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.

PSI DATA COLLECTION

The Defense Security Service (DSS) is responsible for projecting Personnel Security Investigations (PSI) requirements each year. Annual projections, acquired by DSS from Industry through PSI data collection are a key component in DoD program planning and budgeting for National Industrial Security Program (NISP) security clearances. Each facility in the NISP provides estimates of their PSI requirements for the next three years by type of investigation (initial/ reinvestigation Top Secret, initial/ reinvestigation Secret/Confidential).

As in years past, the annual data collection of PSI projection requirements will be conducted in mid-March 2016. Effective 2016, data collection will be conducted through the Electronic Facility Clearance System (e-FCL). In preparation for this upcoming data collection, please ensure that your e-FCL login (your email address) and password are current by the end of January 2016. Password resets can be completed on the e-FCL login page.

If your facility is not registered in e-FCL, DSS will establish an account for you. A completed e-FCL package is not required to participate in the data collection; only an established account is necessary to input the PSI requirements.

Additional instructions and information regarding the PSI data collection will be forthcoming prior to deployment. If you have any questions, please contact PSIprogram@dss.mil.

DELAY IN PROCESSING PSIs FOR INDUSTRY

Under the spending limitations of the Continuing Resolution in place for the first three months of fiscal year 2016, DSS did not receive authority to fully fund Personnel Security Investigations for Industry (PSI-Is). As a result, DSS had to limit the number of investigation requests (eQIP) submitted to the Office of Personnel Management to stay within its budget authority. This resulted in a delay in processing some investigations. Now that there is a fiscal year 2016 budget in place, DSS expects to receive its full authorization for PSI-Is. Once this occurs, DSS will resume full processing of PSI-Is starting with the oldest cases in the inventory. However, DSS expects it will take some time to clear the inventory and achieve the previously established standard of processing eQIPs within two days. DSS will continue to work directly with facility security officers to advise them of the status of their cases.

UPCOMING ANNUAL NISP COST COLLECTION SURVEY

As the Executive Agent for the National Industrial Security Program (NISP) under Executive Order 12829, the Department of Defense is required to report annually, the cost of the NISP, to the Information Security Oversight Office (ISOO). To meet this requirement, DSS will sample randomly selected contractor facilities using an OMB-approved survey. The survey is scheduled to deploy on January 15, 2016. Responses are statistically merged and participation anonymity is assured. Questions can be directed to PSIProgram@dss.mil.

DSS KNOWLEDGE CENTER

The Defense Security Service (DSS) will be implementing a new call center designed to be customer-centric, providing improved and efficient solutions. This will replace the current DSS Call Center and be called the "Knowledge Center". The current phone number will continue to be utilized (888-282-7682). In previous editions of Voices of Industry it was forecast to launch in January 2016 however the Knowledge Center will not be launching at this time. DSS will continue to provide updates on the progress of the Knowledge Center through the Voice of Industry and www.dss.mil.

SECURITY EDUCATION AND TRAINING

CDSE INSIDER THREAT WEBINAR SERIES PRESENTS: DITMAC AND THE DoD INSIDER THREAT PROGRAM

Join the Defense Insider Threat Management Analysis Center (DITMAC) for a session discussing their role in the DoD Insider Threat Program. This webinar is for DoD enterprise security, insider threat program management, and defense industrial base security personnel. A live presentation, as well as question and answer session will be held on Thursday, January 21, 2016 at 12:00 p.m., Eastern Time. Register today at: http://www.cdse.edu/catalog/webinars/index.html.

NEW SECURITY SPEAKER SERIES: DoD UD PROGRAM

Have you heard about CDSE's Security Speaker Series? This new program delivers live, one-on-one interviews with knowledgeable, respected leaders in the Department of Defense (DoD) security community. Speakers discuss trending topic areas such as insider threat, personnel security investigations, counterintelligence, and more. Conversation is driven by hot topics, and the audience may ask questions.

Join us on Thursday, January 28, 2016 for a security chat with Ms. Angela Stow Jago, Chief of the Unauthorized Disclosure (UD) Program Management Office (PMO) for the Security Policy and Oversight Division (SPOD), Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence (OUSD(I)), to find out more about the DoD UD program and the critical role you play in it.

Don't let this opportunity pass you by, register today at: https://events-na11.adobeconnect.com/content/connect/c1/1088536054/en/events/event/shared/1429017067/event_landing.html?sco-id=1428942139&_charset_=utf-8

NISP SECURITY VIOLATIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRIES COURSE NOW AVAILABLE

On December 15, 2015, the Center for Development of Security Excellence (CDSE) launched the "NISP Security Violations and Administrative Inquiries" eLearning course.

This one hour course covers security violations and administrative inquiries, including the types of security violations, roles and responsibilities in handling them, and the administrative inquiry process.

For more information and to register for this course, go to:
http://www.cdse.edu/catalog/elearning/IS126.html

FEBRUARY CDSE INDUSTRIAL SECURITY LEARN@LUNCH WEBINAR

Love in in the air and so is our February Industrial Security Learn@Lunch webinar "CDSE Industrial Security Training Products and Resources." This webinar not only identifies all of the Industrial Security training products and resources CDSE has to offers on, but also shows you where to find them and how they might be incorporated into your training program.

To learn more, mark your calendar for Thursday, February 11, 2015 at either 11:30 a.m. or at 2:30 p.m., EST.

Registration is available at: http://www.cdse.edu/catalog/webinars/index.html.

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