



This Month's Focus: Counterintelligence Awareness

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Did you know?

In 2010, the DSS Academy became the Center for Development of Security Excellence (CDSE), the premier provider of security education, training, and certification for the DoD and industry under the National Industrial Security Program (NISP). This month, we celebrate a decade of achievement, helping to secure the nation.

The United States is a world leader in technology and innovation, making it a constant target of foreign adversaries for its critical technologies, including everything from fighter jets to nuclear weapon secrets. Protecting classified information is of vital importance to our military and economic strength and is a shared responsibility between the Federal Government and industry. Together, we work to protect against foreign intelligence threats to U.S. information and technology.

A trained and knowledgeable workforce is a vital part of the equation and plays a critical role in addressing the nation's security challenges. The CDSE's Counterintelligence (CI) Awareness Program makes DoD and industry personnel aware of their responsibilities to report unusual activities or behaviors. It also helps them identify threats from foreign intelligence entities, other illicit collectors of U.S. defense information, and/or terrorists. Our CI training products and performance support tools enable DoD and industry personnel to develop a foundation in CI awareness concepts and principles to expand their knowledge and skills.

Visit cdse.edu to register for upcoming webinars and eLearning courses, read up on real-world security threats through our case studies, download security awareness posters, watch security videos, and more.



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Recommended eLearning Courses

- [Counterintelligence Awareness and Reporting for DoD \(CI116.16\)](#)
- [Integrating CI and Threat Awareness into Your Security Program \(CI010.16\)](#)
- [The Relationship Between Counterintelligence and Security \(CI140.16\)](#)

Don't Miss These CI Videos

- [CDSE Counterintelligence Awareness Video Lesson](#)
- [Counterintelligence Video Lesson: Request for Information and Suspicious Emails](#)

STEPP OUTAGE

STEPP will undergo a system upgrade on March 28th, which will impact users for 24 hours.



In addition to the outage, students using the Security, Training, Education, and Professionalization Portal (STEPP) will be required to change passwords every 90 days beginning on **March 30**. Check your [STEPP profile](#) to be sure your email address is up-to-date.

CDSE Celebrates 10 Year Anniversary

On March 9th, the award winning Center for Development of Security Excellence (CDSE) marked its 10 Year Anniversary. In 2010, the DSS Academy became the CDSE, the premier provider of security education, training, and certification for the DoD and industry under the National Industrial Security Program (NISP).



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Did you know that April is Supply Chain Integrity Month?

Visit the National Counterintelligence and Security Center’s Supply Chain Month Resource [page](#).

Play the **Counterintelligence Magic 8 Ball Game**

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What Students are Saying

Awareness & Reporting for DoD Employees CI116

“I thought the training provided strong, real-world examples, and updated graphics. I’ve been in CI over 20 years and this was very good.” -Anonymous



Register for Upcoming CI Webinars!

Counterintelligence, the Supply Chain, and You - Thursday, April 16, 12:00 p.m. ET

What is a supply chain and how can it be protected from internal or external threats? Join CDSE as we discuss the basics of supply chain risk management (SCRM), the threat faced by Foreign Intelligence Entities (FIE), and where you can get more information. Register [here](#).

Easily navigate to learning resources using the CDSE Supply Chain Toolkit <https://www.cdse.edu/toolkits/ci/supply.html>

Supply Chain Resiliency - Thursday, April 23, 12:00 p.m. ET

CDSE hosts the National Counterintelligence and Security Center for a discussion on Foreign Intelligence Entities (FIE) supply chain exploitation. FIE uses this method to target U.S. equipment, systems, and information used every day by government, businesses, and individual citizens. Join us and learn more about the risk and your role in recognizing and reporting suspicious activity. Register [here](#).

Easily navigate to CDSE's Supply Chain Job Aid: <https://www.cdse.edu/documents/cdse/deliver-uncom-supply-chain-risk-management-job-aid.pdf>



Case Studies Feature Real-World Scenarios

Visit our [website](#) and explore 16 counterintelligence case studies designed with the DoD and industry personnel in mind. Check back again soon as we'll be releasing two new case studies highlighting front companies that are established specifically to manufacture and sell counterfeit parts.

These counterfeit parts represent a tremendous risk to the supply chain and critical technology protection. Imagine a fighter jet or mine resistant ambush protected (MRAP) vehicle with counterfeit parts. One faulty part can result in loss of life and unforeseen economic losses to the U.S.

This past fiscal year (FY19) has been a busy one for CDSE, from hosting a successful DoD Virtual Security Conference, collaborating with other agencies, organizing the inaugural Insider Threat Awareness Month, winning multiple awards for our products, and much more. Check out the FY19 Year End Report [here](#).

