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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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GATEKEEPER 50TH ANNIVERSARY EDITION

The Gatekeeper is the official magazine of the Defense Counterintelligence and Security Agency, published by DCSA's Office of Communications and Congressional Affairs. It is full of news and events regarding DCSA, its people, and its services in support of national security. This month's edition acknowledges the 50th anniversary of the Defense Investigative Service, the predecessor to the agency we know today as DCSA. This edition also covers industrial security subjects such as the 2022 Cogswell Award Winners from cleared industry, NCMS Industrial Security Awards to DCSA employees, the automated DD Form 254 process in the NISP Contracts Classification System, and a Q&A with DCSA's Assistant Director for Industrial Security. Check out the Gatekeeper 50th Anniversary Edition and other DCSA publications at [DCSA's Electronic Reading Room](#) on www.dcsa.mil.

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PARTNERSHIP TELECONFERENCE

DCSA invites cleared industry and academia personnel to participate in the November secure video teleconference (SVTC). On November 10, the DCSA Counterintelligence Partnership Branch will host a SVTC on "National Defense Cyber Alliance and Direct Engagement Initiatives" with agents from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). The FBI briefers will discuss the mission, capability, and intent of the National Defense Cyber Alliance, and will field questions from participants. The SVTC will be held on November 10, 2022, from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. ET at your local DCSA office.

Please register [here](#).

DEFENSE INFORMATION SYSTEM FOR SECURITY (DISS)

REQUEST FOR DISS ACCOUNT AND HIERARCHY MANAGERS

To ensure your information is accurate and up-to-date, we are asking Industry users with Hierarchy Manager and Account Manager roles in DISS to validate that their contact information is current.

Hierarchy and Account Managers can do so by clicking on the "My User Detail" link found under the "User Management" menu option on the left hand side of the screen after logging in. From there, "User Information" will appear and you can validate, and, if needed, update your business phone and email. If changes are needed, be sure to click the "Save" button in "User Information" once they are made.

If you are unable to update your contact information in DISS for any reason, please submit a ticket by calling the Customer Engagements Team (CET) at 724-794-7765 or sending an email to the [Customer Engagements Team \(CET\)](#).

As always, for additional information and updates, please visit the [NBIS Industry Onboarding](#) website.



FCL PROCESS ORIENTATION VIDEOS

DCSA maintains a series of Facility (Security) Clearance (FCL) orientation videos to provide contractors with all of the information they need to be successful in navigating the FCL process. Contractors are encouraged to visit the [DCSA Facility Clearance](#) website to view the FCL orientation videos as often as necessary to gain an understanding of requirements for both contractors and DCSA in the FCL process. If you still have remaining questions or concerns after thoroughly reviewing the videos and all sections applicable to your company, please contact the DCSA Knowledge Center at 888-282-7682, Option 3. Please note the Facility Clearance Branch Knowledge Center staff will ask if you reviewed the videos prior to calling. The FCL Orientation Videos along with the FCL Process Orientation Handbook are valuable resources for your company to utilize while both going through the process and afterwards.

DOD LOCK PROGRAM

REMOVAL OF GSA APPROVED BLACK LABEL CONTAINERS & VAULT DOORS

The Information Security Oversight Office (ISOO) released ISOO Notice 2022-03 updating the guidance for phasing out General Services Administration (GSA) - approved Black Label vault doors. ISOO Notice of Procurement of Security Equipment, April 4, 2014, specifies that GSA-approved security containers and vault doors must be procured through GSA Global Supply or the GSA Multiple Award Schedule program.

Black Label containers are approved and scheduled to be phased out over a period of at least 4 years with an end of service date of October 1, 2024. Due to the extensive reconstruction of vault walls and door installations, black label vault doors end of service has been extended until October 1, 2035.

Industry should be preparing for this equipment change. DCSA and GSA recommend that Industry:

- Survey your facilities for GSA-approved containers
- Develop a purchasing plan with a phased approach considering available stock
- Determine how many old Black Label containers and vault doors are still in use
- Determine if they are still required
- Perform a facility accreditation review
- Consider possible classified holdings reduction
- Work with your accrediting authority and/or contracting officer to formulate a company plan for replacing the identified Black Label containers and vault doors that are still required over the allotted time period.

Refer to the [ISOO Notices](#), the [DoD Lock Program Website](#), and the [GSA Approved Security Equipment - Purchasing Guide](#) for further information.



NATIONAL ACCESS ELSEWHERE SECURITY OVERSIGHT CENTER (NAESOC)

Be sure to keep up with NAESOC announcements on the [NAESOC Web Page](#):

- Keep your eyes on the NAESOC Latest tab:
 - You will be better prepared when National Background Investigation Services (NBIS) is rolled out to NAESOC facilities, beginning in December
 - Look out for other scheduled events starting this winter. You'll find them announced here first.
- Reminder: Now that we are preparing for the end of the year, it may be time to work on completing the annual review of your security programs and conducting formal self-inspections.
- Also on the web page, find latest **NAESOC One-Pager** for a quick-reference to resources and support.

