



DCSA Office of Small Business Programs (OSBP)

December, 2020

Greetings All,

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving Holiday, and are making plans for a restful Christmas.

Over the past two months, I've had the privilege of meeting virtually with over 50 Small Businesses, discussing everything from future opportunities here at DCSA, to FCL submission. It's been a real pleasure, and I look forward to meeting more of you in the months to come.

I know many of you are anxiously waiting for the new DCSA procurement forecast to be released. As you can imagine, the work required to consolidate and reconcile procurement requirements for seven organizations coming together as one is no small task. I'll keep you posted as this work continues, and will release the new forecast as quickly as possible.

As part of this month's update, I have included a few relevant news and articles (below), along with a briefing deck I recently presented at the 14th Annual AFCEA Belvoir Industry Days. This presentation provides a good Agency overview, now that all major transfers are complete. Additionally, I have included a helpful set of Small Business decision charts that were created to help contracting officers navigate the new Small Business rules contained in the FAR.

A few DCSA OSBP upcoming events to watch for:

- 14 Jan, I will be a guest speaker for the DON OSBP Webinar Series
- 4 Feb, I will host the first 2021, DCSA Small Business Webinar "Doing Business with DCSA" (one week ahead of the DoD Virtual Security Conference for Industry). Be on the lookout for an invitation.

Thank you all for your patience as we continue to scale to our new environment. I'm still in the process of hiring new team members, and am doing my best to answer the high volume of email coming my way. I assure you, responsiveness will improve in the coming weeks and months.

I hope you have a wonderful Christmas Holiday with family and friends, and I look forward to meeting with you all in the coming year!

Merry Christmas!
Steve

FCL for Joint Ventures

The DoD has requested clarification from the Information Security Oversight Office, as the agency responsible for 32 CFR Part 2004 and the implementation and oversight of the National Industrial Security Program, on the recent rule regarding facility clearances for joint ventures. Title 13 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 121, "Consolidation of Mentor-Protégé Programs and Other Government Contracting Amendments," a Small Business Administration rule, is in effect as of November 16, 2020, and includes a provision regarding facility security clearances for joint ventures. The Department of Defense (DoD)



observes a difference between the requirements for facility security clearances, or entity eligibility determinations, for joint ventures in 13 CFR, Part 121 and 32 CFR, Part 2004, “National Industrial Security Program Directive No. 1.” Pending reconciliation of these rules and ISOO guidance, DoD will continue to follow the requirements in 32 CFR Part 2004 and DoD policies in regard to the facility security clearance requirements for entities, to include joint ventures, awarded contracts, grants, or agreements that require access to classified information.

DISS RELEASE 13.2

On Monday, November 16, 2020, DCSA released Defense Information System for Security (DISS) version 13.2. The release implements enhancements, updates, and fixes to all DISS subsystems, including the Case Adjudication Tracking System (CATS), Joint Verification System (JVS), and Appeals Module. New and improved functionality and business rules allow DCSA to better manage subject eligibility and users to better view subject investigation and adjudication results from federal agencies so that unnecessary investigations and adjudications are not performed. This version also launches two pilots for Investigation Request submissions with Navy and industry. Release 13.2 includes the following updates:

*If you have DISS questions, please reach out to DCSA.ContactCenter@mail.mil
DCSA will update on Release 13.3 and additional functionality updates in the coming weeks.*

SBA’s “FIRST WEDNESDAY VIRTUAL LEARNING SERIES” FY 2021 SCHEDULE

SBA has launched a learning campaign for FY21. Each session will occur on the first Wednesday of each month, and SBA YouTube page will posts past “First Wednesday” programming.

- November 4, 2020 – 8(a) Program: <https://youtu.be/QCXwMCFLB94>

FY 2021	Date	Topic
1	October 7, 2020	8(a) Program
2	November 4, 2020	8(a) Program Updates
3	December 2, 2020	SBIR/STTR Program
4	January 6, 2021	Surety Bonds
5	February 3, 2021	Size and Affiliation
6	March 3, 2021	Consolidation/Bundling
7	April 7, 2021	Women Owned Small Business (WOSB) Program
8	May 5, 2021	Certificate Of Competency (COC)
9	June 2, 2021	Regulatory Updates
10	July 7, 2021	Subcontracting Program
11	August 4, 2021	TBD



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NEWS

Bill Lietzau: DCSA Adds More Mission Areas To Advance Security Clearance Transformation

Bill Lietzau, director of the Defense Counterintelligence and Security Agency (DCSA), said DCSA hired at least 100 additional employees and added more mission areas at the start of fiscal year 2021 as part of its security clearance transformation efforts, Federal News Network reported Thursday. [Read more>](#)

DCSA juggling security clearance transformation, agency transition efforts

It's been nearly a year since the National Background Investigations Bureau merged with the Defense Security Service to become the Defense Counterintelligence and Security Agency, and the federal government's main security clearance provider. [Read more>](#)

DOD Needs IT Support for Security Clearance Background Investigations Program

The Defense Counterintelligence and Security Agency took over management of the background investigations process but does not own all of the related IT systems—yet. [Read more>](#)

Defense Logistics Agency Closes Out Fiscal 2020 With Small Business Partnership

The Defense Logistics Agency exceeded its small business contracting goal for the eighth consecutive year by awarding more than 40% of its annual contract dollars to small businesses. [Read more>](#)

Federal Contractor Agrees to Pay \$18.98 Million for Alleged False Claims Act Caused by Overcharges and Unqualified Labor

Cognosante LLC has agreed to pay the United States \$18,987,789 to resolve allegations that it violated the False Claims Act by using unqualified labor and overcharging the United States for services provided to government agencies under two General Services Administration (GSA) contracts, the Justice Department announced today. [Read more>](#)

Defining Security Policies to Manage Remote Insider Threats

Even as state and local governments begin to relax COVID-19-related stay-at-home orders, many businesses have adapted to having more people work from home. This trend is likely to continue. [Read more>](#)

Defense Department Launches Initiative to Boost U.S. Industrial Workforce

One of the most vital challenges for the U.S. defense industrial base is the deficit in domestic manufacturing and engineering talent. [Read more>](#)



Small Business Actions since October 2020

Goal: 7%

Actual: 92.8%

Small Disadvantaged Business

Goal: 5%

Actual: 65%

Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business

Goal: 3%

Actual: 7%

Women Owned Small Business

Goal: 5%

Actual: 11%

Certified HUBZone Small Business

Goal: 3%

Actual: 1.6%