DEFENSE COUNTERINTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY AGENCY

VOICE OF INDUSTRY DCSA MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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Dear FSO (sent on behalf of your ISR),

Industrial Security (IS) Operations publishes this monthly newsletter to provide recent information, policy guidance, and security education and training updates for Facility Security Officers (FSOs) in the National Industrial Security Program (NISP). Please let us know if you have any questions or recommendations.

VOI Newsletters are posted 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 posted on the Defense Counterintelligence and Security Agency (DCSA) website on the Industrial Security Industry Tools Page (VOIs are at the bottom). For more information on personnel vetting, industrial security, training, and other topics from the VOI, visit www.dcsa.mil.

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NSA 2022 CYBERSECURITY YEAR IN REVIEW

The National Security Agency (NSA) published its 2022 Cybersecurity Year in Review last month to share its mission focus and demonstrate how it is producing cybersecurity outcomes for the nation.

This year's report highlights NSA's ability to scale cybersecurity solutions through strong partnerships, resulting in speed and agility.

"By protecting the U.S. Government's most sensitive networks, we cascade solutions that help secure critical infrastructure, U.S. allies, and businesses and consumers around the world," said Rob Joyce, NSA Cybersecurity Director. "Our efforts to protect those networks help protect yours."

The Year in Review highlights NSA's efforts, including:

- Collaborating with Industry to harden billions of endpoints against active and ongoing nation-state threats.

- Disclosing dozens of zero-day vulnerabilities to vendors before nation-state actors exploit them.

- Publicly releasing cybersecurity guidance to protect against active adversary and cybercriminal threats and to harden systems.

- Securing standards for emerging technology through NSA's Center for Cybersecurity Standards.

- Researching and delivering tools and technology that protect the nation's cyber ecosystem.

While the report includes as much unclassified information as possible about NSA's cybersecurity mission and efforts, much of the critical work NSA does to protect the nation cannot be publicly disclosed. Some key takeaways from the report include:

- NSA's Cybersecurity Collaboration Center (CCC) doubled its Industry partnerships in the past year to over 300 collaborative relationships. At the CCC, NSA combines SIGINT insights with those from Industry partners to deliver intel-driven cybersecurity to protect the nation and U.S. allies.

- Through its Adversary Defeat team, NSA contributes to whole-of-government campaigns to counter malicious cyber activity from U.S. adversaries in support of the National Defense Strategy.

- NSA has collaborated with Industry and U.S. Government partners to confront the quantum computing threat. Through the 2022 release of Commercial National Security Algorithm Suite 2.0 (CNSA Suite 2.0), NSA notified national security system (NSS) owners, operators, and vendors of the future requirements for quantum-resistant algorithms for use in all NSS.

For more information, see NSA Cybersecurity 2022 Year in Review.

NISP CONTRACTS CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM (NCCS)

On January 19, the IS Systems Management Branch deployed NCCS version 2.0.17. This release included updates to the Government Account Manager (GAM) functionality and improved the user's functionality to more efficiently search for DD Form 254s. The system will only allow users to search and view DD Form 254s associated with their role and associated organization or agency.

The Operational Requirements Committee (ORC) met earlier this month to vote on the requirements gathered through the feedback received during the Industry Testing Event. The approved requirements will go into the development cycle and will be released in an upcoming deployment.

The team is continuing the phased onboarding of Government users and will begin Industry onboarding this year. Please visit the NCCS section on the DCSA website to view new and updated training materials to include webinars covering the Government and Industry user roles as well as the history and background of NCCS. Additional video trainings and job aids will be posted as we continue towards full implementation of NCCS.

For questions on NCCS, please contact the team via dcsa.quantico.dcsa-hq.mbx.nccs@mail.mil.

NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL SECURITY SYSTEM (NISS)

Did you know you can message your Industrial Security Representative (ISR), Information Systems Security Professional (ISSP), and Counterintelligence Special Agent (CISA) directly in NISS?

To contact a member of your Facility's Oversight Team, click on the "Message DCSA" Quick Link (on the External Home Page). The "Internal Recipient" dropdown menu will allow you to select the DCSA recipient. If your Facility does not have an ISR, ISSP, or CISA assigned, those options will not appear in the "Internal Recipient" dropdown menu. Once the all information is filled out and the message is sent, the DCSA recipient will receive an email notification to log into NISS to view the message.

Messages can be viewed by clicking the "View My Messages" Quick Link (on the External Home Page) or by navigating to your Facility Profile and clicking the "Messaging" subtab (under the "Actions & Documentation" tab).

Note: The messaging feature should not be used for reporting Changed Conditions. Please refer to the job aid in the NISS Knowledge Base for guidance on how to report a Changed Condition.

For any technical questions with NISS, please contact the DCSA Knowledge Center at 888-282-7682 and select Option 2, then Option 2 again. The DCSA Knowledge Center hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. ET.

NATIONAL ACCESS ELSEWHERE SECURITY OVERSIGHT CENTER (NAESOC)

Be sure to keep up with the latest information on the NAESOC Web Page.

- **NAESOC Help Desk Phone Line Hours:** You asked for it and we delivered! We have expanded Help Desk hours for the NAESOC. You can now talk to a Live Agent security specialist:

  > **NAESOC Help Desk – (888) 282-7682, Option 7**
  > **Monday through Thursday - 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (Eastern Time)**
  > **Friday - 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (Eastern Time)**

- Also, be sure to check out the latest NAESOC Webex, "**Tips for Setting Up Your Access Elsewhere Security Program**" available from the NAESOC Web Page or the CDSE Webinars and Conference site.

