THIS MONTH'S FOCUS

YEAR IN REVIEW

A LOOK BACK AT CDSE IN 2021

DID YOU KNOW?

In Fiscal Year 2021, CDSE had over 4.7 million course completions!

For over ten years, the Center for Development of Security Excellence (CDSE) has been the premier provider of security training, education, and certification for the Department of Defense (DOD) and across the Federal Government. COVID-19 affected 2021 as much as the year prior, but CDSE remained solution-oriented, and continued to develop training to fit the work from home environment. This allowed security professionals to continue their career goals no matter where they were.

To aid in this, CDSE continued its partnership with Defense Acquisition University (DAU) in 2021. This partnership took inspiration from the Defense Security Enterprise (DSE) initiative to align security and acquisitions for improved protection of critical assets. To support the DSE, CDSE led the effort to develop acquisition skill standards for security professionals in collaboration with the DOD Security Training Council, Office of the Undersecretary of Defense for Intelligence and Security (OUSD(I&S)), and DAU. CDSE provided DAU with courses covering a variety of security topics including insider threat, operations security, counterintelligence awareness, information security, unauthorized disclosure, and sensitive compartmented information security. As Acquisition Security continues to mature, DAU and CDSE have taken the steps to ensure both workforces are trained by sharing resources and making training available. CDSE now hosts eight DAU-authored courses on **STEPP** that focus on lifecycle logistics, supply chain risk management, counterfeit prevention, and acquisition and contracting basics.

Another initiative of CDSE in 2021 was to convert additional instructor-led courses to virtual instructor-led training (VILT) using the collaborative learning environment. This allowed students to receive the attention and interaction of an in-person course from their own home or office. During the fiscal year, CDSE delivered 27 VILT course iterations, resulting in 885 completions across the board.

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A LOOK BACK AT CDSE IN 2021 (CONT'D)

AVAILABLE VILTS:

- **SAP Mid-Level Management Course**
- **Introduction to Special Access Programs (SAPs)**
- **Getting Started Seminar for New Facility Security Officers (FSOs)**
- **Fundamentals of National Security Adjudications**
- **DOD Security Specialist Course**
- **Advanced National Security Adjudications**

One of the continued advantages of CDSE course offerings, as previously mentioned, is that many can be used for college credits upon completion. This comes from a collaboration with the **American Council on Education** (ACE), an organization that mobilizes the higher education community to shape effective public policy and foster innovative, high-quality practice. In 2021, ACE evaluated six of CDSE's education courses and two of its training courses. All six education courses received graduate-level credit recommendations and the two training courses received baccalaureate recommendations. Currently, CDSE has 32 total courses with college credit recommendations.

In an effort to keep personnel informed on policy and other updates in the security community, CDSE planned two Defense Counterintelligence and Security Agency (DCSA) hosted virtual DOD Security Conferences: the DOD Security Conference for Industry (DSCI) and the DOD Security Conference (DSC) for civilian and military personnel. The two-day DCSI conference included topics curated by representatives from across DCSA. The three-day DSC event included two keynote speakers and 10 sessions. Government security personnel from all over the U.S and overseas were able to participate in the event without the COVID related risk and cost of travel.

To ensure that information about these products, services, and events were getting in the right hands, CDSE was able to continue outreach efforts with the security community. We launched five additional Public Service Announcements, leveraged our publications quarterly, monthly, weekly, and even developed industry-specific outreach.

New variants to the COVID-19 virus slowed down the return to normalcy for many Americans, but some things remained constant. CDSE has, and will continue to ensure that security professionals receive their training, education, and certification, even during uncertain times. With the help of our affiliates and collaborators, CDSE will bring more training to the virtual environment without sacrificing the quality that security professionals expect.

CONTROLLED UNCLASSIFIED INFORMATION

One of the biggest initiatives CDSE underwent this past year was tackling Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI) training, since we were identified in DODI 5200.48 as the mandatory CUI training provider for all DOD. CDSE worked closely with the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence and Security (USD(I&S)), and the DOD CUI Working Group to implement this time sensitive, high priority project. In October of FY21, the DOD CUI course went live for approximately four million DOD Government employees and on-site Government contractors. Since this was also the largest delivery of a training course, CDSE had to update the delivery platform to a cloud-based environment. This ensured access to more than 25,000 concurrent users in less than 2 months and was the first time this level of access was accomplished by a DOD training facility. These efforts resulted in DOD components having multiple platforms for their workforce to complete the CUI training requirement. There were over 1.7 million CUI course completions, a DOD training agency record. The CUI campaign was praised by USD(I&S) as an absolute success.

