

What's New with the Industry NISPPAC

Welcome to the Summer 2022 edition of What's New with the Industry NISPPAC, keeping you up-to-date with the security topics most meaningful to the National Industrial Security Program community. The Industry National Industrial Security Program Policy Action Committee (Industry NISPPAC) serves as the Government-recognized voice of the cleared industrial base and a platform to deliver the feedback and recommendations from you to our federal partners. **Together, we can impact the direction of national security.**

This month, we introduce readers to the Industry NISPPAC working groups, who are devoted to impacting federal policy in their designated area of focus. Each section covers the scope of the working group and their current projects. If you are interested in participating in any of these working groups, email the point of contact using the information below.

Clearance Working Group

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What We Are Doing:

The Clearance Working Group coordinates with all NISP Five Cognizant Security Agencies with most current topics centered around DoD/DCSA NISP oversight of the Facility Clearance (FCL) and developing trends in their [Oversight and Rating Process](#). Other concerns from industry include identifying Senior Management Officials (SMOs) and bringing them up to speed with industry requirements, as well as guidance on Multiple Facility Organizations (MFOs) and listing performance locations for DD 254s. Additionally, the group is modernizing DCSA's Self-Inspection Handbook to include more automation. DoD recently issued guidance on the new Periodic Review (PR) process of submitting PRs every 5 years based on the June 27, 2022, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense memorandum, "Department of Defense Guidance on Continuous Vetting and Other Measures to Expedite Reform and Transition to Trusted Workforce 2.0." The guidance can be found [here](#). More guidance is being sought to assist industry with this new requirement. DCSA has also announced that a new SEAD 3 job aid is under review that will be a step-by-step process guide for cleared industry.



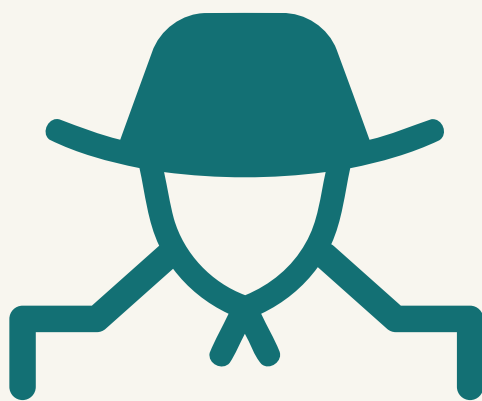
Insider Threat Working Group

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What We Are Doing:

The Insider Threat Working Group discusses trends in identifying, investigating, and mitigating suspected or actual insider threat, which is constantly evolving in light of increasingly [high-profile espionage cases](#). The group incorporates this information into best practices and lessons learned, which contractors can use as guidance to grow their own insider threat programs.

The working group is working directly with the National Insider Threat Task Force (NITTF) on different opportunities to advance industry's program lessons learned and best practices, which are often a little different than our government counterparts.



Foreign Ownership, Control, and Influence (FOCI) Working Group

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What Are We Doing:

Similar with the Clearance Working Group, the FOCI Working Group has been focused on [FCL timelines](#), seeking to communicate challenges and actionable elements in the below areas:

- ECP Reviews and Approvals
- FCL Approvals
- Modifications to existing approved facilities

This area of concern continues to garner increased attention due to the projected additional vetting of companies (e.g., vendors) within the supply chain. Challenges in scope and execution can negatively impact the ability to obtain a FCL, diminishing resources from FOCI complexities as a result.



NISP Information Systems Authorization (NISA) Working Group

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What We Are Doing:

The NISA Working Group works closely with the DCSA NISP Authorization Office (NAO) to review and provide feedback on information assurance topics. Recent topics include [eMass](#) Workflow Enhancements, eWAN/uWAN, and increased collaboration between NAO and the Regional Authorization Offices (RAOs).



Policy Working Group

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What We Are Doing:

Currently, the Policy Working Group has been discussing the upcoming [General Services Administration \(GSA\) Black Label Phase-Out](#). Beginning in 2024, GSA safes provisioned between 1954-1989 must be phased out among contractor organizations. Safes may only be purchased [through GSA](#), and companies getting rid of containers cannot advertise for classified storage.

Additionally, industry NISPPAC members worked with their government partners to update the gender choices listed in the dropdown menus of multiple national systems, the beginning of a long process to update information in accordance with diversity and inclusion initiatives.

Looking ahead, ISOO will formally open the policies for [Controlled Unclassified Information \(CUI\)](#), which has now returned to the Federal Register for public comment for one year. Industry will be notified when opportunities for public comment become available.



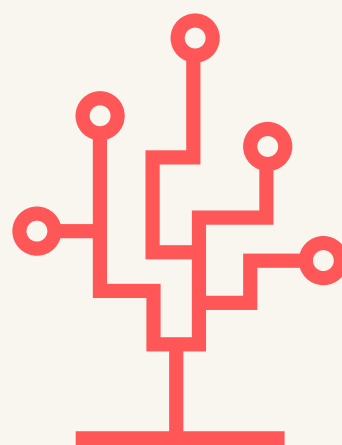
Systems (DISS, NBIS, NISS, NCCS, etc.) Working Group

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What Are We Doing:

The Systems Working Group has been primarily involved in guiding contractors with the transition from DISS to NBIS. [NBIS](#) was officially launched in April 2022, but contractors can continue to use DISS until approximately 2023. During this phase-out, DCSA will implement updates to support [Trusted Workforce 2.0](#) and [Continuous Vetting](#) in the new NBIS system.

Additionally, the group collaborates with DCSA to obtain clarifying guidance for reporting [Security Executive Agency Directive \(SEAD\) 3](#) information into DISS, specifically for foreign travel. Contractors are required to report foreign travel into DISS by August 24th, 2022. DCSA expects to push out updates to DISS to allow contractors to bulk upload foreign travel reports and incorporate improvements based on feedback from industry.



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