THIS MONTH'S FOCUS

SUPPLY CHAIN INTEGRITY MONTH

STRENGTHENING THE SUPPLY CHAIN

Each April, the National Counterintelligence and Security Center (NCSC) and its partners in Government and industry use "National Supply Chain Integrity Month" as a platform to encourage organizations across the country to safeguard supply chains against foreign adversaries and other potential threats. The Center for Development of Security Excellence (CDSE) contributes to this effort by creating job aids, videos, and webinars to explain the dangers facing the supply chain and remedies to protect it.

In 2023, the United States and international cybersecurity authorities discovered a cluster of activity associated with a People's Republic of China state-sponsored cyber actor, also known as Volt Typhoon. The activity affected networks across U.S. critical infrastructures, and agencies believe the actor could apply the same techniques against other sectors worldwide. "Hostile nation states and other threat actors exploit supply chain vulnerabilities to steal American intellectual property, target our critical infrastructure, and compromise our cybersecurity," said Michael Casey, NCSC Director. "While these incidents have increased in number and severity, so has our resolve to build resilience in the supply chains we all rely upon."

For 2024, NCSC and its partners are asking organizations to use "A.C.E." — Acquisition Security, Cybersecurity, and Enterprise Security to bolster their Supply Chain Risk Management (SCRM) programs. Incorporating A.C.E. into SCRM programs will help organizations make more informed decisions throughout the supply chain lifecycle. When a contract partner fails to deliver on time; when a cyber breach threatens data integrity; or when an insider compromises corporate or customer information, having effective A.C.E.

principles in place can help organizations better mitigate and withstand such incidents. CDSE is contributing to this effort with our own products and services.

CDSE's counterintelligence awareness toolkit contains a robust SCRM section that includes job aids, courses, webinars, and training videos. The job aids cover topics such as software attacks, threats to the supply chain, and how to protect the supply chain. The webinars cover general topics such as the past, present, and future of supply chain integrity, as well as the impact of microelectronics on the supply chain. The security training videos discuss supply chain threats and solutions to protect it throughout its lifecycle.

On Thursday, April 25, CDSE hosted a webinar on Supply Chain Risks and Counterintelligence. The webinar consisted of a three-member panel of SCRM subject matter experts, including:

Jeanette McMillian, Assistant Director for Supply Chain and Cyber Directorate, National CI and Security Center, Office of the Director of National Intelligence

Chad Bahan, Assistant Director, Insider Threat SCRM, Cybersecurity Services Staff, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Department of Justice

Kristoffer Buquet, Chief, Research Development and Acquisitions Protection, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence and Security

Each panel member provided their expertise as it relates to their agency's focus on protecting the Nation's critical supply chain by preventing and mitigating counterintelligence concerns from the initial stages to delivery. The counterintelligence webinar's audience included registrants from the DOD, private industry, and academia.

Our adversaries, both domestic and international, want to disrupt the supply chain to prevent the U.S. from working effectively. Supply Chain Integrity Month is a countermeasure to ensure both Government workers and industry are up to date on security measures and prevention. We must continue to evolve with our adversaries to prevent them from achieving their goals.

NCSC AND CISA SUPPLY CHAIN INTEGRITY MONTH RESOURCES

RESOURCES	DESCRIPTION
NCSC and Partners Launch National Supply Chain Integrity Month 2024	Press Release
PRC State-Sponsored Actors Compromise and Maintain Persistent Access to U.S. Critical Infrastructure	Joint Cybersecurity Advisory
NCSC Awareness Materials	Videos, print materials, posters, brochures, flyers, other government products, links & additional resources
CISA ICT Supply Chain Library	Website
CISA ICT SCRM Task Force	Website

CDSE AND DCSA SUPPLY CHAIN INTEGRITY RESOURCES

RESOURCES	DESCRIPTION
CDSE Supply Chain Threat Awareness	eLearning course
Deliver Uncompromised: Supply Chain Risk Management	Job Aid
Acquisition Toolkit	Toolkit
Cybersecurity Toolkit: Supply Chain Risk Management Tab	Toolkit
Insider Threat Toolkit: Cyber Insider Threat/User Activity Monitoring Tab	Toolkit
Deliver Uncompromised Toolkit	Toolkit
Operation Warp Speed (OWS) and Beyond Toolkit	Toolkit
Software Supply Chain Attacks	Job Aid
CI Supply Chain Archived Webinars	Webinars
Counterintelligence Awareness Toolkit: Supply Chain Risk Management Tab	Toolkit

UPDATED INDUSTRIAL SECURITY JOB AID

CDSE recently released the updated Mergers, Acquisitions, Reorganizations, and Spin-offs/Splits (MARS) job aid. This job aid provides the user with a basic knowledge of the MARS process while also helping Facility Security Officers (FSOs) and Senior Management Officials (SMOs) recognize reporting thresholds and procedures, understand the potential impacts of mergers, and appreciate the benefits of advanced reporting. Access the updated product **here**.

