Security Infrastructure Program

The primary mission of the Diplomatic Security Service's (DSS) Security Infrastructure (SI) Directorate is to enable the Department of State to meet its vital national security responsibilities by ensuring a vetted and trusted workforce.

This includes securing sensitive/classified communications capabilities, protecting the Nation's most sensitive intelligence information, overseeing the Department's industrial security program, as well as deterring, detecting, and mitigating insider threats.

SI's core responsibilities include:

- Department's Presidential appointee vetting
- Department's oversight on contractor access to Classified information, including SCI
- Department's Insider Threat program and educational campaigns
- Background investigation and granting of personnel security clearances
- Safeguarding sensitive and classified information from exploitation, compromise, or unauthorized disclosure
- Sensitive Compartmented Information Facilities Accreditation
- Secure Sensitive Compartmented Information (SCI) dissemination
- Workplace violence prevention
- Bureau Security Officer oversight
- Operations Security (OPSEC) oversight and contributions to Supply Chain Risk Management

DSS proactively ensures that Foreign Service, Civil Service, Personnel Service Contractors, Special Government Employees, Locally Employed Staff, and Third-Party Contractors are properly cleared, vetted, badged, trained in key security aspects, and underdatnd their responsibilities for protecting classsifed and sensitive information. These dedicated security professionals who are the backbone and driving force within the SI Directorate assist, reinforce, and complemnt all of the other components within DSS.

DSS continues to modernize legacy systems to enhance Personnel Security, Information Security, and the Insider Threat programs to best adhere to the Department's trusted and vetted workforce (both domestically and overseas).

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