DSS Monthly Newsletter

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(Sent on behalf of ISR)

Dear FSO,

This is the monthly email containing recent information, policy guidance, security education and training updates. If you have any questions or recommendations for information to be included, please feel free to let us know.

Information

Defense Security Service to Deploy the Annual National Industrial Security Program Cost Collection Survey

January 20, 2014 – February 7, 2014: As the Executive Agency for the National Industrial Security Program (NISP) under Executive Order 12829, the Department of Defense is required to provide the Information Security Oversight Office (ISOO) with an estimated annual cost to Industry of complying with NISP security requirements. We determine the costs by surveying contractors who possess classified information at their cleared facility. Results are forwarded to ISOO and incorporated in an annual report to the President.

To meet this requirement, DSS conducts a ***stratified random sample survey*** of contractor facilities using a web-based survey and Office of Management and Budget (OMB)-approved survey methodology. Since the sample of cleared facility participants is randomly selected, not all facilities will receive the survey. The survey will be fielded on January 20, 2014 and remain open through COB February 7, 2014. Participation is anonymous. As in years past, the survey invitation will contain a **securitysurveys.net** survey link. Verification of the legitimacy of the Survey URL can be obtained through your Cognizant Security Office. If you have any questions, please direct them to our mailbox: AandE@dss.mil.

We appreciate your cooperation and submission of the cost information by February 7, 2014.

Industrial Security Facilities Database (ISFD) Users: Upcoming ISFD Account Lockout and Termination Policies

In accordance with CYBERCOM account administration security requirements, DSS will terminate Industrial Security Facilities Database (ISFD) accounts which have not been accessed within 45 days. ISFD accounts reflecting 30 consecutive days of inactivity will be locked. Inactive accounts exceeding 45 days

of inactivity will be subject to termination, after which time submission of a new System Access Request (SAR) will be required for creation of a new ISFD account.

Current ISFD users who require continued access in line with their position responsibilities are strongly encouraged to log on to refresh the last accessed date associated with their accounts to avoid deactivation and termination. This requirement will be ongoing and applied to system accounts regularly.

For more see www.dss.mil, User/System Alerts, "11/25/13 Attention ISFD Users: ISFO Account Deactivation and Termination"

JPAS/SWFT/ISFD SYSTEM ACCESS APPLICANTS - SYSTEM ACCESS REQUEST (SAR) PROCESS CHANGES

Please see http://www.dss.mil/about_dss/news/20110818.html for important information pertaining to changes affecting JPAS/SWFT/ISFD system access applicants; changes were implemented on June 1, 2013, in conjunction with the transfer of various DSS Call Center customer support services to the DMDC Contact Center. Thank you!

ISFD SYSTEM ACCESS APPLICANTS - MOST COMMON SAR REJECT REASONS

The current rejection/disapproval rate for ISFD System Access Requests (SAR) continues to exceed 40 percent. Please see http://www.dss.mil/about_dss/news/20130516.html for the most common reasons for DSS Call Center rejection/disapproval of ISFD SARs. Avoiding these pitfalls will enhance the processing/approval timeline of your ISFD SAR submission. Please contact the DSS Call Center at 888-282-7682, if you have any questions. Thank you!

SECURITY EDUCATION AND TRAINING

CDSE NEW PRODUCTS

CDSE is pleased to announce the release of a new Training Short: "CI Foreign Travel Brief." Topics covered in this 15 minute Short include vulnerability awareness, personal safety precautions, current terrorist information (based upon travel destination), who to contact if assistance is needed, and things to consider before the trip. Also, a template is provided to help FSOs create a foreign travel briefing that meets the individual needs of their security program.

The course may be viewed at: http://www.cdse.edu/multimedia/shorts/ci-foreign-travel/mod1/module.htm.

Remember to have a safe trip and to always report any suspicious contacts!

CDSE UPDATED JOB AID

The Self-Inspection Handbook for NISP Contractors has been updated and is now available at http://www.cdse.edu/resources/supplemental-job-aids.html.

This update not only incorporates changes resulting from the NISPOM Conforming Change One, but also makes the handbook more interactive. Now instead of just choosing the appropriate yes, no, or N/A

answer, you can document the actions taken to validate your answers and, when applicable, review available resources that might assist you as you conduct your self-inspection.

CDSE WEBINARS

Our next Industrial Security Learn@Lunch webinar, Self-Inspections, is scheduled for Thursday, December 12, 2013 at 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. EST. This webinar will describe the self-inspection process as required by NISPOM 1-206b. Additionally, the webinar will provide guidance to assist you as you prepare for, conduct, and report the results of your self-inspection.

So once you have had a chance to review the updated Self-Inspection Handbook for NISP contractors, go to: http://www.cdse.edu/catalog/webinars/industrial-security/self-inspections.html and sign up for the 30 minute Self-Inspection webinar.

CDSE WEBINAR UPDATE

The Technology Control Plan webinar cancelled as a result of the government shutdown has been rescheduled for Thursday, February 13, 2014. This webinar was originally schedule for Thursday, October 3, 2013.

For more information and to sign up for this webinar go to:
http://www.cdse.edu/catalog/webinars/industrial-security/technology-control-plan.html.

Thanks,
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