AWARD WINNING PRODUCTS AND SERVICES

CDSE has won countless awards over the years, and 2021 was no exception. These awards show the quality of the products we provide to the security community.

HORIZON AWARDS:

TYPE OF AWARD	CDSE PRODUCT
Bronze – Websites (Government)	Insider Threat Awareness Month Website
Silver – Mobile Apps	Insider Threat Sentry App
Gold – Video (Instructional)	Insider Threat Resilience Animation Video

🏆 Visit **our website** to learn more about and to the see the complete listing of awards.

OMNI AWARDS

TYPE OF AWARD	CDSE PRODUCT
Gold - Government	Unauthorized Disclosure (UD) of Classified Information and Controlled Unclassified Information
Silver – Government	National Insider Threat Awareness Month Website
Silver – Government	Insider Threat Sentry Mobile App
Silver – Government	Insider Threat Resilience Animation Video
Silver – Government	DOD Mandatory Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI) Training
Silver – Government	Physical Security Virtual Environment Assessment

NCSC AWARD

CDSE received the National Counterintelligence and Security Center (NCSC) Intelligence Community (IC) National Counterintelligence (CI) and Security Professional team and individual awards in the Education/Training category. These NCSC awards recognize achievement in both the counterintelligence and security disciplines throughout the U.S. Government. They evaluate nominees based on demonstrated innovation, creativity, and originality, integration and information sharing, and impact to the CI and security workforce. CDSE won the team award for providing expert training and awareness via hosting products that generated over 1,000,000 views while also releasing 44 new products to include the Insider Threat Sentry Application. CDSE also developed graduate-level instruction, supported Operation Warp Speed (now the Countermeasures Acceleration Group), and hosted the Insider Threat Virtual Conference.

The CI Curriculum Manager won the individual award for proving to be an invaluable asset to the national counterintelligence and security workforce throughout 2020. His support to National Supply Chain Integrity month provided a vital, virtual outlet for critical information during a global pandemic and delivered quality information and training on multiple counterintelligence topics, keeping the workforce prepared.

🎤 UPCOMING WEBINARS

CDSE has many live webinars coming up this year and we invite you all to participate:

Mental Health and Your Security Clearance Eligibility
Thursday, January 20
1:00 – 2:30 p.m. ET

Classification of Information Released to the Public
Wednesday, February 23
1:00 – 2:00 p.m. ET

SPēD Certification Program Overview
Friday, January 21
1:00 – 2:00 p.m. ET

Visit **CDSE Webinars** to sign up for all three events and join the discussion!

UPDATED CYBERSECURITY COURSES NOW AVAILABLE

Access CDSE's recently updated Cybersecurity **courses**: Applying Assessment & Authorization (A&A) in the National Industrial Security Program (NISP) (CS250.16) and Introduction to the NISP RMF A&A Process (CS150.16).

The updates reflect policy changes involving the National Institute of Standards and Technology document and changes to the DCSA Assessment and Authorization Process Manual.

2022 VIRTUAL DCSA SECURITY CONFERENCE FOR INDUSTRY

There's still time to register 2022 Virtual DCSA Security Conference for Industry on February 16, 2022! This year's conference theme is "Inform & Transform: Enhancing the Security Landscape." The agenda will include updates on and changes to the Threat, Industrial Security, and Personnel Vetting programs, policies, and topics. The conference is open to cleared industry under the NISP.

Find out more and register at the following link: **https://cdse.acms.com/dvsci2022/event/event_info.html**

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VIRTUAL DCSA SECURITY CONFERENCE FOR INDUSTRY

INFORM & TRANSFORM: ENHANCING THE SECURITY LANDSCAPE

★★★★★ WHAT THE SECURITY COMMUNITY IS SAYING

**Protecting Assets in the NISP (CI117.16)
– eLearning Course**

"This course was very well prepared, rich in details and practical examples, questions that addressed the proposed classes well, in short, congratulations, excellent course and the material was very well produced."

**Counterintelligence Awareness and Reporting Course for DOD Employees (CI116.16)
– eLearning Course**

"This was one of the best courses I've took actually since joining the government. Just about the right amount of time, questions on test were ones that really tested what the class wanted instilled (vs. most others which don't) and the answers were in the class material."

CDSE NEWS

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Insider Threat Bulletins	Flash	Quarterly Product Report