

SUPPLY AND SERVICES CANADA

INDUSTRIAL AND CORPORATE SECURITY BRANCH

The mission of the Industrial and Corporate Security Branch of Supply and Services Canada includes ensuring that the Government of Canada's national and international industrial security commitments are met, and providing security support to Canadian industry in its marketing, liaison and technical requirements. The Branch provides a facility and personnel security clearance service to various directorates within Supply and Services Canada with respect to their specific sensitive or classified contractual arrangements with Canadian industry. Essential to this process is ensuring that the Government of Canada can repose full confidence in individuals in the private sector who are to have access to sensitive or classified information. Frequently, the company's ability to carry out the proper physical safeguarding of sensitive or classified information must be ensured.

Support to industry includes making visit arrangements, whether for precontractual (marketing) reasons or in relation to performance of a specific contract; arranging international (government-to-government) channels for the transmission of classified documents or materiel and arranging for special security assistance by other government agencies (e.g. RCMP, EDP Security inspections).

A system for certifying eligible contractors for access to unclassified military critical technical data has been developed between Canada and the United States. The Joint Certification Program enables certified contractors to attend restricted-access meetings where DoD-sponsored scientific and technical papers are presented, to bid DoD contracts which specify the release of technical data only to certified contractors and to obtain a freer access to DoD-controlled technologies which could stimulate both their military and commercial R&D efforts.

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