NATIONAL BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION SERVICES (NBIS)

NBIS INDUSTRY ONBOARDING IS OPEN FOR ALL ORGANIZATIONS

As of January 9, onboarding to NBIS is now open for all organizations. The NBIS Industry Onboarding Team has supplied email notification to all Defense Information System for Security (DISS) industry Account and Hierarchy Managers that onboarding to NBIS has begun. However, if you or another team member in your organization are an Account and Hierarchy Manager and have not received notification, please reach out via email to the Industry Onboarding Team at the mailbox provided below to receive instructions and details on how to begin.

Once onboarded, users should continue to utilize DISS for Case Initiation, Investigation Status, Visit Management, Subject Management, Eligibility Determinations, Incident Reporting, Access Management, and Foreign Travel, etc., until these functionalities are available in NBIS. The subject data has not yet migrated from DISS to NBIS. Notification will be made when subject data has migrated and when case initiations can be started in NBIS. Do not create a subject's profile or initiate cases until notification is received.

For questions regarding the NBIS Onboarding Process, please email the NBIS Industry Onboarding Team.

OFFICE OF COUNTERINTELLIGENCE SVTC

DCSA invites cleared Industry and academia personnel to participate in a secure video teleconference (SVTC). On Thursday, February 9, subject matter experts from the Defense Intelligence Agency will provide a threat briefing on China's Threats to the U.S. Defense Industrial Base. This event is for cleared personnel including, but not limited to: executive officers, key management personnel, FSOs, engineers, business development personnel, industrial security personnel, and cyber security professionals. The SVTC will be held on February 9 from 1:00 – 2:30 PM ET at your local DCSA office. Please register using this eInvitation.

PSI INDUSTRY DATA COLLECTION IN NISS

DCSA is responsible for projecting Personnel Security Investigations (PSI) requirements each year. The data collection for PSI projection requirements will be conducted March 6 through March 31, 2023, through the NISS Submission Site. Annual projections acquired from Industry through this collection are the key components in DoD program planning and budgeting for NISP security clearances.

In preparation for this upcoming data collection, our Industry partners are highly encouraged to register for their NISS accounts before March 6 in order to participate in the survey. Registration instructions are found on DCSA's NISS website under the Registration tab. For all other NISS questions, please contact the DCSA knowledge center at 888-282-7682 and select Option 2, then Option 2 again.

We look forward to your participation. If you have any questions, please contact dcsa.ncr.dcsa.mbx.psiprogram@mail.mil.

DCSA CONSOLIDATED ADJUDICATION SERVICES (CAS)

CAS CALL CENTER

CAS Call Center representatives are available to assist with your security clearance questions and concerns. Call them at 301-833-3850 or email the CAS Call Center.

CENTER FOR DEVELOPMENT OF SECURITY EXCELLENCE (CDSE)

JANUARY PULSE: CDSE SECURITY AWARENESS NEWSLETTER

DCSA recently released the CDSE Pulse, a monthly security awareness newsletter that features topics of interest to the security community. In addition, we share upcoming courses, webinars, and conferences. The January newsletter focused on "2022 Year in Review." Check out all the newsletters in CDSE's Electronic Library or subscribe/update your current subscription to get the newsletter sent directly to your inbox by submitting your email address to CDSE News!

NEW SPĒD TUTORIALS

CDSE created two new tutorials to help security professionals navigate the SPēD Certification Program. The employee tutorial is ideal for new employees who are required to obtain a SPēD Certification as a condition of employment, and the supervisor tutorial is for supervisors of new employees that have the condition for employment. View the tutorials here.

UPCOMING PERSONNEL VETTING TIMELY TOPICS WEBINAR

CDSE is hosting a live webinar with Vetting Risk Operations on March 14 from 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. This webinar will discuss Trusted Workforce 2.0 personnel vetting reforms, focusing on Continuous Vetting, which is applicable to DOD civilian employees, contractor personnel, and military members.

Participation is limited to 1500 attendees, so sign up today!

For more information, and to register, visit our Webinars and Conferences webpage.

NEW CASE STUDY

CDSE added a new case study to the CDSE Case Study Library:

- Jonathan and Diana Toebbe – A case of foreign espionage

Visit the CDSE Case Study Library to view all our products.

NEW WEBCASTS RELEASED

CDSE has created seven new webcasts that focus on NCCS 2.0:

- Government Originator Role Demonstration
- Government Relaunch of the NCCS Application
- Government Reviewer Role Demonstration
- Government Certifier Role Demonstration
- Government Contracting Officer Role
- Industry Roles and Sub 254
- Help Desk

Visit here to view these recorded webcasts as well as other NCCS resources.

NOW AVAILABLE: 2023 INDUSTRIAL SECURITY PROGRAM ANNUAL PLANNER

This job aid serves as a supplemental tool to help support and grow industrial security training and awareness within your organization. It is a combination of performance support tools selected from various security content areas that comprise the industrial security discipline that you can utilize to promote security awareness each month, throughout the year. View the planner here.

INSIDER THREAT VIGILANCE CAMPAIGN

The 2023 Insider Threat Vigilance Campaign job aid is now available. The job aid promotes a different vigilance theme each month. CDSE will provide awareness materials to support each monthly theme. Use the job aid to jump-start your 2023 annual vigilance campaign or tailor it to your organization using resources from our Insider Threat Toolkit Vigilance Tab.

CDSE LINKEDIN

CDSE is now on LinkedIn. Follow our profile for real-time information on professional development opportunities such as courses, webinars, and events!

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