

OSBP NEWSLETTER

DCSA Office of Small Business Programs



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REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI)

Survey Support

Background:

The Defense Counterintelligence and Security Agency (DCSA) Small Business Office, is seeking information from interested small businesses who could survey external DCSA stakeholders and customers, other Government entities, and internal DCSA stakeholders on the quality and value of key DCSA products. Based on the results of these surveys, the small business may be required to provide feedback concerning workflows and process improvement recommendations.



The goal of this Request for Information (RFI) is to find small business vendors who can potentially meet this future need, and then participate in more targeted market research. This could include vendor meetings with DCSA, or demonstrations of existing capabilities.

DCSA’s Challenge:

- *To establish a baseline of stakeholder appreciation for current products, and include a feedback loop/process.*

Overview of requirements:

- Capturing of appropriate stakeholders to be surveyed
- Tailoring of surveys to individual stakeholder groups
- Scientific survey development
- Legal and regulatory approvals of surveys
- Conducting survey
- Survey analysis
- Process flow recommendations
- FEDRAMP Impact Level 4
- Facility Clearance is likely to be Secret or Top-Secret

Considered NAICS Code:

- 541910 - Marketing Research and Public Opinion Polling: This industry comprises establishments primarily engaged in systematically gathering, recording, tabulating, and presenting marketing and public opinion data.

Request for Information Details:

This RFI is issued solely for information and planning purposes – it does not constitute a Request for Proposal (RFP) or a promise to issue an RFP in the future. This request for information does not commit the Government to contract for any supply or service whatsoever. Further, DCSA is not at this time seeking proposals and will not accept unsolicited proposals. Responders are advised that the U.S. Government will not pay for any information or administrative costs incurred in response to this RFI; all costs associated with responding to this RFI will be solely at the interested party’s expense. Not responding to this RFI does not preclude participation in any future RFP, if any is issued.

Requested Information

Interested parties are requested to respond to this RFI no later than **Thursday, 15 April 2020, by 12PM EST** to Mr. Zach Bernard at the following email address: zachery.a.bernard.civ@mail.mil

Required Entity information:

1. Vendor Name
2. Primary Point of Contact
3. Address
4. Phone Number
5. Email of Point of Contact

Business type:

Provide the Business type you would potentially solicit under, and provide an updated capability sheet.

Contract Vehicles:

Provide any contracting vehicles a future contract award may be placed against.

NAICS Code Recommendation:

Provide either confirmation the existing NAICS code is sufficient, or recommend a new NAICS code.



Requirements Response:

Provide a brief description of how your team would be able to support this requirement, and with what tools and activities you would need to be successful.

Formatting:

Please provide all responses in a .PDF format, and do not exceed four pages. This does not include the updated capability sheet.

Vendor follow-on meetings:

DCSA representatives may or may not choose to meet with potential offerors. Such meetings would only be intended to get further clarification of potential capability to meet the requirements.

Questions

Questions regarding this announcement shall be submitted in writing by e-mail to Zachery Bernard at zachery.a.bernard.civ@mail. Verbal questions are discouraged. The Government does not guarantee that questions received after Tuesday 13 April 2021 can be answered.

Summary

THIS IS a REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI) ONLY to identify sources that can provide the services to provide the services pertaining to the Survey requirement. The information provided in the RFI is subject to change and is not binding on the Government. DCSA has not made a commitment to procure any of the items discussed, and release of this RFI should not be construed as such a commitment or as authorization to incur cost for which reimbursement would be required or sought. All submissions become Government property and will not be returned.

DCSA Industry Day and Prime Matchmaking

PURPOSE: The purpose of the event is to allow small businesses to network with Primes who are currently doing business with DCSA. Matchmaking hosts will meet with, advise, and counsel registered small businesses on how to successfully navigate the DoD/DCSA contracting environment, and discuss possible opportunities for FCS sponsorship and subcontracting.

Date/Time:

Prep for Matchmaker and Briefing	5/6/21	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (EDT)
Matchmaking	5/20/21	10:00 AM - 5:00 PM (EDT)

Status: Open - 400 places remaining

Registration Deadline: 5/6/21 11:00 AM (EDT)

Fee: No Fee

<https://virginiaptac.ecenterdirect.com/events/3087>

<https://beta.sam.gov/opp/f2b7346852204f6994a06e8329ba1fe2/view>



DoD CAF Annual Report now available

The DoD Consolidated Adjudications Facility (CAF) has released its first annual report covering FY20. It highlights the CAF's accomplishments and continuous efforts to improve DoD-assigned adjudications and related personnel security eligibility determinations through the adoption of business processes, streamlining security clearance processing timeliness, and the return to healthy and stable inventories. The Annual Report can be found here. Click the title for more information.

<http://www.dcsa.mil/about/news/Article/2537716/dod-caf-annual-report-now-available/>

JPAS is now Read Only | Manage All Personnel Security Actions in DISS

Effective midnight on March 14, the Joint Personnel Adjudication System (JPAS) is now in read only mode. Users should now be using DISS to initiate investigation requests, submit incident reports, and manage all matters pertaining to eligibility and access, security management, and visit authorizations. Security managers will have approximately two weeks to reconcile data using JPAS as a reference tool, after which the system is projected to officially sunset on Wednesday, March 31 at midnight. DCSA asks that supported agencies and industry work closely with the Vetting Risk Operations Center (VROC) to close out all previously initiated JPAS investigation requests by March 30. Click the title for more information

<http://www.dcsa.mil/about/news/Article/2537533/jpas-now-read-only-manage-all-personnel-security-actions-in-diss/>

DISS VIDEO: https://www.dcsa.mil/Portals/91/Documents/IS/DISS/DISS-Video-Final-send_MP4.mp4

Contact Center Guidance

In order to better serve our stakeholders, the information below provides guidance on which contact center to call/email for assistance with JPAS and DISS inquiries. Click the title for more information.

