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Dear FSO (sent on behalf of your ISR),

This monthly newsletter contains recent information, policy guidance, and security education and training updates. Please let us know if you have any questions or recommendations for information to be included.

WHERE TO FIND THE "VOICE OF INDUSTRY" (VOI) NEWSLETTER

VOI Newsletters are posted for Facility Security Officers (FSOs) in the National Industrial Security System (NISS) Knowledge Base. Look for a monthly announcement on your NISS dashboard for each new VOI. VOI Newsletters are also found with important forms and guides on the Defense Counterintelligence and Security Agency (DCSA) website [Industry Tools Page](#) (VOIs are at the bottom). For more information on personnel vetting, industrial security, and other topics in the VOI, visit www.dcsa.mil.

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NATIONAL INSIDER THREAT AWARENESS MONTH

MESSAGE FROM DCSA DIRECTOR WILLIAM K. LIETZAU



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Colleagues:

The Defense Counterintelligence and Security Agency is partnering with the National Counterintelligence and Security Center, National Insider Threat Task Force, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence and Security, and insider threat community stakeholders to support the fourth annual National Insider Threat Awareness Month (NITAM) during September 2022. NITAM, now in its fourth year, emphasizes the importance of safeguarding our nation by detecting, deterring, and mitigating insider threats.

The theme for 2022's NITAM is "Critical Thinking in Digital Spaces." Critical thinking in a digital society is a skill that all security professionals must develop, especially as we become more reliant on technology. A key component of insider threat prevention is to develop increased awareness and understanding of hidden dangers. Critical thinking helps individuals become more attuned and less susceptible to such dangers, including social engineering, solicitation by adversaries (foreign and domestic), and harmful information.

Many unsuspecting individuals and organizations have fallen victim to the tactics deployed by malicious actors. Individuals and organizations must achieve a greater understanding of how virtual platforms can be exploited and how to spot efforts to intentionally manipulate perceptions. During the past 2 years, the workforce has been faced with the challenges of remaining connected during a global pandemic, to include balancing the need for digital spaces while recognizing its dangers. In digital spaces, it is more challenging to distinguish between legitimate coworkers and malicious actors using phishing techniques to acquire proprietary or sensitive information. The digital environment has led to more interactions on social media, making individuals more vulnerable to deception.

I encourage everyone to participate in NITAM activities this September as a way to educate the workforce on the importance of critical thinking in digital spaces. Suggested activities, products, and actions are outlined on the NITAM 2022 web page at <https://securityawareness.usalearning.gov/cdse/nitam/index.html>. Whatever activities or engagements you choose, actions both large and small will contribute to the ultimate goal of securing the Federal Government from insider threats. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

William K. Lietzau
Director

COUNTER-INSIDER THREAT SOCIAL & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE SUMMIT

Registration is now open for the Counter-Insider Threat (C-InT) Social & Behavioral Science (SBS) Summit. This 30-day virtual event will focus on building Cognitive Immunity to increase resistance against misinformation and bad ideas to maximize the effectiveness of Counter-Insider Threat Programs. The Defense Personnel and Security Research Center (PERSEREC), home of The Threat Lab, will host the C-InT SBS Summit from September 1-30, 2022 in conjunction with National Insider Threat Awareness Month. Register to attend live keynotes and view on-demand research presentations, case studies, and training aids curated by leading subject matter experts in counter-insider threat research and practice. Learn more at [C-InT SBS Summit](#).

REGISTER NOW FOR UPCOMING WEBINARS

CDSE invites you to participate in all our upcoming webinars:

- Counter Insider Threat Resources for Your Organization
Thursday, September 8, 2022
1:00 to 2:00 p.m. ET
- Disinformation and Insider Threat
Tuesday, September 13, 2022
12:00 to 1:00 p.m. ET
- Personnel Vetting Policy Overview with OUSD(I&S)
Wednesday, September 14, 2022
1:00 pm to 2:00 pm ET

Visit [CDSE Webinars and Conferences](#) to sign up for all three events and join the discussion!

NEW CASE STUDIES

CDSE has added new and updated case studies to the CDSE Case Study Library:

- **Levii Delgado** – A case study of sabotage
- **Meyya Meyyappan** – A case study of foreign espionage
- **Daniel Hale** – A case of unauthorized disclosure.

Visit the [CDSE Case Study Library](#) to view all our products.

INSIDER THREAT SENTRY APP

Have you downloaded the insider threat sentry app? This mobile addition to CDSE's insider threat portfolio expands the availability of posters, videos, security awareness games, job aids, case studies, and more. The application is available for users from the android and IOS app stores. The app provides direct access to relevant insider threat content in one easy-to-use place. Download it today!



CHANGES TO CERTIFICATION MAINTENANCE AND RENEWAL POLICIES

On October 1, new certification maintenance and renewal policies and procedures will go into effect.

To transition to the new policy, currently certified individuals (who are within their 2-year renewal window) will have until September 30 to either **1**) submit Certification Renewal Forms (CRFs) under the existing [renewal policy](#), or **2**) wait to submit under the new policy.

Certificants who expire prior to October 1 must renew under the current policy. Certificants who are conferred or renew after October 1 will operate under the new policy.

These changes also include:

- Professional Development Units (PDUs) based on level of effort
- Updated and expanded PDU categories
- Single expiration date across all certifications/credentials
- Single CRF form
- Maintenance periods based upon the candidate initiating an action (e.g., submitting a form in the MySPeD system or attaining a new SPeD Certification). This period remains at 2 years for each cycle.

****Certificants are ultimately responsible to ensure their certifications are maintained IAW with program maintenance and renewal guidelines****

Stay tuned for more information, including updated handbooks and webpages.

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