DEFENSE SECURITY SERVICE (DSS)

Partnership and Service for a Secure Future

OUR MISSION

On behalf of the Department of Defense and other U.S. Government Departments and Agencies, DSS supports national security and the warfighter through our security oversight and education missions. We oversee the protection of U.S. and foreign classified information and technologies in the hands of industry under the National Industrial Security Program (NISP) and serve as the DoD functional manager for education, training, and professional development of security professionals for the DoD, federal government, and industry.

OUR VISION

Be the focal point of interaction and premier provider of industrial security and education services for the U.S. Government and the companies in the National Industrial Security Program in support of national security.

OUR VALUES

- INTEGRITY
- COLLABORATION
- AGILITY
- DEPENDABILITY
- ACCOUNTABILITY
- RESPECT

WHO ARE WE?

The Defense Security Service is an agency of the Department of Defense (DoD). We have a unique set of capabilities to help mitigate and manage the risk to national security.

Our People:

- The DSS workforce consists of more than 900 dedicated men and women who support national security.
- Our Strategy: Build an innovative and collaborative culture, improve training to build leaders, and revamp internal processes.

Our Customers:

- We serve the military services, Defense agencies, industry, and other government agencies.
- Our Strategy: Strengthen partnerships to share information and build trust.

Our Partners:

- We work in partnership with industry and government to protect critical assets and keep pace with change.
- Our Strategy: Strengthen relationships to assist, advise, and support proficiency of security professionals.

GOAL 1

Identify and reduce vulnerabilities and threats to the defense industrial base to support secure operations of our Nation's critical assets.

GOAL 2

Furnish unrivalled development, delivery, and management of security knowledge to meet the Nation's security challenge.

GOAL 3

Ensure DSS information technologies are responsive to DSS employees, customers, and stakeholders and incorporate shared lessons in meeting Agency goals.

GOAL 4

Foster a caring, innovative, and collaborative organizational environment that attracts and retains diverse and highly motivated professionals.

GOAL 5

Make metrics-driven decisions to improve efficiency and performance; and allocate and manage resources effectively.

485

DSS identified 485 known or suspected intelligence collectors in FY2011

200,046

Security professionals completed 200,046 DSS training and education courses in FY2011

96

DSS emplaced 96 agreements to mitigate foreign ownership, control or influence in FY2011

13,300

DSS ensures secure operations for over 13,300 cleared facilities