

# OSBP NEWSLETTER

DCSA Office of Small Business Programs



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### **DCSA Background Investigation Fieldwork Services**

Special Notice 3 is issued by the Defense Counterintelligence and Security Agency (DCSA) solely to update the contractor community on the development of its investigative fieldwork services requirement as described in HS0021-20-RFI-Field. DCSA is not seeking proposals at this time. This Special Notice does not constitute a solicitation or commit the Government to contract for any supply or service. If a solicitation is released, it will be via the Government wide Point of Entry at <https://beta.sam.gov> or through an appropriate multi-agency contract portal such as General Services Administration (GSA) eBuy at <https://www.ebuy.gsa.gov/>. It is the responsibility of interested parties to monitor these websites for subsequent information.

Please [see the attached](#) Special Notice for an update to the projected acquisition timeline.

### **DITMAC, Six-Months of Additional Service**

This Limited Source Justification authorizes the use of other than full and open competition procedures to fulfill a current requirement, in accordance with FAR 8.405-6(a)(1)(i)(A) which states that an urgent and compelling need exists, and following the procedures would result in unacceptable delays.

The purpose of this action is to add CLIN 5001 for six-months of additional service to the HS0021-18-F-0004 order to support the Defense Counterintelligence and Security Agency at Defense Insider Threat Management and Analysis Center in Arlington, Virginia.

Please [see attached](#) Limited Source Justification (redacted).

### **Fingerprint Channeling for the State of Michigan**

The Defense Counterintelligence and Security Agency (DCSA) has a recurring need for a simplified method of filling the anticipated repetitive needs for fingerprint channeling for the purpose of obtaining criminal history record information (CHRI) for the State of Michigan. DCSA is committed to conducting background investigations on individuals (employees or applicants) for federal employment, members of the military, consultants, volunteers and/or vendor personnel for national security purposes. This requirement is for CHRI in support of background investigations as DCSA obtains criminal history records in order to meet the requirements of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004.

Interested parties, please [see attached](#) RFQ HS002121R0031.



## **NBIS Development continues with Capability Release 2.6**

May 3, 2021 - DCSA has successfully deployed Release 2.6 of the National Background Investigation Services (NBIS). A follow up to Release 2.5, this deployment adds access management, visit management, and polygraph features required for federal government personnel security management. The features are part of an ongoing NBIS release rollout, ensuring that all functionalities receive adequate user acceptance testing in a phased approach. Click the headline to read the latest on NBIS.

[NBIS DEVELOPMENT CONTINUES WITH CAPABILITY RELEASE 2.6 > Defense Counterintelligence and Security Agency > News Display \(dcsa.mil\)](#)

## **DISS Release 13.4.2**

April 29, 2021 - DCSA will deploy the Defense Information System for Security (DISS) Release 13.4.2, which delivers enhancements to existing system capabilities. Click the title to read more about the upgrades and enhancements.

[DISS RELEASE 13.4.2 > Defense Counterintelligence and Security Agency > News Display \(dcsa.mil\)](#)

## **Summary: 20 May DCSA OSBP&IE Match Making Event**

On 20 May 2021, the DCSA OSBP, in cooperation with the Virginia Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC), hosted a day-long "Match Making Event" for the small business community. The purpose of the event was to introduce small businesses to prime contractors currently doing business with DCSA. Twenty-two DCSA prime contractors agreed to carve out an entire day to meet with ~185 registered small businesses through a series of 15 minute virtual sessions. This resulted in over 300 vendor engagements throughout the day, and multiple matches made.

## **SEAD-3 Establishes Standardized Reporting Requirements for Covered Individuals**

Security Executive Agent Directive (SEAD) 3- Reporting requirements for Personnel with Access to Classified Information or Who Hold A Sensitive Position, establishes standardized reporting requirements across the federal government for all "covered individuals" who have access to classified information or hold a sensitive position.

The reporting requirements outlined in SEAD 3 address the need for covered individuals to report information to their department or agency in a timelier manner. As a result, SEAD 3 was designed to strengthen the safeguarding of national security equities, such as national security information, personnel, facilities, and technologies.

## **New background investigation initiative will include everyone by end of 2023**

The Defense Counterintelligence and Security Agency's new program for continuously monitoring individuals with security clearances, Trusted Workforce 2.0, should have all agencies and contractors on boarded by the end of 2023, the agency's director, William Lietzau, said at a May 26 roundtable with the House Oversight and Reform Committee.