<http://www.dcsa.mil/about/news/Article/2557330/contact-center-guidance/>



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NEWS

Happy Anniversary

Tom Temin from *Federal News Network* on March 12, 2021: I interviewed Bill Lietzau, the director of the Defense Counterintelligence and Security Agency. He arrived there last March 30th. Virtually, of course.

Lietzau said the scattering of employees caused an increase in clearance application times, but also a compensating reduction in “ingests” of new applications. He said the several-year effort to cut the backlog of some 700,000 applications to its current 200,000 continued its progress during the transition to a new agency and through the effects of the pandemic.

To read or listen to the interview, go to <https://federalnewsnetwork.com/workforce/2021/03/trusted-workforce-and-federal-background-checks-initiatives-have-a-reliable-home-now-what/>

Austin Outlines His Top 3 Priorities on Defense, People, Teamwork

Secretary of Defense Lloyd J. Austin III has announced his top three priorities for the Defense Department: to develop the right people, priorities and purpose of mission. [Read more>](#)

Senate confirms former diplomat William Burns as CIA director

The Senate on Thursday confirmed William Burns as CIA director, marking the first time in decades that a former diplomat will lead the agency. <https://thehill.com/policy/national-security/543899-senate-confirms-william-burns-as-cia-director>

DoD plan will streamline contractor security clearance appeals

Department of Defense contractors who believe that their security clearances were unfairly denied or revoked will soon all go to the same authority to get reviewed, under a DoD memo quietly issued in the last days of the Trump administration. <https://www.federaltimes.com/management/2021/03/17/dod-plan-will-streamline-contractor-security-clearance-appeals/>

8(a) Business Set-Asides Bring Diverse Voices to the National Security Space

The 8(a) Business Development Program (8(a) Program) is a benchmark of the federal government contract awarding processes: every year, they hope to award 5% of all prime/subcontracting monies to small minority-owned businesses. <https://news.clearancejobs.com/2021/03/18/8a-business-set-asides-bring-diverse-voices-to-the-national-security-space/>

Three Social Media Activities That Might Cost You Your Security Clearance

It should be no surprise that most clearance holders have active social media accounts on one or more of the many available platforms. <https://www.fedweek.com/fedweek-legal/three-social-media-activities-that-might-cost-you-your-security-clearance/>



Executive Order to Address Cloud Security through Procurement

The White House plans to double down on commercial cloud technology through an upcoming executive order in response to the massive hacking campaign that leveraged cloud services to gain broad access into the networks of several federal agencies. <https://www.nextgov.com/cybersecurity/2021/03/official-executive-order-address-cloud-security-through-procurement/172702/>

Critical Changes for U.S. Cleared Facilities

Two significant changes are underway by the Defense Counterintelligence and Security Agency (DCSA) – both of which require the immediate attention of businesses that hold a U.S. security clearance or are in the process of application for a clearance. <https://www.jdsupra.com/legalnews/critical-changes-for-u-s-cleared-6513290/>

Upcoming Center for Development of Security Excellence (CDSE) Webinars

The Center for Development of Security Excellence (CDSE) will have the following webinars in April:

Meet the DITMAC: An Overview of Analysis and Mitigation, the Enterprise Program Management Office, Unauthorized Disclosure Program Management Office, and Performance and Metrics Wednesday, April 14, 2021, 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. ET

Supply Chain Due Diligence 2021, Thursday, April 29, 2021, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. ET

To view and sign up for these events, go to <https://www.cdse.edu/catalog/webinars/index.html>

NISPPAC Public Teleconference, April 14, 2021

Registration is now open for the National Industrial Security Program Policy Advisory Committee (NISPPAC). NISPPAC will hold a teleconference open to the public at 10:00 a.m. on April 14, 2021.

NISPPAC meetings serve as a forum to discuss policy issues in dispute and recommend changes to those policies as reflected in Executive Order 12829, as amended, it's implementing directives, or the National Industrial Security Program Operating Manual (NISPOM).

To register, go to <https://isoo-overview.blogs.archives.gov/2021/02/08/registration-now-open-for-nisppac-public-teleconference-on-april-14-2021/>





Upcoming Events

- 14 Apr** NISPPAC Public Teleconference
- 12 May** Missile Defense Agency Small Business Conference
DCSA Small Business Office will deliver FCL training to CIV, CTR, and Industry personnel
- 20 May** DCSA will host a day-long virtual matchmaking event intended to facilitate the introduction of small businesses to those large businesses already doing business with DCSA. This event will be facilitated by the Virginia PTAC. Details will be released in the coming weeks.

Keeping Up With DCSA

The [DCSA home page](#) is a good way to stay current on DCSA events, but you can also follow us on:

Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/DCSAGov/>

LinkedIn at <https://www.linkedin.com/company/dcsagov/>

Twitter at <https://twitter.com/DCSAGov>

Cumulative Small Business Actions from 1 Oct – 31 Mar

Category	Goal	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
Small Business	7.00%	68.80%	94.50%	13.50%	14.90%	28.10%	28.47%
Small Disadvantaged Business	5.00%	10.00%	78.80%	11.00%	11.50%	21.61%	21.7%
Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business	3.00%	0.00%	4.00%	0.27%	1.80%	1.57%	1.65%
Woman Owned Small Business	5.00%	30.40%	6.80%	0.70%	0.85%	2.41%	2.7%
Historically Underutilized Business Zone	3.00%	10.00%	28.50%	1.90%	1.97%	5.03%	4.7%



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