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DCSA UPDATES

Pricing for Investigative Products and Services

June 30, 2021 - Today, DCSA released pricing for investigative products and services effective October 1, 2021. [Read more>](#)

DOD Wants Partners to Up Their Cybersecurity Game, Official Says

The Defense Department wants to help its partner contractors, large and small, become better at their own cybersecurity efforts, the deputy assistant of defense for cyber policy said yesterday. [Read more>](#)

News articles are provided for awareness. Inclusion of an article does not imply endorsement by DCSA of the opinions contained therein.



NEWS

Top Contracting Group Advises Biden Administration on Advancing Equity

The federal government can better advance equity through contracting and procurement by reviewing its metrics and data for small and disadvantaged businesses, says a large trade association. [Read more>](#)

Contracting Officers, Grant Managers on the Frontlines of White House's Made in America Initiative

Federal contracting officers and grant managers are on the front lines of the Biden administration's Made in America initiative. [Read more>](#)

Introducing Our GovCon Teaming Resource Guides!

When it comes to federal contracting, teaming is an invaluable strategy for many businesses—large and small alike. But the rules and processes surrounding teaming can be complex and confusing, even for experienced contractors. [Read more>](#)

Pentagon axes multibillion-dollar JEDI cloud-computing contract

The Pentagon on Tuesday axed a \$10 billion cloud computing project after it became sidelined by a legal battle involving Amazon and Microsoft. [Read more>](#)

CMMC assessment requirements could be changing, potentially raising costs for some

The cost of some [Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification](#) assessments could soon increase as the [Department of Defense](#) considers introducing new requirements, four people familiar with the matter told FedScoop. [Read more>](#)

Five Things You Should Know: Tips for Understanding and Using the FAR

Government contracting officials receive detailed training on the FAR. So do employees of some large contractors. But for many others in government contracting, particularly small businesses, there is no formal FAR training. For them, the FAR can seem overwhelming, even scary. [Read more>](#)



Consolidation of Mentor-Protégé Programs and Other Government Contracting Amendments; Correction

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is correcting a final rule that was published in the Federal Register on October 16, 2020. The rule merged the 8(a) Business Development (BD) Mentor-Protégé Program and the All Small Mentor-Protégé Program to eliminate confusion and remove unnecessary duplication of functions within SBA. This document is making technical corrections to the final regulations. [Read more>](#)

GAO: A Higher Past Performance Rating for One Offeror does not Mean a Competitor was Penalized

It seems like it should go without saying, but, just because an offeror with better evaluation ratings is preferred over one with neutral ratings does not mean the latter offeror was penalized for having neutral ratings, or that the neutral rating was a penalty. Nonetheless, in a recent bid protest a company creatively argued that it was penalized for having neutral ratings, and GAO unsurprisingly rejected it. [Read more>](#)

SBA Recognizes Contributions of Small Businesses as it Celebrates Nearly 70 Years of Service to America's Entrepreneurs

The [U.S. Small Business Administration](#) today marks 68 years of service as a voice for America's 30 million small businesses and innovative startups. For nearly seven decades, the SBA has been a part of the small business journey for business owners and entrepreneurs, helping them start, grow, expand, and recover from disasters. [Read more>](#)

Biden tells federal workers: Get vaccinated or submit to testing

[President Biden](#) on Thursday is directing all federal employees and onsite contractors to show that they are vaccinated or otherwise submit to regular coronavirus testing, a major step that will likely cause other private sector businesses to follow suit. [Read more>](#)





UPCOMING EVENTS

CDSE courses are intended for use by Department of Defense and other U.S. Government personnel and contractors within the National Industrial Security Program.

Upcoming CDSE Conferences

Save the Date: 2021 Insider Threat Virtual Conference

September 2, 2021

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. ET

Mark your calendars for the 2021 Insider Threat Virtual Conference, hosted jointly by the DCSA and the OUSD(I&S). This virtual event will bring together security professionals and policy makers from across the U.S. Government and industry to kick off the National Insider Threat Awareness Month (NITAM) campaign. The theme for this year's conference and campaign is Cultural Awareness and Insider Threat. Registration opens August 2, 2021.

Open to security professionals in government and industry.

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Upcoming CDSE Webinars

Overview of the National Background Investigation Services (NBIS)

Thursday, August 26, 2021

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. ET

CDSE is hosting a live webinar about the National Background Investigation Services (NBIS) to discuss what NBIS is and how it will be used to support the overall personnel vetting mission. This is the third of three webinars.

<https://cdse.acms.com/overview-cv/event/registration.html>



CDSE PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Industry. Learn all about what CDSE has to offer industrial security professionals under the NISP with our new PSA, which can be viewed [here](#).

DoD, Office of Small Business Programs

Our events calendar identifies conferences that provide small businesses with the opportunity to learn about DoD requirements and contracting opportunities. Our calendar also includes events restricted to government employees and/or large businesses. Inclusion of an event on this website does not constitute endorsement or sponsorship by the DoD, and information linked to from this page is beyond the control of the DoD, which does not guarantee that it is current or accurate.

Doing Business with DLA Webinar

Wednesday, August 11, 2021

Wednesday, September 8, 2021

[Click here to register>](#)



Cumulative Small Business Actions from 1 Oct - 2 Aug 2021

Category	Goal	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
Small Business	7.00%	68.8%	94.5%	13.5%	14.9%	28.1%	28.47%	32.45%	18.4%	19.9%	23.9%	24.2%	
Small Disadvantaged Business	5.00%	10.0%	78.8%	11.0%	11.5%	21.6%	21.7%	23.29%	13.7%	13.8%	17.5%	17.6%	
Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business	3.00%	0.00%	4.0%	0.27%	1.8%	1.6%	1.65%	3.92%	2.1%	2.2%	2.2%	2.3%	
Woman Owned Small Business	5.00%	30.4%	6.8%	0.7%	0.85%	2.4%	2.8%	2.53%	1.30%	2.55%	2.5%	2.5%	
Historically Underutilized Business Zone	3.00%	10.0%	28.5%	1.9%	1.97%	5.03%	4.7%	4.33%	2.23%	2.60%	2.5%	2.4%	

KEEPING UP WITH DCSA

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