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SPeD Testing Events

SFPC testing
Wednesdays at CDSE,
Linthicum, MD
0900 and 1300

SAPPC testing
Wednesdays at CDSE,
Linthicum, MD
0900 and 1300

ACP testing Mondays and
Tuesdays at CDSE,
Linthicum, MD
0900 and 1300

For offsite testing events
or for the complete FY12
test schedule, visit
<http://go.usa.gov/m5S>.

Security Seminar in Orlando, Florida

The Center for Development of Security Excellence (CDSE) attended the 48th Annual NCMS seminar at Disney's Yacht & Beach Resort from June 11 to June 15. The theme of this year's conference was "Sailing to New Security Heights." Over 1,200 security professionals attended, representing industry and a limited number of Government agencies. CDSE was one of only three government vendors present and distributed CDSE-themed brochures and other DSS-related handouts, such as DSS Counterintelligence Directorate handouts and 2011 Targeting U.S. Technologies: A Trend Analysis of Reporting from Defense Industry.

Defense Security Service Director Stanley L. Sims provided the keynote speech on Wednesday. He also honored 26 facilities in the National Industrial Security Program with the James S. Cogswell Outstanding Industrial Security Achievement Award. He noted, "This number equates to one-tenth of one percent of 13,300 NISP cleared facilities — an elite group! The Cogswell Award is the most prestigious honor DSS



bestows on cleared facilities. The number of awards we present each year has typically averaged between 10 and 20, but this year there were 26. To help put the number in further perspective, we recognized just nine companies in 2010. Last year, I was pleased to see an increase to 17 and even more thrilled this year to see the number rise to 26. The extremely small percentage of facilities awarded each year shows how hard it is to achieve two consecutive superior assessments and how significant the award is to our industry partners. But the steady increase in the number of facilities we are recognizing also shows the importance industry places on the award as all 13,300 facilities strive to achieve it."

Get on Board for SFPC Certification

Over 1,300 Department of Defense security professionals have achieved a passing score on the Security Fundamentals Professional Certification (SFPC) Assessment. We're on our way to certifying 1,500 security professionals!





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Professional Development Units (PDU) Catalog Now Available on the Website

You've worked hard to earn that certification, don't lose it now. Security professionals conferred the SFPC or the Security Asset Protection Professional Certification (SAPPC) must accrue 100 PDUs within a 2-year cycle. At least 50 percent of the 100 PDUs must be fulfilled through approved professional development activities focusing on security topic areas. The remaining PDUs must be fulfilled through approved professional development activities focusing on core academic topic areas. A catalog of approved professional development activities is available at the following link: <http://www.dss.mil/seta/sped/pdu.html>.



Please note that the certification renewal clock for SFPC and SAPPC is on hold pending implementation by the SPeD PMO of technology systems for managing PDUs. This delay will be effective until October, 2012 at which time the renewal policy will be reviewed.

Updated SPeD Video Clips and Presentations

DSS is committed to supporting DoD and its Components' efforts in promoting the SPeD certification program. The video clips and Microsoft® PowerPoint® presentations (available on the website at http://www.dss.mil/seta/sped/sped_briefings.html) are provided to inform you and your organization about the SPeD certification program and its benefits. Determine how each of the elements may support your efforts.

You have permission to modify and, if needed, combine the PowerPoint presentations to reflect organizational branding and include Component-specific information. Each frame includes presenter notes guiding and supplementing the presentation. Please modify this information, if necessary, to fit your needs.

When delivering a briefing, please display the videos using Microsoft Windows® Media Player® and play them separately from the PowerPoint presentation. It is suggested to preface all SPeD presentations with the video featuring Mr. Stanley L. Sims. Include Ms. Denise Humphrey's video when presenting the Program Overview presentation. Play her clip after playing the Mr. Sims video and before the Program Overview PowerPoint presentation.

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DSS Assists the Department of the Navy

At the Department of the Navy's request, DSS SPeD Program Management Office (PMO) offered SFPC & SAPPC assessments during the Department of the Navy's Security Manager's Conference. The conference was held at the National Conference Center in Leesburg, VA, May 15-17, 2012. SFPC and SAPPC assessments were held four times daily. Approximately 80 security professionals participated from the DoD community. The Deputy Under Secretary of the Navy for Plans, Policy, and Oversight, Mr. Robert Martinage, presided over the Department of the Navy's SFPC Conferral Ceremony.



National Commission for Certifying Agencies Accreditation (NCCA) Update

The NCCA application for SFPC accreditation has passed the initial stage and will soon be fully reviewed. CDSE plans to submit the Adjudicator Certification Program for review next. The NCCA has accredited over 200 programs for more than 100 organizations. Accreditation is awarded based on the certification's processes and products rather than subject matter, and thus NCCA certification is applicable to a variety of professions.

Coming Soon!

Security Program Integration Professional Certification (SPIPC) Beta

The SFPC indicated your understanding of security concepts, principles, and practices.

The SAPPC confirmed your application of security concepts, principles, and practices.

And now . . . look for SPIPC Beta in the 4th Quarter of 2012. What is SPIPC? The SPIPC builds on the foundations of the SFPC and the SAPPC and indicates that you understand and apply risk management and security program management based on security concepts, principles, and practices.



SAPPC Candidate Handbook

The SAPPC Candidate Handbook is currently being reviewed. Look for it on the website in the 4th quarter of 2012.

Updated SFPC Candidate Handbook

We've updated the SFPC Candidate Handbook. The Handbook includes information about the areas of expertise in the SFPC, the appeals process, the maintenance and renewal requirements, and more.



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Did You Know...

SPSC Testing

Special Program Security Certification (SPSC) testing will be offered twice a year. Because the SPSC is based on training, it is imperative to review before taking the exam.



If you want to register for a test, select the gold "Register for SPeD" button which appears on the left side navigation of every Certification page. It is a direct link to the STEPP home page.



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SPeD Specialty Certification

For Special Program Security Certification (SPSC) questions, contact Pentagon_SPSC@navy.mil.

If your organization is not listed above, check the SPeD website at http://www.dss.mil/seta/sped/sped_contact.html or send an email to SPED@dss.mil and DSS will provide your organization's POC.

