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FOCUS**

YEAR IN REVIEW

DID YOU KNOW?

In Fiscal Year 2022, CDSE had over 4 million course completions!

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Since it launched in 2020, the Center for Development of Security Excellence (CDSE) Pulse Newsletter has proven to be a great way to share our training, education, and certification offerings with the security community. We thank you, our readers, for your support, resulting in nearly 25,000 Pulse subscribers. In 2023, the newsletter will continue to focus on security awareness topics that are timely and relevant. We invite you to share this resource with others who may benefit from it and help us reach our goal for the new year of 30,000 subscribers!



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A LOOK BACK AT CDSE IN 2022

CDSE has been the premier provider of security training, education, and certification for the Department of Defense (DOD), and across the Federal Government for over 11 years. During Fiscal Year 2022 (FY22), CDSE continued to provide the most up to date and relevant security products and services for its customers. As many in the community returned to work, while others continued to telework, CDSE adapted its technology to ensure our products reach everyone in this hybrid work environment.

To support these efforts, CDSE accomplished great things in FY22, including

over four million course completions, and the community continues to grow. The goal was to tackle this new post-pandemic world and find out how training, education, and certification fit into it. Going forward, CDSE will continue to offer in-person instructor-led training (ILT) and virtual instructor-led training (VILT). Other CDSE products such as job aids, webinars, and conferences will also be available virtually for the security community.

 **36**
ILT/VILT Iterations

 **1,089**
ILT/VILT Completions

As part of a post-pandemic effort, CDSE began to

 **178**
Education Course Completions

deliver in-person, instructor-led training, for courses like Special Access Programs (SAPs) and DOD Security Specialist Course (SSC), in Linthicum and other U.S. cities. Courses like the SSC and Getting Started Seminar for Facility Security Officers (FSOs) were offered in ILT and VILT formats. This helped students use their time wisely and saved on travel dollars across DOD. Having both options allowed students to play to their strengths, whether in the classroom or online.

 **788**
Total CDSE Products

CDSE also expanded digital badging to all 37 American



Council on Education (ACE) credit courses (all Education Program courses and select training courses). This allowed students to easily share the credit recommendations earned from these courses, in addition to the certification badges already available since FY21. In FY22, CDSE issued 2,374 digital badges across all programs. The use of these badges, as well as the increase in communication of the ACE Credit program, contributed to the 801 times students transferred ACE Credits from CDSE to a college or university.

ACE 801
Times students transferred ACE Credits

In March, CDSE received its third consecutive accreditation reaffirmation since 2002 from the Council on Occupational Education (COE). The COE reaffirmation, conducted every six years, indicates an institution has maintained quality

1,706
Certifications and Credential Conferrals

programs, undergone an extensive self-study and team review process, and has continued to meet the Commission's Standards and Conditions for Accreditation. In addition, the Industrial Security Oversight Certification (ISOC) Program received its fifth re-accreditation in August. These accreditation milestones confirmed CDSE provides quality education, training, and certification programs in support of the security workforce who protect our Nation's assets.

CDSE hosted many webinars throughout the year, but the standout one was on security and mental health. The "Mental Health and Your Security Clearance Eligibility" webinar was a live event with policy experts intent on destigmatizing mental health treatment for people holding a security clearance. The

experts discussed whether seeking behavioral health treatment could result in a loss or denial of eligibility, as well as other stigmas and concerns surrounding mental health in the adjudicative process. It was one of CDSE's most attended webinars with 1,426 live participants and 236 recorded views after the event.

24,492
Live Webinar Attendees

23,763
Recorded Webinar Attendees

CDSE maintained partnerships with organizations such as the Defense Personnel and Security Research Center (PERSEREC). For instance, CDSE hosted PERSEREC Threat Lab material on cdse.edu, helping the DOD Counter-Insider Threat Program Director's vision to integrate the social and behavioral sciences into the mission space. CDSE also continued to partner with the Defense Acquisition

University (DAU) to improve the acquisition community's knowledge and application of security best practices. The goal is to leverage, promote, and ensure acquisition and security professionals have access to needed training and other resources to support security as the foundation of the acquisition process.

The value of CDSE's products and services did not go unnoticed as we won seven awards in FY22, including six Horizon Interactive Awards and the LearningElite Bronze Award for Learning and Development. This standard of excellence is something that we will continue to strive for in FY23 as we develop products to educate the security community.





CDSE HOSTED CONFERENCES



Virtual DCSA Security Conference for Industry

"Inform & Transform: Enhancing the Security Landscape"
February 11, 2022
Over 3,100 Participants



Insider Threat Awareness Conference

"Critical Thinking in Digital Spaces."
September 1, 2022
Over 1,500 Participants



Virtual DOD Security Conference

"Developing a Resilient Security Workforce in a Changing Environment"
October 12 – 13, 2022
Over 2,000 Participants

CDSE GOES DOWN UNDER

In August 2022, CDSE traveled to Australia to deliver the Introduction to SAPs course. Australian nationals attended the first instructor-led version of this course since 2019, due to the COVID-19 virus. CDSE has maintained its training relationship with the Australian government for 11 years, and Australia has requested continued CDSE support.



CDSE OUTREACH

This year CDSE continued with the trend of utilizing all methods of communication, including releasing an additional four public service announcements (PSAs) to YouTube, the Defense Visual Information Distribution Service (DVIDS), two of which were featured on the American Forces Network. These PSAs can be accessed through our **Electronic Library**.



Many conferences returned to in-person this year and CDSE was able to attend the IMPACT forum in April and the NCMS Annual Seminar in June. This allowed us to share our printed materials and converse with security professionals in the government and industry, expanding our reach.

