

Construction and construction engineering contracts are normally under the Buy American Act restrictions, therefore companies in this business are advised to contact EAITC before expending resources on these solicitations.

- Miscellaneous

Periodically, either as a result of an aggressive competitor bringing local political pressure to bear or through fear of an eroding defence industrial base, Congress may rule that certain products must be supplied by a US located source.

NOTE: Canadian entities are only considered as a US domestic source in the context of emergency planning and not in routine peace-time acquisition. Emergency planning is embodied in the North American Defence Industrial Base Organization.

4. INDUSTRIAL SECURITY REQUIREMENTS

4.1 General

Companies involved with the US defence market as prime contractors, or a subcontractors, must be aware of the industrial security requirements related to classified contracting. There are NO shortcuts to the security protocol, therefore, advance planning is required.

The Industrial and Corporate Security Branch (ICSB), Supply and Services Canada (SSC), is responsible for the administration of Industrial Security arrangements, as they apply to US DoD/CCC bidding and contracting activities. For further information on the program, write to the Director of ICSB at the following address:

The Director
Industrial Corporate Security Branch
Supply & Services Canada
Place du Portage, PH III, 10B3
Hull, Quebec K1A 0S5
Tel: (819) 956-3646
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4.2 Classified Contracting

Should your firm be considered for a CLASSIFIED project/contract, you are advised to contact ICSB as quickly as possible, in order that they might initiate action for a Facility Security Clearance (FSC) and Personnel Security Clearance (PSC), for those individuals of your firm who will be working on the project/contract. These clearance procedures can take several months to complete, depending on the size of your company, and the extent of your involvement in the project/contract. It is to your advantage, therefore, to initiate clearance action as soon as the requirement is known.

4.3 Classified/Unclassified Visit Clearance Requests (VCR)

A CLASSIFIED VCR is required for access to US sites in support of a CLASSIFIED project/contract. Proper VCR documentation must be submitted to SSC/ICSB, through designated security personnel in your company.

In some cases the US Department of Defense may require a VCR to visit a US military base or defence contractor, even though your product may be UNCLASSIFIED, or a commercial product.

The onus is on the firm to determine whether or not a visit clearance request is required. To do this, you will have to contact the Base Commander, or his staff, to determine the protocol specific to security at that base. (A lead-time of up to 45 days may be required). Companies that are registered with the US/Canada Joint Certification Office can use the certification process to facilitate procurement-related UNCLASSIFIED visits to US military bases or defence contractors.