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## Industrial Security Division Overview



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DS/IS/IND Security Overview

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# DS/IS/IND

The **Industrial Security Division (DS/IS/IND)** manages the Department's worldwide Industrial Security Program to ensure that national security (classified) and specifically designed sensitive but unclassified (SBU) information entrusted to the private sector is properly handled and safeguarded.

- DS/IS/IND supports all bureaus within the Department, to include OBO.
- DS/IS/IND oversees OBO's classified contracts and contracts which require access to classified and SBU information and ensures that appropriate security requirements are addressed for each project and incorporated into each RFP and contract.

An FCL is the basis for a firm's eligibility to be awarded classified contracts (i.e., contracts under which cleared personnel will provide services).

- FCLs are issued by the **Defense Counterintelligence and Security Agency (DCSA)**. For specifics, go to [www.dcsa.mil](http://www.dcsa.mil).
- An FCL is an administrative determination that a firm is ultimately eligible for access to classified information at the Secret or Top Secret level.
- A firm must have an FCL to perform work on a classified contract and to be able to obtain clearances for its personnel.
- Each firm appoints a Facility Security Officer (FSO) to ensure adherence to contract security requirements and the National Industrial Security Program Operating Manual (NISPOM).
- DS/IS/IND sponsors uncleared firms for facility clearances when there is a bonafide procurement need and is the only DOS office authorized to do so.

A **Contract Security Classification Specification (DD Form 254)** is required to be included in any procurement which requires the contractor to provide cleared personnel to perform any services.

- It outlines the facility and personnel security clearances for performance.
- DS/IS/IND utilizes the National Industrial Security System (NISS) within the DCSA portal to verify facility clearances and safeguarding capabilities, as applicable, and generates DD Forms 254 for inclusion in RFPs, contracts, and subcontracts.

DCSA's Consolidated Adjudication Services (DOD CAS) issues clearances on behalf of the DOD and non-DOD User Agencies like DOS.

- DOS does not issue clearances to OBO contractors.
- Contracting firms forward DS/IS/IND Visitor Authorization Requests (VARs) for cleared personnel performing on their contract.
- Clearance requirements are noted within procurements.

**ProjNet** and **ProjNet-C** systems are DoS secure enclaves that enhance the security associated with the exchange of DOS design/construction data and provides business applications that improve communication between OBO and firms awarded OBO contracts.

- Requirements are noted within any OBO procurements in which access is required.





Prime contractors are not authorized to generate and issue DD Forms 254 to subcontractors.


- DS/IS/IND will generate and issue all subcontract DD Forms 254 based on a request from the prime contractor.
- The Prime Contractor must identify cleared subcontractors at the earliest possible time.



All security-related questions, including facility and personnel security clearance requirements for performance on OBO contracts, should be directed to [DS\\_IND\\_OBOTeam@state.gov](mailto:DS_IND_OBOTeam@state.gov) (note the two underscores).

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