLY CHAINS

The Cybersecurity Infrastructure and Security Agency (CISA) is partnering with the Office of the Director of National Intelligence National Counterintelligence and Security Center (NCSC), Office of the National Cyber Director (ONCD), the DOD, and other government and industry partners to kick off the sixth annual National Supply Chain Integrity Month. This year's theme, "Supply Chain Risk Management (SCRM) – The Recipe for Resilience," is a call to action to encourage stakeholders and partners to apply a comprehensive SCRM approach to secure the nation's most critical supply chains.

Throughout April, CISA will share information and resources (aligned to weekly themes) to help government and industry stakeholders improve their overall security posture. The weakest link in a supply chain can be a recipe for disaster for everyone involved.

CISA's weekly themes are as follows:

Week 1: Recipe for Resilience: Knowing the Essentials

Week 2: Shop Small: Resources for Small and Medium-sized Businesses

Week 3: Cooking with Quality: Vendor/Supplier Trustworthiness

Week 4: Don't Poach Your Luck: Common Supply Chain Threats

The Center for Development of Security Excellence (CDSE) also has numerous resources to raise awareness for SCRM. At the beginning of FY23, CDSE released a new eLearning course entitled "Supply Chain Threat Awareness." CDSE worked with subject matter experts from NCSC's Supply Chain team, as well as DCSA's CI and Insider Threat Directorate to create it. The course is approximately 30 minutes long and is available on the Security Training, Education, and Professionalization Portal (STEPP) platform.

"The past few years have taught us how disruptive events can have cascading supply chain impacts on American businesses and the public," said CISA Assistant Director for the National Risk Management Center, Mona Harrington. "As organizations introduce technology into their operations, they must take a comprehensive approach in their strategy for supply chain resilience, which includes being smart about their procurement process, knowing who makes up their extended supply chains, and applying basic cyber hygiene. Government and industry must work together to shift from a reactive to a proactive approach for supply chain risk management."

The course stresses the importance of SCRM, discusses potential threats posed by Foreign Intelligence Entities, criminals, and strategic competitors, and details various risk mitigation strategies/countermeasures.



This course is based on multiple references, to include Executive Order (EO) 14017, "America's Supply Chains," DOD policy, and NCSC documents and job aids. Other CDSE products that support Supply Chain awareness include the "Deliver Uncompromised:

Supply Chain Risk Management" job aid, the Counterintelligence Supply Chain Risk Management Toolkit, and three webinars.

The security of information and communications technology (ICT) and software supply chains ensure the continued

operation and functionality of a broad range of U.S. critical infrastructure activities that support critical functions within our communities. If vulnerabilities in these systems and their critical hardware and software are exploited, the consequences can have

cascading impacts across organizations, sectors, and National Critical Functions. That is why organizations like CISA, NCSC, and CDSE commit to creating resources to educate and promote SCRM to the security community and the Nation.





CDSE SUPPLY CHAIN INTEGRITY RESOURCES

PRODUCT	URL
Acquisition Toolkit	https://www.cdse.edu/Training/Toolkits/Acquisition-Toolkit/
Counterintelligence Awareness Toolkit: Supply Chain Risk Management Tab	https://www.cdse.edu/Training/Toolkits/Counterintelligence-Awareness-Toolkit/
Cybersecurity: Supply Chain Risk Management Tab(Job Aid)	https://www.cdse.edu/Training/Toolkits/Cybersecurity-Toolkit/
Insider Threat Toolkit: Cyber Insider Threat/ User Activity Monitoring Tab	https://www.cdse.edu/Training/Toolkits/Insider-Threat-Toolkit/
Deliver Uncompromised Toolkit	https://www.cdse.edu/Training/Toolkits/Deliver-Uncompromised-Toolkit/
Operation Warp Speed (OWS) and Beyond Toolkit	https://www.cdse.edu/Training/Toolkits/Operation-Warp-Speed-and-Beyond-Toolkit/
Supply Chain Risk Management Job Aid	https://www.cdse.edu/Portals/124/Documents/jobaids/ci/deliver-uncom-supply-chain-risk-management-job-aid.pdf
CI Supply Chain Archived Webinars	https://www.cdse.edu/Training/Webinars-and-Conferences/Webinar-Archive/
Supply Chain Threat Awareness eLearning Course	https://www.cdse.edu/Training/eLearning/CI102/
NSA Evaluated Products Lists	https://www.nsa.gov/Resources/Media-Destruction-Guidance/

CISA AND NCSC SUPPLY CHAIN INTEGRITY RESOURCES

PRODUCT	URL
CISA Supply Chain Integrity Month	https://www.cisa.gov/supply-chain-integrity-month#:~:text=April%20is%20National%20Supply%20Chain%20Integrity%20Month
CISA ICT Supply Chain Library	https://www.cisa.gov/ict-supply-chain-resource-library
ICT SCRM Task Force	https://www.cisa.gov/resources-tools/groups/ict-supply-chain-risk-management-task-force
NCSC Supply Chain Risk Management	https://www.dni.gov/index.php/ncsc-what-we-do/ncsc-supply-chain-threats
NCSC Awareness Materials	https://www.dni.gov/index.php/ncsc-how-we-work/ncsc-know-the-risk-raise-your-shield/ncsc-awareness-materials



NEW THREAT LAB PRODUCT NOW AVAILABLE

CDSE added a new product from The Threat Lab to the Research tab of the Insider Threat toolkit. This Bottom Line Up Front (BLUF) newsletter highlights what personnel at The Threat Lab are watching, listening to, reading, and thinking about. Read the BLUF Volume 3 Issue 10 here: <https://www.cdse.edu/Portals/124/Documents/jobajds/insider/BLUF-V3Issue10.pdf>

2023 VDSCI

Register now for the 2023 Virtual DCSA Security Conference for Industry on April 26-27, 2023! This year's conference theme—"Strengthening Industrial Security"—reflects the need to provide Industry with the tools and practical application to bolster their security postures. As programs and policies receive revisions and updates, Industry must learn how it affects them.

