



Canadian Industrial Security Directorate

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Appointment Announcement

This is to inform you that Gerry Deneault reassumed his duties as Director General, Industrial Security Sector (ISS), on May 14, 2007. Ovila Robichaud returned to his position as Director, Fraud Investigation Directorate in PWGSC.

Sub Contracting

Did you know that one of the most frequently asked question is “how to sub-contract to another Canadian / foreign company?”

As a registered company within the Industrial Security Program, you may ask why this article maybe of interest to you. What if you, as the prime contractor, decided to sub-contract the services to another Canadian or foreign organization which does not have any type of facility security clearance - would you know how to proceed? Did you know that when you are the prime contractor on a contract with a security requirement and you would like to sub-contract to another Canadian / foreign organization, a Security Requirement Check List (SRCL) is required for each sub-contract which may involve access to the protected or classified information or assets?

Please note the following:

A Canadian Company Security Officer (CSO) may sub-contract to another Canadian or foreign company as long as the following requirements apply:

Company must hold an authorized valid contract + SRCL with appropriate clause, forming part of the prime contract that are provided by the Canadian Industrial Security Directorate (CISD).

The Prime contractor must complete a new SRCL identifying the security requirements a sub-contractor must meet. The security requirements in the SRCL must be no higher than the level of security identified in the SRCL for the prime contract, although it can be lower.

The completed sub-SRCL must be submitted to CISD for processing.

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CISD will provide appropriate security clauses and ensure that the selected sub-contractor meets the security requirements identified in the SRCL.

CISD will also provide assurance that the sub-contracting companies hold the required Designated Organization Screening (DOS) or Facility Security Clearance (FSC) at requested level.

If the sub-contracting company does not hold a DOS or FSC, CISD will sponsor the foreign / Canadian company and will then provide the assurance once the sub-contractor has attained its clearance.

The following distinguishes an FSC and a DOS.

An FSC permits the organization and its security-cleared employees' access to classified information and assets of Canadian, NATO and foreign origin on a need-to-know basis and in relation to a contract, program or project with security requirements.

A DOS permits the organization and its security cleared employees possessing a Reliability Status access to protected information or assets on a need-to-know basis and in relation to a contract, program or project with security requirements.

To ensure the security of information and assets placed with sub-contractors, the prime contractors shall provide as part of the sub-contract either a copy of the SRCL and any additional security guidance that forms part of the prime contract appropriate to the work covered by the sub-contract.

FUTURE – SURVEY

CISD is committed to develop and provide security training in contracting to all Industrial Security Officials. Please note that we are in the process of planning a yearly training program plan for CSO and their alternates across Canada. In an effort to plan a true scope of how much training is required, you will be asked to participate to an upcoming survey on this initiative. More information will be available.