OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
5000 DEFENSE PENTAGON
WASHINGTON, DC 20301-5000

JUL 31 2006

INTELLIGENCE

MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARIES OF THE MILITARY DEPARTMENTS
CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF
UNDER SECRETARIES OF DEFENSE
ASSISTANT SECRETARIES OF DEFENSE
GENERAL COUNSEL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
INSPECTOR GENERAL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
DIRECTOR, FORCE TRANSFORMATION
DIRECTOR, NET ASSESSMENT
DIRECTOR, ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT
DIRECTORS OF THE DEFENSE AGENCIES
DIRECTORS OF THE DOD FIELD ACTIVITIES

SUBJECT: Personnel Security Clearances in Industry

It has come to my attention that some DoD organizations are denying contractor employees access to Defense facilities and classified information because the employees have a personnel security clearance based on an investigation that is beyond the renewal date. Budget issues within the Department suspended industry clearances processing for several weeks. Due to the suspension, many of the Periodic Reinvestigations (PRs) were not submitted on time. As a result, many periodic reinvestigations are overdue.

Personnel security clearances do not "expire." Contractor security clearance and investigation data can be confirmed by querying the Joint Personnel Adjudication System (JPAS). Contractor employees are eligible for access to classified information if current eligibility is indicated in JPAS.

Please ensure that this memorandum receives widest dissemination.

Robert Andrews
Deputy Under Secretary of Defense
(Counterintelligence and Security)