UPCOMING WEBINARS

CDSE webinars are a great way to gain insight into various security topics and interact with security experts. Webinars can also be used as professional development units (PDUs) in support of SPēD certification maintenance. Sign up today for the following upcoming live webinars:

Personnel Vetting Timely Topics - Mental Health and National Security Eligibility
May 7, 2024
1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. ET

Domestic Violent Extremism; The Legal Standards from the DOJ Perspective
May 9, 2024
12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. ET

Behavioral Threat Analysis to Mitigate Perceived Risk
May 16, 2024
12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. ET

Visit CDSE's **webinar webpage** to register for these events and join the discussion!

We recently added several webinars to the archives. Visit our webinar archive if you missed these or other webinars, would like a refresh on the webinar, or want to share with colleagues.

NISPPAC TELECONFERENCE

The National Industrial Security Program Policy Advisory Committee (NISPPAC) will hold a teleconference open to the public at 10:00 a.m. ET, Wednesday, May 1, 2024. This meeting may take up to three hours.

The NISPPAC meetings serve as a forum to discuss policy issues in dispute and recommend changes to those policies as reflected in Executive Order 12829, as amended, its implementing directives, or 32 CFR, Part 117, National Industrial Security Program Operating Manual (NISPOM).

You must register in advance through the **Intel link** if you wish to attend. Please do not share your individualized link and, direct employees to register instead.

If you do not get call in information after registering, check your spam folder.
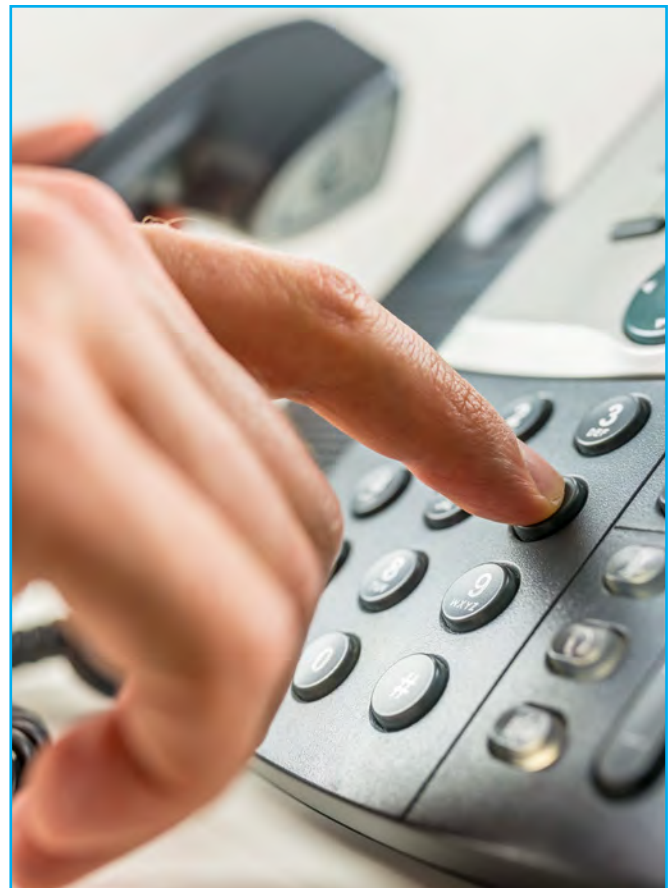
UPCOMING SECURITY SPECIALIST TRAINING

Are you a security specialist who wants to gain a baseline knowledge to perform common DOD security tasks and practices? If so, sign up for one of CDSE's instructor-led training (ILT) or virtual instructor-led training (VILT) DOD Security Specialist training courses. Training is free and the VILT eliminates travel expenses. Complete the course to earn PDUs toward maintenance of SPēD Program certifications and credentials. This course is approved for Continuing Education Units (CEU) credit toward several CompTIA certification renewals and has an ACE CREDIT recommendation that may earn transfer credits at participating universities.

