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Department of Defense Polygraph Institute (DoDPI)

DoDPI provides graduate level education in the discipline of forensic psychophysiology for all federal agencies with polygraph programs. The institute further assists all federally certified PDD examiners with their continuing education needs by either coordinating or providing education to further their PDD expertise in the fields of security, law enforcement, and intelligence. Through proactive research in the fields of behavioral science and the psychophysiological detection of deception, federal polygraph testing and instructional programs continue to evolve. DoDPI provides oversight within the federal government for the development and implementation of standards for conducting PDD examinations.

Counterintelligence Office (CI)

The DSS CI office is responsible for the integration of CI into the mission of DSS. CI specialists are assigned at various locations throughout the U.S. to:

- Provide for early detection and referral of potential espionage cases through security education awareness briefings.
- Provide a threat appropriate basis for industrial security countermeasures.

- Assist cleared contractors in recognizing and reporting suspected foreign intelligence collection attempts.
- Infuse CI experience and information throughout the DSS workforce.

The DSS CI Office works closely with the military departments and national agencies, such as the FBI, in the development and referral of CI issues detected during the course of a PSI, and advice and assistance visits or security reviews at cleared facilities under the NISP.

Personnel Investigations Center (PIC)

The PIC is responsible for:

- Processing (opening the field investigation, monitoring, and closing) all PSIs, and forwarding the final investigative report known as the "Report for Adjudication" to the appropriate DoD adjudicative facility.
- Maintaining PSI files.

Defense Industrial Security Clearance Office (DISCO)

DISCO is responsible for:

- Processing, granting and maintaining personnel security clearances for individuals in industry.
- Processing and granting facility security clearances to industry.
- Processing outgoing international visits required under the NISP.

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an **OVERVIEW** *of the* **Defense Security Service**



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Summary of DSS

The Defense Security Service (DSS), formerly known as the Defense Investigative Service (DIS), was established in 1972 to provide a single, centrally-directed service within the Department of Defense (DoD) for conducting Personnel Security Investigations (PSIs). In 1981 the DIS mission was expanded when the Industrial Security Program (ISP) was integrated into the agency.

DSS has undergone a dramatic evolution from its initial days by rapidly developing into a complex security organization that is providing personnel security investigations, industrial security products and services, and comprehensive security training to DoD and other federal government organizations.

DSS has three primary missions: the Personnel Security Investigations Program (PSI), the Industrial Security Program (ISP), and the Security Education, Training, and Awareness Program. The organizational structure consists of five geographic regions covering the United States and Puerto Rico. The total DSS workforce is currently at approximately 2,600 employees. There are approximately 1,200 special agents who conduct PSIs on DoD military, civilian and contractor personnel. DSS also has approximately 225 industrial security representatives (ISRs) located in offices throughout the United States and abroad in Brussels, Belgium and Mannheim, Germany.

The DSS Academy was chartered in July 1999 to provide security education, training, and awareness to security professionals within DoD, DoD contractors, other federal agencies, and professional development services for DSS personnel.

The Department of Defense Polygraph Institute (DoDPI) was originally established in 1951 as the U.S. Army Polygraph School and was designated as DoDPI in November 1986. The mission of DoDPI was expanded, per the recommendations given by the Joint Security Commission (JSC-1) in February

1994 to provide polygraph education and training throughout the federal government, and serve as the executive agent for research and development of valid and reliable specific issue and screening tests, investigate countermeasures, counter-countermeasures, and psychophysiological detection of deception (PDD) techniques, instrumentation, and analytical methods. In October 1995 the budget and administrative oversight of DoDPI were realigned under DSS.

The Personnel Security Investigations Program

DSS conducts personnel security investigations used by DoD adjudicative facilities to determine an individual's suitability to enter the armed forces, access classified information, or hold a sensitive position or position of trust within DoD including DoD cleared contractor facilities. A PSI is an inquiry into an individual's loyalty, character, trustworthiness, reliability, honesty, and financial responsibility that generally includes:

- A search of investigative files, indices, and records held by the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI), other federal agencies, and, if appropriate, overseas countries.
- A credit check.
- Personal interviews of references, including co-workers, employers, friends, educators, neighbors and other individuals, as appropriate.
- Records checks, such as employment, courts, and housing rental offices.
- Checks with local law enforcement agencies at the state and municipal levels for arrest and/or conviction information.
- A personal interview with the subject of the investigation.

The Industrial Security Program

The largest of the three industrial security programs administered by DSS is the National Industrial Security Program (NISP). DSS administers the

NISP on behalf of DoD and 22 non-DoD federal agencies within the executive branch of the federal government. The principal role of the ISR is to provide oversight, advice and assistance to over 11,000 contractor facilities that are cleared for access to classified information under the NISP. The ISR assists the facility's management staff and facility security officer (FSO) in formulating threat-appropriate, cost-effective security programs to ensure the protection of classified information.

The two other industrial security programs administered by DSS are:

1. The Arms, Ammunition and Explosives (AA&E) Program that provides protection for conventional arms, ammunition and explosives in the custody of DoD contractors.
2. The Critical Infrastructure Protection (CIP) Program that provides protection and assurance of Department of Defense critical assets and infrastructures in the private sector throughout the world in support of national security preparedness responsibilities during peace, crisis, and war.

Security, Education, Training & Awareness Program

The DSS Academy (DSSA), located in Linthicum, MD, provides security education, training, and awareness courses for the DoD components, DoD contractors, security professionals of other federal agencies, and certain foreign governments. In addition, the DSSA provides training and professional development for the DSS workforce. The DSSA conducts training on the core security disciplines, including information systems security and integrates counterintelligence awareness into the curriculum. Courses include the following:

- Information Security Management & Orientation
- Classification Management
- Risk Management for DoD Security Programs
- Personnel Security Management