This idea shaped the conference, which features such topics as NISP 101, Facility Clearance Process, How to Run an Effective Self-Inspection Process, Cyber Hygiene, Personnel Security, panel discussions at the end of each day, and more! The conference is open to cleared industry under the National Industrial Security Program (NISP).

Find out more and register at the following link: https://cdse.acms.com/dvsci2023/event/event_info.html



SIGN UP FOR UPCOMING WEBINAR

CDSE invites you to participate in our upcoming May webinar:

Insider Risk & Security Clearance Adjudications
Thursday, May 4, 2023
12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. ET

Recent advances in the security clearance adjudication process have resulted in significant improvements in evaluating and adjudicating concerning behaviors. This webinar will provide important updates to Insider Threat Professionals on the adjudication process, and educate attendees regarding how to effectively collaborate with the CAS when considering mitigation strategies.

Visit <https://www.cdse.edu/Training/Webinars-and-Conferences/> to register for this event and join the discussion!

REGISTRATION OPEN FOR THE GSS COURSE AT NCMS ANNUAL SEMINAR

CDSE will be hosting the Getting Started Seminar (GSS) for New Facility Security Officers (FSOs) course at the NCMS Annual Training Seminar on June 5, 2023! This course is not only a great way to get started as a new FSO, but also a way for experienced FSOs to keep informed of policy changes, procedural changes, and emerging trends and concerns. Students work in collaboration with other security professionals, exploring security topics through practical exercises. Topics include the DD 254, insider threat, reporting requirements, counterintelligence, security and contractor reviews, security training and briefings, and personnel security.

Please pre-register and complete the pre-requisites at <https://www.cdse.edu/Training/Instructor-led/IS121/>. Registration closes on May 15, 2023, and only registered participants will be allowed to attend. Proof of registration (emailed from CDSE) and a photo ID will be required for class entry.



UPCOMING ILT/VILT TRAINING COURSES

Consider signing up for one of CDSE's instructor-led training (ILT) or virtual instructor-led training (VILT) courses! Training is free and the VILT eliminates travel expenses. Complete CDSE courses to earn Professional Development Units (PDUs) toward maintenance of Security Professional Education Development (SPeD) Program certifications and credentials, and select courses have ACE CREDIT recommendations that may earn transfer credits at participating universities. Below is a list of ILT/VILT courses available May - June 2023. The full FY23 schedule is available [here](#).

DOD Security Specialist Course (VILT) May 22 – June 18, 2023

This course provides students a baseline of fundamental knowledge to perform common DOD security tasks and practices. It incorporates industrial, information, personnel, and physical security disciplines to understand their interrelationships, related policies, programs, and procedures.

Assessing Risk and Applying Security Controls to NISP Systems (ILT) June 5 – 9, 2023

This course provides students with guidance on applying policies and standards used throughout the U.S. Government to protect information within

computer systems, as described by the Risk Management Framework (RMF) process. This course will also provide a comprehensive understanding of contractor requirements under the NISP.

Introduction to Special Access Programs (ILT) June 13 – 16, 2023

This course focuses on the DOD Special Access Program (SAP) fundamentals and prepares students to become SAP Security Professionals.

DOD Security Specialist Course (ILT) June 21 – 29, 2023

This course provides students a baseline of fundamental knowledge to perform common DOD security tasks and practices. It incorporates industrial, information, personnel, and physical security disciplines to understand their interrelationships, related policies, programs, and procedures.

Physical Security and Asset Protection (ILT) July 24 – 28, 2023

This course will provide students the ability to identify and utilize regulatory guidance, methodologies, and concepts for protecting DOD assets.





2022 HORIZON INTERACTIVE AWARDS

The Center for Development of Security Excellence has won four Bronze Horizon Interactive Awards for 2022. The Horizon Interactive Awards, now in its 21st year, has become one of the most prestigious awards in the field of interactive, web design, and creative media. The competition recognizes, promotes, and awards the best websites and website design, interactive, videos, online advertising, print media, and mobile applications. Each year, the Horizon Interactive Awards receives thousands of entries from all over the world. A volunteer panel of industry professionals, from diverse multi-media, graphic design, advertising, and marketing backgrounds, review the entries to determine the work that is to be recognized. View CDSE's award winning products:

- [Reciprocity in the Personnel Security Program Short](#)
- [Maintaining an Effective Industrial Security Program Video](#)
- [CDSE Certificates vs. Certifications PSA](#)
- [The Adventures of Earl Lee Indicator \(Insider Threat\) Security Awareness Game](#)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT UNITS FOR SPED PROGRAM

After you've achieved your certification or credential, you're required to successfully complete at least 100 Professional Development Units (PDUs) within the two-year certification maintenance period. This fact sheet shows the various ways one can acquire PDUs: <https://www.cdse.edu/Portals/124/Documents/certification/pdu-category-fact-sheet.pdf>



WHAT THE SECURITY COMMUNITY IS SAYING

DOD Mandatory CUI Training (IF141.16) | eLearning:

"This training had the perfect amount of information needed to perform my job duties."

"This was a great course! Very thorough and the exam asked questions that made me review and ensure that what I learned was properly understood."

"This training, by far, was the best in terms of ease of use, clear information, and well put together."

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