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What is CUI?

CUI is government created or owned information that requires safeguarding or dissemination controls consistent with applicable laws, regulations and government wide policies. CUI is not classified information. It is not corporate intellectual property unless created for or included in requirements related to a government contract.

Why is it important?

Because there are fewer controls over CUI as compared to classified information, CUI is the path of least resistance for adversaries. Loss of aggregated CUI is the one of the most significant risks to national security, directly affecting lethality of our warfighters.

For further CUI Resources, please check the following link:

https://www.dcsa.mil/Portals/91/Documents/CTP/CUI/CUI_Resources_One-Page_012722.pdf



CONTROLLED
UNCLASSIFIED
INFORMATION

Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI) work at UAH:

As the federal government moves forward with the CUI Program, contractors like UAH are encountering new requirements for storage, processing, and transmission of contract data. In many cases, government agencies assume that all contractor systems are approved for CUI storage. This is not the case and, if a contract or grant contains CUI, UAH and the researchers are required to be compliant with CUI requirements. Sharing of CUI can only be done from one compliant system to another by approved methods.

UAH started addressing this requirement many years ago by building an isolated network referred to as the Research Computing Environment (RCE). RCE is compliant with the requirements for CUI storage, transmission, and processing. RCE provides a structure for CUI in many different methods. If interested, please contact Russ Ward, UAH's ISSM to discuss. RCE requires annual export control, cyber awareness, and CUI training to gain and maintain access.

A comprehensive list of data that is considered to be CUI can be found in the CUI registry. The CUI registry can be found at: <https://www.archives.gov/cui>. Items are typically marked as CUI by the government agency, but as a contractor, we have the obligation to know if what we are working with is CUI or not. When in doubt, we consult with the government agency to identify the classification of the data.

Important Notes:

1. Unless verified, assume that computing, email and online solutions are *not* CUI compliant. ORS and UAH's ISSM can assist in verifying what services and computers are approved for CUI work.
2. If a project has the possibility of CUI data, please contact ORS and UAH's ISSM as soon as possible to work out a plan.

CUI Program links:

- [Executive Order 13556 "Controlled Unclassified Information"](#) - Established CUI Program
- [32 CFR Part 2002 "Controlled Unclassified Information"](#) - Established outline for CUI Program
- [National Archives CUI Training](#)
- [National Archives CUI Category Listing](#)

IN PERSON 2023 Annual Security Refresher trainings

August 9 – Location: UAH Campus - Olin King (Tech Hall) S105, 11:00am – 1:00pm, Speaker: Keith Kellogg, US Department of the Army

September 7 – Location: Bob Jones Auditorium, Speaker: Jack Tindle, US Department of the Army
902nd Redstone Field Office (**Last training at this location for 2023**)

September 28 – Export Control Briefing, Location: UAH Chan Auditorium, 1:00pm – 2:30pm –
Speaker: Johnathan Barnes

October 18 – Export Control Briefing, Location: UAH Chan Auditorium, 1:00pm – 2:30pm –
Speaker: Johnathan Barnes

CUI: The New Trap for Security Clearance Holders

Sean Bigley | Clearance Jobs | Mar 5, 2023

“CUI is the new FOUO.” That’s kind of like saying “Thursday is the new Friday”, although a whole lot less exciting. But don’t mistake boring for inconsequential. I’m seeing a lot of clearance holders conflate the two sentiments, much to their detriment.

If you’re reading this article, chances are pretty good that you are familiar with both terms already – at least in the abstract. At the risk of putting too fine a point on it, [“CUI,” or Controlled Unclassified Information](#), is the government-wide designator that has replaced the old “For Official Use Only” (FOUO) caveat for documents that are unclassified but still sensitive. These documents are potentially exempt from release under the Freedom of Information Act.

The idea behind CUI was initially a good one: eliminate the alphabet soup of FOUO and related designators being applied to unclassified documents by different agencies and unify everything under one label.

To read the full article, use the link below: <https://news.clearancejobs.com/2023/03/05/cui-the-new-trap-for-security-clearance-holders/>

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