Providing a list of offerings to our community is important to us; in addition to the Pulse Newsletter we also have a quarterly product update. This publication provides title, links, and descriptions of CDSE products. Past issues can be found in the Electronic Library and security personnel can also **subscribe** to receive it directly into their inbox.



UPCOMING WEBINARS

CDSE has many live webinars coming up this year and we invite you all to participate in our first 2023 event:

Overview of SP&D Certifications

Thursday, January 26, 2023
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. ET

Visit **CDSE Webinars** to sign up for events and join the discussion!



UPCOMING ILT/VILT TRAINING COURSES

Consider signing up for one of CDSE's ILT or VILT courses! Training is free and the VILT eliminates travel expenses. CDSE courses earn Professional Development Units (PDUs) toward maintenance of Security Professional Education Development (SPeD) Program certifications and credentials and select courses have ACE credit recommendations that may earn transfer credits at participating universities. Below is list of ILT/VILT courses available February - April 2023 and the full FY23 schedule can be found [here](#).

Orientation to SAP Security Compliance Inspections (ILT) February 14-15, 2023

This course provides students with policy and direction to ensure inspections are standardized, equitable, and consistent across inspection agencies utilizing the DOD Special Access Program (SAP) Security Manuals.

DOD Security Specialist Course (ILT) March 7 – 15, 2023



This course provides students a baseline of fundamental knowledge to perform common DOD security tasks and practices. It incorporates industrial, information, personnel, and physical security disciplines to understand their interrelationships, related policies, programs, and procedures.

Assessing Risk and Applying Security Controls to NISP Systems (ILT) CompTIA March 20 – 24, 2023

This course provides students with guidance on applying policies and standards used throughout the U.S. Government to protect information within computer systems, as delineated by the Risk Management Framework (RMF) process. This course will also provide a comprehensive understanding of contractor requirements under the National Industrial Security Program (NISP).

Physical Security and Asset Protection VILT March 20 – April 2, 2023

This course will provide students the ability to identify and utilize regulatory guidance, methodologies, and concepts for protecting DOD assets. Students will be able to apply the risk management process, conduct problem solving, and incorporate best practices to develop courses of action utilizing physical security measures, based on a cost-benefit analysis, to protect an installation's assets.

Introduction to Special Access Programs (VILT) April 11 – 14, 2023

This course focuses on the Department of Defense (DOD) Special Access Program (SAP) fundamentals and is designed to prepare students to become SAP Security Professionals. The lessons address security enhancements across all security disciplines, compliance inspections and their requirements, annual reviews, and audits.





CDSE PODCAST

Stayed tuned later this month for our new podcast: The Pulse. This podcast will be an extension of the topics covered in this newsletter, and will feature interviews from CDSE leadership, instructors, and subject matter experts in the field. More information on when and where you can listen to the podcast is forthcoming.

CDSE PRESENTS

THE *pulse* PODCAST

Available on Spotify, Apple Podcasts, and Google Podcasts

INSIDER THREAT VIGILANCE CAMPAIGN

For the 2023 Insider Threat Vigilance Campaign, CDSE will be promoting a different theme each month and publishing or distributing awareness materials relevant to that theme in unique ways throughout the year. Use this campaign or consider tailoring it to your organization with resources from our **Insider Threat Toolkit**.

2023 INSIDER THREAT VIGILANCE CAMPAIGN

Month	Theme	Resources	Link
Jan	Security and Confidentiality	Secure Administration of System Privileges, Network Logs	https://www.cdse.edu/insider-threat-vigilance-campaign-2023-january-2023-101023.pdf
Feb	Accountability	What You See is Not Always What You Get: Understanding the Role of the Security Analyst	https://www.cdse.edu/insider-threat-vigilance-campaign-2023-february-2023-101023.pdf
Mar	Security	Security: The Foundation of Trust	https://www.cdse.edu/insider-threat-vigilance-campaign-2023-march-2023-101023.pdf
Apr	Security	Security: The Foundation of Trust	https://www.cdse.edu/insider-threat-vigilance-campaign-2023-april-2023-101023.pdf
May	Security	Security: The Foundation of Trust	https://www.cdse.edu/insider-threat-vigilance-campaign-2023-may-2023-101023.pdf
Jun	Security	Security: The Foundation of Trust	https://www.cdse.edu/insider-threat-vigilance-campaign-2023-june-2023-101023.pdf
Jul	Security	Security: The Foundation of Trust	https://www.cdse.edu/insider-threat-vigilance-campaign-2023-july-2023-101023.pdf
Aug	Security	Security: The Foundation of Trust	https://www.cdse.edu/insider-threat-vigilance-campaign-2023-august-2023-101023.pdf
Sep	Security	Security: The Foundation of Trust	https://www.cdse.edu/insider-threat-vigilance-campaign-2023-september-2023-101023.pdf
Oct	Security	Security: The Foundation of Trust	https://www.cdse.edu/insider-threat-vigilance-campaign-2023-october-2023-101023.pdf
Nov	Security	Security: The Foundation of Trust	https://www.cdse.edu/insider-threat-vigilance-campaign-2023-november-2023-101023.pdf
Dec	Security	Security: The Foundation of Trust	https://www.cdse.edu/insider-threat-vigilance-campaign-2023-december-2023-101023.pdf

CDSE LINKEDIN



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Insider Threat
Bulletins

Weekly
Flash

Quarterly
Product Update



★★★★★ WHAT THE SECURITY COMMUNITY IS SAYING

DOD SSC Students:

"This course truly exceeded my expectations. I have taken many trainings over the last 15 years working for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and this by far was the best. The information covered each week was directly related to a Security Specialist."

"The whole purpose is to not just take the course but to leave it with more knowledge, feeling more educated in your field, and as a result become a better security specialist for your organization. I would rate this 5 out of 5, I would not change a thing with this course. Thanks for the opportunity of being able to take it."

