



## Overview

The Defense Information System for Security (DISS) will be a secure authoritative source for the management, storage and timely dissemination of and access to personnel security information. DISS will accelerate the clearance process, reduce security clearance vulnerabilities, decrease back-end processing timelines and support simultaneous information sharing within various DoD entities as well as among a number of authorized federal agencies.

## Program Mission

The mission of the BTA-DISS Program is to reform Security and Suitability processes across the Department of Defense (DoD) and to improve timeliness, reciprocity, quality and cost efficiencies through design and implementation of secure, end-to-end IT capabilities. This system shall electronically collect, review and share relevant data government-wide as mandated by the Intelligence Report and Terrorism Prevention Act (IRPTA) and guided by relevant Executive Orders, Congress and GAO recommendations to deliver and maintain an appropriately vetted world-class workforce.

## Benefits

Once full utilization of the systems is reached, the DISS Program will support the personnel security community to meet the requirements of the IRTPA, which requires 90% of all clearances – whether Top Secret, Secret or Confidential – to be completed within 60 days. Achieving this goal will significantly enhance the operational readiness of the national security community and the Federal government.

The design of the transformed security clearance process will ensure timely, cost-transparent and quality investigations and adjudicative decisions. It will decrease the time required to get an individual through the investigation process. It will strengthen and reinforce reciprocity throughout the federal community by eliminating redundant or incomplete investigations, by standardizing adjudicative decisions, and by making available to all agencies adjudicative determinations of Federal government.

Key features of the design include:

- More relevant information is collected and validated at the beginning of the process using the application, automated record checks and interview.
- Automation is used to make the process faster, reducing manual activity and leveraging additional data sources.
- Risk decisions rely on modern analytic methods rather than practices that avoid risk.
- Relevant data is better used for subsequent hiring or clearing decisions, reducing duplication of requests and ensuring consistent quality and standards.
- Continuous evaluation techniques replace periodic reinvestigations, utilizing more frequent automated database checks to identify security relevant issues among already cleared personnel, permitting targeted resolution of cases as issues are developed.

DISS is a system of the Business Transformation Agency's Defense Business Systems Acquisition Executive (DBSAE) directorate. The DBSAE directorate is responsible for driving the successful implementation of DoD systems and initiatives in support of the Department's business transformation goals. Its mission is to develop, coordinate, and integrate projects, programs, systems and initiatives providing DoD Enterprise-wide business capabilities to the warfighter.

## Program Management Office:

Defense Information System for Security Program Management Office

## Stakeholders Served:

DISS will support the DoD investigative and adjudicative security processes worldwide. DISS will service five collateral side Central Adjudication Facilities and over 100,000 other users worldwide.

