

The Contracting Officer shall insert a clause the same as the following in all DOC solicitations and contracts for services. The following language may only be modified by adding more restrictive agency or bureau specific guidance. Contracting Officers must include CAR 1352.209-72, *Restrictions Against Disclosures*, in all solicitations and contracts which include CAR 1352.239-74.

**CAR 1352.239-74 SECURITY PROCESSING REQUIREMENTS FOR
CONTRACTORS/SUBCONTRACTOR PERSONNEL FOR ACCESSING DOC
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS**

(a) Contractor personnel requiring any access to systems operated by the Contractor for DOC or interconnected to a DOC network to perform contract services shall be screened at an appropriate level in accordance with Commerce Acquisition Manual 1337.70, *Security Processing Requirements for Service Contracts*. DOC shall provide screening using standard personnel screening forms, which the Contractor shall submit to the DOC Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR) based on the following guidance:

- 1) Contract personnel performing work designated Contract High Risk and personnel performing work designated Contract Moderate Risk in the information technology (IT) occupations and those with "global access" to an automated information system require a favorable pre-employment check before the start of work on the contract, regardless of the expected duration of the contract. After a favorable pre-employment check has been obtained, the Background Investigation (BI) for Contract High Risk and the Minimum Background Investigation (MBI) for Contract IT Moderate Risk positions must be initiated within three working days of the start of work.
- 2) Contract personnel performing work designated Contract Moderate Risk who are not performing IT-related contract work do not require a favorable pre-employment check prior to their employment; however, the Minimum Background Investigation (MBI) must be initiated within three working days of the subject's start of work on the contract, regardless of the expected duration of the contract.
- 3) Contract personnel performing work designated Contract Low Risk will require a National Agency Check and Inquiries (NACI) upon the subject's start of work on the contract if the expected duration of the contract exceeds 365 calendar days. The NACI must be initiated within three working days of the subject's start of work on the contract.
- 4) Contract personnel performing work designated Contract Low Risk will require a Special Agreement Check (SAC) upon the subject's start of work on the contract if the expected duration of the contract (including options) exceeds 180 calendar days but is less than 365 calendar days. The SAC must be initiated within three working days of the subject's start of work on the contract.
- 5) Contract personnel performing work on contracts requiring access to classified information must undergo investigative processing according to the Department of Defense

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National Industrial Security Program Operating Manual (NISPOM), (<http://www.dss.mil/isec/nispom.htm>) and be granted eligibility for access to classified information prior to beginning work on the contract.

The security forms may be obtained from the cognizant DOC security office servicing your bureau, operating unit, or Departmental office. At the option of the government, interim access to DOC IT systems may be granted pending favorable completion of a pre-employment check. Final access may be granted only on completion of an appropriate investigation based upon the risk level assigned to the contract by the Contracting Officer.

(b) Within 5 days after contract award, the Contractor shall certify in writing to the COTR that its employees, in performance of the contract, have completed annual IT security awareness training in DOC IT Security policies, procedures, computer ethics, and best practices, in accordance with *DOC IT Security Program Policy*, section 3.13 (<http://home.ossec.doc.gov/DOC-IT-Security-Program-Policy.htm>). The COTR will inform the Contractor of any other available DOC training resources.

(c) Within 5 days of contract award, the Contractor shall provide the COTR with signed Nondisclosure Agreements as specified in Commerce Acquisition Regulation (CAR), 1352.209-72, *Restrictions Against Disclosures*.

(d) The Contractor shall afford DOC, including the Office of Inspector General, access to the Contractor's and subcontractor's facilities, installations, operations, documentation, databases, and personnel used in performance of the contract. Access shall be provided to the extent required to carry out a program of IT inspection, investigation, and audit to safeguard against threats and hazards to the integrity, availability, and confidentiality of DOC data or to the function of computer systems operated on behalf of DOC, and to preserve evidence of computer crime.

(e) The Contractor shall incorporate this clause in all subcontracts that meet the conditions in paragraph (a) of this clause.

(End of clause)