

Defense Counterintelligence and Security Agency (DCSA)



The Defense Counterintelligence and Security Agency (DCSA) is the U.S. government's largest integrated security services provider. We are on the front lines protecting America's national security from adversarial threats. DCSA's diverse missions work in concert, leveraging our unique position in the national security ecosystem, to deliver a full range of support.

We are in the business of establishing and maintaining trust in our federal workforce, facilities and IT systems. With approximately 15,000 personnel (federal employees and contractors), DCSA conducts integrated security operations across five core mission areas: Personnel Security, Industrial Security, Counterintelligence and Insider Threat, Security Training and Field Operations.



Personnel Security: *Vetting and establishing trust in America's federal and contractor workforce*

DCSA conducts background checks, adjudications and continuous vetting for federal employees and cleared contractors, ensuring the trustworthiness of the government's workforce.

2.7 million + background investigations completed annually

~4 million federal employees and contractors continuously vetted



Counterintelligence and Insider Threat: *Preserving America's foundation of trust against foreign and insider threats*

DCSA identifies, assesses, deters and mitigates foreign and insider threats to the nation's cleared industry and trusted workforce. DCSA engages in collaborative partnerships with other intelligence and law enforcement agencies and oversees the DOD Insider Threat Management and Analysis Center (DITMAC) on the department's behalf. DCSA's counterintelligence functional services benefits from unique access to industry, building on our relationships across the industrial base.

32,600 + suspicious contact reports received from industry annually

4,600 + insider threat reports processed annually



Field Operations: *Enabling trust through mission support and information sharing in the field*

DCSA oversees a federal force of over **2,200** background investigators, industrial security representatives, cybersecurity representatives and counterintelligence agents across the United States. The field operations directorate integrates the agency's mission and coordinates all mission-related field work across **174** offices.

~40% of total DCSA workforce

2,200 + field operators enabled

174 field locations



Industrial Security: *Partnering with industry to maintain trust in America's workspaces and classified technologies*

DCSA protects the U.S. government's defense and non-defense industrial base through oversight of the National Industrial Security Program (NISP). DCSA issues facility clearances; mitigates foreign ownership, control and influence issues; and provides certification and accreditation of cleared contractor IT systems. DCSA is the designated implementer of the NISP for the federal government and provides industrial security services for DOD and on behalf of 35 federal departments and agencies.

~13,000 contractor facilities cleared for access to classified information under DCSA's security oversight responsibilities

~4,670 security reviews conducted annually

~5,200 NISP IT systems accredited



Security Training: *Training and empowering security professionals to build a trustworthy workforce*

DCSA trains U.S. government, industry and agency security personnel to mitigate risk in support of national security. It encompasses the DCSA Security Academy, the Center for Development of Security Excellence (CDSE) and the National Center for Credibility Assessments (NCCA). These activities span a broad spectrum of security and counterintelligence disciplines, including credibility assessment, industrial security, personnel security, information security and insider threat.

~5.4 million security training courses completed

~9,300 certifications granted

~489,000 students served

~100 polygraphers trained



Learn more about DCSA and its role in protecting national security at dcsa.mil.