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Federal Technical Data Solution (FedTeDS)

Providing Federal agencies a system to safeguard "sensitive but unclassified" acquisition information

In March 2002, the Bush Administration issued direction on safeguarding classified and "sensitive but unclassified" information that establishes new guidance on public access to government information.

"Departments and agencies [should] maintain and control sensitive information related to America's homeland security," wrote White House Chief of Staff Andrew H. Card, Jr., in a March 19 memorandum to the heads of executive branch agencies.

A memorandum prepared by the Information Security Oversight Office and the US Department of Justice Office of Information and Privacy spelled out the applicable standards for controlling classified and other sensitive information that could pose a possible threat to national security if made public.

What is FedTeDS (Federal Technical Data Solutions)?

FedTeDS is an online dissemination solution designed to safeguard sensitive but unclassified acquisition related information for use by all Federal agencies. FedTeDS is fully integrated within the Integrated Acquisition Environment (IAE) eGovernment initiative under the President's Management Agenda. The FedTeDS Program has a Federal Users Group that consists of members from across Federal agencies and departments, including Department of Defense (DoD), Department of Homeland Security (DHS), General Services Administration (GSA), Army Corps of Engineers, Department of Interior (DOI) and Department of Justice (DOJ).

What is considered sensitive data?

Certain data needs to be secure in order to comply with the new standards for safeguarding information. Currently, over 90 Federal agencies are disseminating sensitive acquisition materials during the solicitation phase of procurement via the Internet. This material includes information related to operations, weapon systems and plans, transit authority, structures, individuals and services essential to the security and management of a facility, including telecommunications, electrical power, building facility structural layout, gas and oil storage/transportation, water supply, emergency services, and the continuity of operations.

What are the benefits to using the FedTeDS System?

- Allows for real time vendor access to sensitive but unclassified acquisition related materials, saving government agencies' valuable time and dollars
- Provides online information to vendors, helping Federal agencies cost-effectively meet their responsibilities
- Supports the Paperless Contracting initiative
- Enables government agencies to adopt industry best practices
- Reduces mailing, reproduction, and CD-ROM costs for drawing and specifications
- Safeguards sensitive acquisition related information
- Directly supports War Fighter and Homeland Security efforts
- Establishes a physical firewall between the Federal government and its public customers while providing approved users with sensitive acquisition data
- Increases electronic business-to-government relations
- Ability to specify level of access, depending on the documents

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Is FedTeDS integrated with systems I already use?

As a unique web application within IAE, FedTeDS not only enables the distribution and dissemination of sensitive acquisition material, it also interfaces with FedBizOpps (www.fedbizopps.gov) and the Business Partner Network/Central Contractor Registration (www.ccr.gov). This integration and management of FedTeDS.gov represents a model to securely transmit and disseminate sensitive acquisition material related to solicitations found on www.fedbizopps.gov, the single government point-of-entry for Federal government procurement opportunities. FedTeDS also uses data from other sources, including the Defense Logistics Information Service's export controlled databases to authenticate users and validate their access to sensitive acquisition information.

How do I register for FedTeDS?

The process depends upon the access required. Federal Government users, either engineers or buyers, pre-register at www.fedteds.gov. Your local system administrator will grant access to the FedTeDS System. Commercial contractors who would like to provide goods and/or services to the Federal Government, should complete the FedTeDS vendor registration.

Prior to registering, a vendor must have the following information:

- ▶ Company's Central Contractor Registration (CCR) Marketing Partner Identification Number (MPIN)
- ▶ Company's CAGE Code or DUNS Number
- ▶ Email Address
- ▶ Telephone Number

The Company's CCR POC should be able to provide the company's MPIN. If the company does not have a CCR MPIN, the CCR POC can request one from the CCR website (www.ccr.gov). Allow 48 hours from the time of registration with CCR to request a MPIN to register with FedTeDS.

How does my agency begin using the FedTeDS System?

The federal agency Procurement Executive should contact Lee Kair, FedTeDS Federal Implementation Manager, at 202-358-1450, or via email at lee.kair@dhs.gov

Who are the FedTeDS partner agencies?

FedTeDS marks another milestone for IAE. FedTeDS.gov successfully launched February 19, 2003. The system is a collaborative effort jointly led by the DoD, the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) and IAE. A joint requirements board is comprised of a number of Federal agency partners, including Department of Homeland Security (DHS), General Services Administration (GSA), Department of Defense (DoD), Department of Interior (DOI), Department of Justice (DOJ).

What is IAE?

IAE is one of 24 eGovernment initiatives in the President's Management Agenda. The IAE vision is a secure business environment that facilitates and supports cost-effective acquisition of goods and services in support of mission performance. Sharing common acquisitions functions, processes, and their accompanying data will enable all agencies to make more informed procurement, logistical, payment and performance assessment decisions. Developing an integrated acquisition environment that supports the needs of all Federal agencies requires the diverse perspective attainable through broad agency support and through the integration of projects such as FedTeDS. For more information on IAE, visit <http://egov.gsa.gov>.

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