



This is the first of a tri-annual newsletter to Canadian industry on industrial security.

ECONOMIC ACTION PLAN

In January 2009, the Government of Canada introduced a \$62-billion stimulus package as part of Canada’s Economic Action Plan (EAP).

<http://www.fin.gc.ca/n08/09-011-eng.asp>

The Canadian Industrial Security Directorate (CISD) is providing security screening services to ensure work on these federal infrastructure projects is being performed by trusted organizations and individuals.

In the past year, CISD has established and implemented a pilot project aimed at speeding up the process to obtain a Designated Organization Screening (DOS). To date over 400 organizations have been registered into our Industrial Security Program via EAP.

The pilot project ensures a ten-day turnaround time to grant a DOS Reliability Status to an organization, provided the registration package is complete and no additional information is required.

One of the key features of the project is that an organization need only have a registered Procurement Business Number (PBN) to apply and no referral is required. Instructions on obtaining a PBN are available at: <https://srisupplier.contractscanada.gc.ca/>

PBN Request for Registration Forms and packages can be obtained from our partner associations or directly from CISD. Some of our partners include: the Office of Small and Medium Enterprises, the Vancouver Island Construction Association, Defence Construction Canada, Canadian Construction Association, The Royal Architectural Institute of Canada, The Association of Consulting Engineers of Canada, and Interior Designers of Canada.

Online Industrial Security Services

The Online Industrial Security Services (OLISS) offers a secure web-based Internet application for Online Personnel Security Screening Services. This secure and confidential application streamlines the security screening form completion process and results in faster submissions and greater accuracy. <https://seds-oliss.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/index.html>

Upgrading a Security Clearance

Any prospective bidder/supplier in Canada is eligible to upgrade their organization security screening clearance to the level required for a potential or existing contract or bid solicitation. A procurement officer or project manager

of a government department must request an upgrade on behalf of your organization, identifying the security level and reason for the clearance upgrade. An organization that is a prime contract holder may obtain CISD approval to subcontract and the Company Security Officer (CSO) may request an upgrade for the subcontractor if required.

Personnel Screenings – Transfers and Duplicates

If an individual has previously been granted a Government of Canada Personnel Security Clearance, the Personnel Security Screening Division of CISD may be able to transfer or duplicate the clearance file.

In order to do so, an individual must complete the TBS/SCT 330-23E form, including the current residence information as opposed to a five-year history; indicate “yes” in Section B to the question “Have you previously completed a Government of Canada security screening form?” and provide the necessary details; and initial and sign section C.

The CSO must validate the form in sections C and D. For a duplicate request, “Duplicate” must be clearly written at the top of both pages.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Canadian Defence Security and Aerospace Exhibition Atlantic (DEFSEC Atlantic)

Halifax, Nova Scotia – Cunard Centre
September 8 to 10, 2010

For further information on the exhibition, please visit the following link: www.defsecatlantic.ca

Look for our upcoming information pamphlets on: the role of CSOs; security breaches; and physical security inspections, for release later this year.

The Need-to-Know Principle

Personnel Security Clearances allow access to certain levels of sensitive information. The need-to-know principle restricts access within those levels to specific items, topics or types of information. Personnel are not entitled to access sensitive information based on status, rank, office or level of clearance or because it would be convenient for them to know but, rather, because their duties require such access.

