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Cyber Security

In the wake of the Wikileaks, Canadian media has been reporting on cyber security and cyber attacks in Canada. In this evolving climate of cyber attacks, the Government of Canada and private industry in Canada must be increasingly diligent in protecting and safeguarding sensitive government information stored and transmitted electronically.

On October 5, 2010, Public Safety Canada released a report entitled *Canada's Cyber Security Strategy*. The Honourable Vic Toews, Minister of Public Safety, stated in his message: "Our systems are an attractive target for foreign military and intelligence services, criminals and terrorist networks. These groups are breaking into our computer systems, searching through our files, and causing our systems to crash. They are stealing our industrial and national security secrets, and our personal identities." *Canada's Cyber Security Strategy* outlines types of cyber threats in Canada as well as measures that Canadians, Canadian industry and the Government of Canada must take to safeguard and ensure our cyber security.

Some interesting statistics from the report:

- 74% of Canadian households have paid Internet service in 2008
- 59% of personal tax filings were electronic in 2008
- 67% of Canadians banked online in 2009
- Canadian online sales were \$62.7 billion in 2007
- 87% of Canadian businesses used the Internet in 2007

For more information on *Canada's Cyber Security Strategy*, please visit the following link:

<http://www.publicsafety.gc.ca/prq/ns/cbr/ccss-sec-eng.aspx>

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

We are pleased to announce the release of our newly redesigned and updated FAQs, which are available on our Web site at the following link:

<http://ssi-iss.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/questions/questions-eng.html>

Here you will find answers to questions on a number of topics, including:

- the Industrial Security Program
- Private Sector Organization Screening
- Personnel Security Screening
- International Security

New Bilateral Industrial Security Arrangement with Spain

On January 20, 2011, PWGSC's International Industrial Security Directorate signed a new bilateral industrial security arrangement with the National Intelligence Centre in Spain.

The arrangement sets out clauses for the administration and application of industrial security contracts involving the protection of exchanged information between Canada and Spain. This arrangement is expected to generate trade opportunities for Canadian industry and improve industrial cooperation between Canada and Spain. With the appropriate Facility Security Clearance, Canadian private sector companies can now qualify to bid on and participate in sensitive government contracts with Spain. Contracting Authorities are also able to receive the appropriate contract clauses through the Industrial Security Sector (ISS). For more information on security measures and limitations, please contact the ISS at the following e-mail address: questions@tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca.

New E-mail Address for the Transmission of Personnel Security Screening Forms

You can now submit forms (briefing certificates, terminations, missing information, etc.) directly to our Personnel Security Screening Division via our new e-mail address (SSIDSFPPFormulaires-.ISSPSSDForms@tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca). Please continue to use the Client Service Centre e-mail address (ssi.iss@pwgsc.gc.ca) for all inquiries and verifications.

Upcoming Events

- **Canadian Institute for Procurement and Material Management (CIPMM)**
2011 National Workshop and Trade Show
Ottawa, Ontario – Ottawa Convention Centre
May 16 to 19, 2011 - For further information, please visit the following link:
<http://www.cipmm-icagm.ca/en/mmnw/index.shtml>
- **Canadian Association of Defence and Security Industries (CADSI)**
CANSEC 2011 - Defence and Security Trade Show
Ottawa, Ontario – Lansdowne Park
June 1 to 2, 2011 - For further information, please visit the following link:
<https://www.defenceandsecurity.ca/>
- **Canadian Industrial Security Conference 2011**
Gatineau, Quebec – Hilton Lac-Leamy
November 28 to 30, 2011 - For further information, please visit the following link:
<https://www.can-is.com>