Visit **DOD Security Specialist GS101.01** or **DOD Security Specialist Course VILT GS101.10** to learn more and register!

CONFERENCE RECORDINGS RELEASED

The 2024 Virtual DCSA Security Conference for Industry recordings are now available! If you missed the conference or would like to re-watch one or more of the sessions, visit **here**.

INSIDER THREAT DETECTION ANALYSIS COURSE (ITDAC)

Attention Counter-Insider Threat analysts, registration is ongoing for several upcoming iterations of the Insider Threat Detection Analysis Course (ITDAC). This no cost course is offered to all Executive Branch departments and agencies and is designed for all federal insider threat program analysts from the DOD, Intelligence Community (IC), and Non-Title 50 (NT-50) communities.

This VILT course teaches entry-level participants how to apply critical thinking skills and applicable structured analytic techniques to potential insider threat indicators. Students will also obtain and use holistic data in conjunction with the application of the critical pathway theory.

Prospective students will need to complete one of two designated tracks within the Insider Threat Program curricula before registering for the ITDAC:

Insider Threat Program Operations Personnel Curriculum INT311.CU

Insider Threat Program Management Personnel Curriculum INT312.CU

Visit the **ITDAC webpage** to learn more and register!

FY 2024 UPCOMING COURSES

Consider signing up for one of CDSE's ILT or VILT courses. Training is free and travel expenses are eliminated for VILT courses. Take CDSE courses to earn PDUs toward maintenance of SPēD Program certifications and credentials. Select courses also have ACE CREDIT recommendations that may earn transfer credits at participating universities and/or are approved for CEU credit toward some CompTIA certification renewals. Access the **training schedule** today to learn more and secure your spot. Below is a list of ILT/VILT courses available from May to August. All ILT iterations are located at Linthicum, MD unless indicated otherwise.

COURSE	DATE	RECOMMENDATION
DOD Security Specialist	May 20 - June 16 (VILT) June 4 -12 (ILT) Aug. 6 - 14 (ILT) Aug. 14 - Sept. 15 (VILT)	ACE CREDIT CompTIA
Physical Security and Asset Protection	July 22 - 26 (ILT)	
Getting Started Seminar for New Facility Security Officers	Aug. 20 - 23 (VILT)	
Assessing Risk and Applying Security Controls to NISP Systems	June 24 - 28 (ILT) July 15 -19 (ILT)	CompTIA
Insider Threat Detection Analysis Course (ITDAC)	May 20 - 24 (VILT) June 24 - 28 (VILT) July 15 - 19 (VILT) Aug. 12 - 16 (VILT)	
Introduction to Special Access Programs	May 14 - 17 (ILT) June 3 - 11 (VILT)	ACE CREDIT CompTIA
Orientation to SAP Security Compliance Inspections (WPAFB, OH)	Aug. 6 - 7 (ILT)	
SAP Mid-Level Security Management	July 8 - 12 (ILT)	ACE CREDIT CompTIA

NEW AIRE JOURNAL NOW AVAILABLE

The Center for Development of Security Excellence recently released the new Advancement of Insider Risk Education (AIRE) Journal, an annual publication for the professionalization of counter-insider threat program personnel. The AIRE Journal is a review of available resources, current trends, and projections for training and education needs of a community made up of multidisciplinary professionals that support and/or function as key action officers for insider threat programs.

"Insider Threat Programs play a critical role in risk management, so the AIRE is for anyone that has a stake in a successful security program. A junior analyst to program manager, or prevention assistance and response (PAR) coordinator to chief of training, may find value within," said Amber Jackson, Insider Threat Curriculum Manager, CDSE. "Ultimately, the security enterprise benefits when information is shared, and the workforce is prepared. The AIRE is a nuanced extension of that information sharing and preparation."

Reader can access the AIRE journal **here**.

★★★★★ WHAT THE STUDENTS ARE SAYING

CI112.16 COUNTERINTELLIGENCE AWARENESS AND SECURITY BRIEF:

"I feel like it was very well balanced and easy to comprehend the lessons."

"It's an excellent training tool and I learned a lot from it."

"This training was simple, interactive and straight to the point."

"Overall, good information for all DoD personnel."

CI117.16 PROTECTING ASSETS IN THE NISP:

"I thought the course was well organized and very helpful."

"Very convenient, well organized-it is a quality program."

CDSE NEWS

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