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DNI Announces Sharing Strategy for Intelligence Community

The Office of the Director of National Intelligence is announcing the first-ever strategy to improve the ability of intelligence professionals to share information, ultimately strengthening national security. The document, titled the *U.S. Intelligence Community Information Sharing Strategy*, complements a related national strategy that President Bush released last year. The document responds to needs identified in the 9/11 and WMD Commission reports, as well as mandates in executive orders and the 2004 Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act. The intelligence community's strategy calls for the removal of institutional and technical barriers to information sharing in order to give the federal government an advantage in making critical decisions to help keep the nation safe. "Improving information sharing will bring about true all-source analysis and deliver timely, objective, and actionable intelligence to our senior decision-makers, war fighters, and defenders of the homeland," said Director of National Intelligence Mike McConnell, who recently signed the 20-page document. Dale W. Meyerrose, the community's information sharing executive who cosigned the strategy with the DNI, stressed the importance of managing the risks associated with improvements in information sharing. Members of the community must "carefully contemplate anticipated benefits and potential costs, ensuring mission success and protection of privacy, civil liberties, and sources and methods," he emphasized. Steps are already being taken to meet information-sharing goals. For example, the *U.S. Intelligence Community 500 Day Plan for Integration and Collaboration* details ongoing initiatives to achieve the strategy's aims. Future measures in this area will be coordinated with a number of related federal programs.

(http://www.dni.govpress_releases/20080404_release.pdf)

The strategy can be viewed at:

http://www.dni.gov/reports/IC_Information_Sharing_Strategy.pdf

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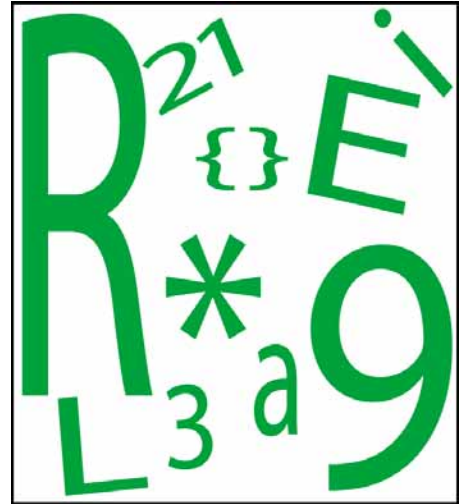
“Avoid passwords that contain the names of family members”

“Access to classified material will only be granted at the same level or lower than your clearance level”

Security Tip of the Day

When creating passwords avoid using things that have meaning to you. Avoid names of family member’s, birth dates, pets, your zip code, favorite sports team or any other item that can be linked to you. For maximum protection choose a password the has no affiliation to you, a minimum of eight characters, two upper case, two lower case, two numbers and two symbols. Make sure to change passwords every ninety days or when you suspect that a compromise has occurred. If a compromise has occurred immediately notify your FSO.

Example of a strong password:
9Ri&aK#7



Critical Asset Assessment

Before you can provide an accurate threat assessment it is critical that you know what assets you have and that need protection. These assets typically fall in one of the following categories.

People: employees, associates, visitors, contractors, and customers & other

Operations and Information: classified and unclassified material, production material, system capabilities, & other

Facilities: Head Quarters, remote sites, manufacturing, storage, & other

Equipment: communication, raw materials, IT infrastructure, transportation, & other

The Clearance Process

You might have asked yourself what all is involved in the clearance process. We at COLE will identify an employee with a need to have access to classified information. Once the need is identified the Facility Security Officer (FSO) will submit an investigation request thru

the Joint Personnel Adjudication System (JPAS) and instruct the employee to complete the clearance application thru the Electronic Questionnaires for Investigations Processing (e-QIP) system. Once the e-QIP submission is completed, the FSO reviews the submission

and forwards the package to the Defense Industrial Security Clearance Office (DISCO) for their approval and release to the Office of Personnel Management (OPM). At this point OPM will conduct the investigation and report the results to DISCO. Once DISCO

The Clearance Process Continued

has the results a determination will then be made to either grant or deny a clearance. Once a clearance has been granted you will be indoctrinated by the approved. Access to classified materials will not be granted until this point in the clearance process. It is also important to note that only classified materials at the level your clearance as or lower will be made available to you.



*“Be aware of
your
surroundings
at all times”*

Travel Advisory



When traveling abroad it is important to have the knowledge needed to do so safely. Any employee with COLE Technology Corporation that holds a security clearance is required to inform the FSO one week before overseas travel is conducted. The FSO will in turn provide information on the country to be visited and any travel and or security advisory's for the country. Any employee of COLE Technology Corporation is welcome to receive the same guidance if requested. There are several things you can do to make your trip a safer one.

- Inform family and friends of your travel plans and leave

- a copy of your itinerary and passport with them
- Check your overseas medical coverage
- Sign and fill in emergency contact information in your passport
- Familiarize yourself with local laws and customs
- Take precautions to avoid being a victim of a crime
- Be vigilant of your surroundings at all times
- Determine the location and phone number for the US Embassy

Sources

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coleassociates.com. Information for this newsletter was derived from the listed sources. Please feel free to visit the sites listed for additional information.

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- Infrastructure and Resources Planning and Management
- Intelligence Analysis
- Threat Awareness, Indications and Warning Security
- Continuity of Operations Programs and Emergency Relocation Sites

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- Intelligence Programs Management
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