More questions? We can help – Check out the [web page](#) for the latest information already at your fingertips or for the opportunity to submit your issues and queries to our Help Desk and even talk to Live Agents.

NATIONAL BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION SERVICES (NBIS)

2022 NBIS INDUSTRY CONFERENCE RECAP

A special thanks to the approximately 1,500 personnel security leaders and managers that attended the 2022 NBIS Industry Conference in-person and virtually to discuss Industry's transition into the new personnel security vetting system.

The conference, held on October 18, was comprised of DCSA briefings to industry security professionals on NBIS industry onboarding, NBIS capability and training for Industry, and NBIS Help Desk Support, and a panel discussion that included actions taken by NBIS resulting from industry feedback. Further details about the conference can be found in this [news article](#).

For those who may have missed the event or are interested in learning additional details, slides from the conference are now available on the [event main page](#). Event videos and a FAQ addressing questions posed during the conference will also be made available on the main page in the near future.

As always, for additional information and updates, please visit the [NBIS Industry Onboarding](#) website.



DOD CONSOLIDATED ADJUDICATION SERVICES (CAS)

CAS CALL CENTER

The CAS Call Center is available by telephone or email for inquiries. For more information, please call 301-833-3850 or email the [CAS Call Center](#). We look forward to hearing from you.

NISP CONTRACTS CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM (NCCS)

On October 26, 2022, the IS System's Management Branch (SMB) kicked off the DCSA NCCS 2.0 Industry test event. Industry personnel were gathered through the National Industrial Security Program Policy Advisory Committee (NISPPAC) to test DD Form 254 creation and processing in the NCCS application. The Industry volunteers are conducting various scenarios and workflows in the system over the next two weeks. The test team will identify issues and bugs to be resolved real-time during the test event cycle. The test team will also document suggestions for future requirements or enhancements that will be prioritized for future release by voting members of the NCCS Operational Requirements Committee.

DCSA SMB will begin phased onboarding and implementation efforts for Industry shortly after the test event concludes. Training documentation and videos will be provided and accessible to assist users with accessing, registering, and navigating the DCSA NCCS application.

For more information, please visit the [NCCS website](#).

NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL SECURITY SYSTEM (NISS)

On October 5, 2022, the IS System's Management Branch deployed NISS Version 2.6.1.7. This release focused on enhancing the Industry Facility Profile Update (IFPU) Request functionality to address issues reported by both Internal and External users.

To ensure synchronization of the data between the IFPU form and the Facility Profile, a "Refresh" button and a "Last Refresh Date" feature were added to the IFPU Request form. This enhancement resolves the issue occurring when an IFPU Request remains in a 'draft' state for a significant length of time before submittal to DCSA. By refreshing the draft request, the IFPU form will update with the most recent data and information on the associated Facility Profile. If a draft IFPU request is older than 30 days, the user will need to refresh the form before submitting to DCSA.

Additionally, a fix was deployed to resolve an issue regarding Industry's inability to edit Programs in a draft IFPU Request. Industry users are now able to add, edit, and delete Programs in the draft IFPU Request and submit to DCSA for processing.

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



VETTING RISK OPERATIONS (VRO)

REMINDER ON TIMING OF ELECTRONIC FINGERPRINT TRANSMISSION

As we move closer to full implementation of Trusted Workforce 2.0, VRO continues to partner with Industry to get cleared people into the workforce faster and more efficiently all while effectively managing risk. To maintain our interim determination timeliness goals, we ask that electronic fingerprints be submitted with or just before an investigation request is released to DCSA in DISS.

Fingerprint results are valid for 120 days, the same amount of time for which Electronic Questionnaires for Investigations Processing (e-QIP) signature pages are valid. Therefore, submitting electronic fingerprints at the same time or just before you complete your review for adequacy and completeness should prevent an investigation request from being rejected for missing fingerprints.

UPDATED INDUSTRY ENROLLMENT GUIDANCE

For additional guidance regarding CV enrollment, refer to the Latest News Section on the [DCSA website](#).

CENTER FOR DEVELOPMENT OF SECURITY EXCELLENCE (CDSE)

OCTOBER PULSE: CDSE SECURITY AWARENESS NEWSLETTER

We 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 October newsletter focused on “National Cybersecurity Awareness Month.” 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](#)!

DECEMBER CYBERSECURITY INSTRUCTOR-LED COURSE

The next “Assessing Risk and Applying Security Controls to NISP Systems” instructor-led course is scheduled to start December 5. This 5-day course provides students with guidance on applying policies and standards used to protect information within computer systems, as delineated by the risk management framework process. Learn more [here](#).

NEW CASE STUDY

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

- **Yu Zhou/Li Chen** – A case of trade secret theft.

Visit our [case study library](#) to view our all our products.



NEW INDUSTRIAL SECURITY WEBCAST NOW AVAILABLE

CDSE has a new recorded webcast to improve your industrial security knowledge! This webcast provides a greater understanding of how the National Access Elsewhere Security Oversight Center (NAESOC) uses the information that you report to create tools and mitigations that support your security program. It also provides an enhanced awareness of how you can ensure effective program execution and how NAESOC resources can help you “get it right.” View the recording [here](#).

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