<https://www.federaltimes.com/management/hr/2021/05/26/new-background-investigation-initiative-will-include-everyone-by-end-of-2023/>

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

## NEWS

### **Pentagon Maintains COVID Plan to Speed Cash to Contractors**

Under the accelerated payments plan, the Defense Department provided \$4.6 billion to defense contractors as of March 31, department spokeswoman Jessica Maxwell said in a statement. [Read more>](#)

### **How Pentagon Cash Helped Save Small Defense Companies during the Pandemic**

Business leaders are now calling on defense officials and lawmakers to keep a policy that pays contractors more money up front. [Read more>](#)



### **Will COVID Vaccines Be Required for Federal Contractors, and How Would a Mandate Be Enforced?**

Increased vaccination rates and more people returning to the workplace raise these questions. [Read more>](#)

### **SBA Announces New HUBZones to Expand Federal Contracting Opportunities for Small Businesses**

WASHINGTON – The [U.S. Small Business Administration's](#) Administrator Isabella Casillas Guzman today announced the expansion of HUBZone, a program that provides small businesses in low-income communities that hire low-income resident's

opportunities to compete in the federal marketplace. The announcement makes Illinois the first state to have the newly created Governor-Designated Covered HUBZones. [Read more>](#)

### **SBA Launches \$100M Community Navigator Pilot Program**

\$100 million competitive grant program to strengthen outreach to businesses in underserved communities enacted through the American Rescue Plan. [Read more>](#)

### **Tech companies write to Biden administration pushing commercial tech preference**

A group of technology companies and trade lobby groups has written an open letter to the Biden administration, calling on it to ensure federal agencies follow existing preference regulations for commercial software and technology procurement. [Read more>](#)

### **Contracting attorney Metzger: Significant changes may be coming in final CMMC rule**

Final regulations for the Pentagon's cyber certification program are expected in the fall with potentially substantial policy and structural changes, says contracting attorney Robert Metzger, who suggests adjustments to the interim final rule make sense given the intense scrutiny on the program and leadership changes at DOD. [Read more>](#)

### **Industry urges DCSA to accelerate security clearance transformation efforts**

After years of complaints with a record-high backlog and an outdated suitability, credentialing and security clearance process, industry sees agencies making steady, if not slow, progress. [Read more>](#)



## UPCOMING EVENTS

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 in this newsletter 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.

### Upcoming CDSE Conferences

#### 2021 Insider Threat Virtual Conference

September 2, 2021  
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. ET

*Open to security professionals in government and industry.*

The 2021 Insider Threat Virtual Conference, hosted jointly by the Defense Counterintelligence Security Agency and the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence and Security, will bring together security professionals and policy makers across 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*

### Upcoming CDSE Webinars

#### Overview of Continuous Vetting (CV) Methodology

Wednesday, June 16, 2021  
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. ET

CDSE is hosting a live webinar with policy experts from the Vetting Risk Operations Center (VROC) to discuss the transitional state of Personnel Vetting from the traditional model to the Trusted Workforce 2.0 (TW 2.0) model. This is the first of three webinars in a series.

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

#### Understanding the DCSA Security Review and Rating Process

Thursday, June 24, 2021  
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. ET

This live webinar will provide an overview of the

Defense Counterintelligence and Security Agency's (DCSA) refined security review approach and framework for assigning security ratings.

<https://cdse.acms.com/dcsa-sec-review/event/registration.html>

#### Overview of Personnel Vetting Methodology

Wednesday, July 21, 2021  
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. ET

CDSE is hosting a live webinar with policy experts from the Personnel Vetting Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence and Security (OUS-D(I&S)) to discuss policy updates; implementation guidance for SEAD 3, 7, and 8; DODM 5200.02, Incorporating Change 1; and DODI 5200.02, Incorporating Change 3. This is the second of three webinars.

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

#### 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-nbis/event/registration.html>

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



### Cumulative Small Business Actions from 1 Oct – 28 May 2021

Category	Goal	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
Small Business	7.00%	68.80%	94.50%	13.50%	14.90%	28.10%	28.47%	32.45%	18.4%
Small Disadvantaged Business	5.00%	10.00%	78.80%	11.00%	11.50%	21.61%	21.7%	23.29%	13.7%
Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business	3.00%	0.00%	4.00%	0.27%	1.80%	1.57%	1.65%	3.92%	2.1%
Woman Owned Small Business	5.00%	30.40%	6.80%	0.70%	0.85%	2.41%	2.8%	2.53%	1.30%
Historically Underutilized Business Zone	3.00%	10.00%	28.50%	1.90%	1.97%	5.03%	4.7%	4.33%	2.23%

## 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:



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



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