

From the Desk of Janine Wilson, Insider Threat Senior Official (Associate Director)



CDSE Launches 2025 National Insider Threat Awareness Month Website

By Tammi Bush, September 9, 2025

The Center for Development of Security Excellence (CDSE), a training and education provider within the Defense Counterintelligence and Security Agency (DCSA), recently launched the 2025 National Insider Threat Awareness Month (NITAM) website.

Since inception in 2019, NITAM provides a unique opportunity to bring together insider threat and security professionals from around the globe, to enhance insider threat awareness and deliver educational offerings.

"NITAM is an opportunity to put insider threat awareness at the forefront of everyone's mind, reinforce the need to remain vigilant, and renew commitment to identifying and preventing threats before they escalate," said Audrey Gutierrez, director, CDSE.

In addition to increasing awareness, NITAM emphasizes the critical responsibility to recognize and report indicators.

To read the full article: https://www.army.mil/article/288499/cdse_launches_2025_national_insider_th

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From the Desk of Denise Spiller (Director)



The Defense & Counterintelligence Security Agency (DCSA) Security Assessment – 2025



On **September 16 & 17** the ORS Team completed a DCSA Security Assessment the overall rating was a **SUPERIOR – the highest rating!!!** The purpose of these security assessments is to evaluate a defense contractor's ability to protect classified data. Achieving a minimum of a satisfactory rating on this assessment is essential for maintaining your Facility Clearance and continuing to work with classified information. The assessment is also a way to ensure a contractor is complying with the policies and procedures outlined in the National Industrial Security Program Operating Manual (NISPOM) 32 CFR Part 117.

If you have a clearance, what contract are you supporting? Does this matter? YES it matters!

A company determines whether an employee will require access to classified information in performance of tasks or services related to the fulfillment of a classified contract. Once the company makes this determination, the individual may be processed for a security clearance. The company determines the positions that require a security clearance, as well as the level required, based upon the duties and responsibilities of each position. **This determination is based on contractual needs and requirements which is provided in the DD Form 254 Contract Security Classification Specification (for contracts involving contractor access to classified information. This form identifies for contractors the areas of classified information involved.)**

What is Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI)?

CUI is sensitive information that does not meet the criteria for classification but must still be protected. It is Government-created or owned UNCLASSIFIED information that allows for, or requires, safeguarding and dissemination controls in accordance with laws, regulations, or Government-wide policies.

CUI is a control marking, not a classification marking. CUI policy provides a uniform marking system across the Federal Government that replaces a variety of agency-specific markings, such as FOUO, LES, SBU, etc. **CUI markings alert recipients that special handling may be required to comply with law, regulation, or Government-wide policy.**

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From the Desk of April McMeans, Security Specialist



I would like remind everyone the reporting requirements. Listed below are some reporting requirements, which are based off the 13 Adjudicative Guidelines and SEAD-3. For further information, please see Section 7 of our Standard Practices and Procedures (SPP).

- Allegiance to the United States, Foreign Affiliation, Influence and Preference
- Handling Protected Information and Use of Information Technology
- Media Contact and Financial Considerations
- Personal Changes and Conduct, Adverse Information, Criminal Conduct, Sexual Behavior
- Alcohol Consumption, Drug Involvement and Substance Misuse
- Treatment and Counseling, Psychological Conditions and Emotional Health
- Personal Finance/Business Interests and Foreign Interests
- Foreign/Suspicious Contacts, Foreign Travel,
- Loss, Compromise or Suspected Compromise of Classified Information

Also, remember not share work or personal information such as any kind of travel and clearance information on social media whether that's Facebook, Instagram or LinkedIn just to name a few.

2025 Annual Security Refresher training:

- **Thursday, October 9** - Registration from 11:00am to 11:30 am and speaker presentation from 11:30am-12:30 pm, VBH Fallout Shelter (UAH Campus), **Speaker:** Special Agent (SA) Selena Golden, Redstone Arsenal Field Office (this will be first come/first serve, only 30 attendees will be allowed access), Parking will be in W29 and W30 (We will meet at ORS modular Building and walk over to the Fallout Shelter) **RSVP:** <https://forms.gle/58uJuYu7BTEKsayz7>
- **Monday, October 13** - Registration from 11:00am to 11:30 am and speaker presentation from 11:30am-12:30 pm, Redstone Arsenal Bob Jones Auditorium, **Speaker:** Michael G. Kase, Counterintelligence Agent, Huntsville Field Office, Defense Counterintelligence and Security Agency (DCSA) **RSVP:** <https://forms.gle/ACMAqZ6ERXW7BGQa7>
- **Thursday, October 16** - Registration from 11:00am to 11:30 am and speaker presentation from 11:30am-12:30 pm, VBH Fallout Shelter (UAH Campus), **Speaker:** Michael G. Kase, Counterintelligence Agent, Huntsville Field Office, Defense Counterintelligence and Security Agency (DCSA) (this will be first come/first serve, only 30 attendees will be allowed access), Parking will be in W29 and W30 (We will meet at ORS modular Building and walk over to the Fallout Shelter) **RSVP:** <https://forms.gle/ucww6VqfZDfbx39n9>

Don't wait to attend, UAH is not guaranteed dates even though they are approved and scheduled. The sessions can be cancelled unexpectedly because of the Government's needs.

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