Office of Small Business Programs
Department of Defense

CISA Issues a SHIELDS UP Advisory

Due to increasing geopolitical tensions, the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) issued a "Shields Up" advisory. http://www.cisa.gov/shields-up

The Defense Industrial Base (DIB) is one of 16 official United States critical infrastructure sectors. Like the other critical infrastructure sectors' leaders, we're reaching out to encourage you to do three things:

1. **Heed the advisory.** CISA's guidance provides tips on reducing the likelihood of a damaging cyber intrusion, detecting potential intrusions, prepping organizations to respond to intrusions, and maximizing resilience for organizations to a destructive cyber incident. Following CISA's guidance can harden infrastructures potentially targeted by adversaries and significantly mitigate the impact of operations targeting the DIB.

2. **Report Cyber Incidents.** DFARS 252.204-7012 specifies a contractor's requirement to rapidly report cyber incidents impacting Covered Defense Information (CDI) and/or the ability to perform operationally critical support within 72 hours of discovery to DCISE (https://dibnet.dod.mil).

3. **Get Assistance and Partner.** These three organizations can assist you:

   - DoD Cyber Crime Center's (DC3) DoD - Defense Industrial Base Collaboration Information Sharing Environment (DCISE)
     - https://www.dc3.mil
     - DC3.DCISE@us.af.mil
     - 24/7 Hotline – 1-877-838-2174
   - National Security Agency's Cybersecurity Collaboration Center (CCC)
     - https://www.nsa.gov/About/Cybersecurity-Collaboration-Center
   - National Defense Information Sharing and Analysis Center (ND-ISAC) – ND-ISAC is the official ISAC for the DIB Critical Infrastructure Sector recognized by DoD and DHS. The ND-ISAC is a private sector self-organized and self-governing entity. It is a trusted partner providing exceptional technical solutions and support to its members.
     - http://www.ndisac.org
     - Info@NDISAC.org

Free Cybersecurity Tools and Resources for Small Businesses

As part of the continuing mission to reduce cybersecurity risk across U.S. critical infrastructure partners and state, local, tribal, and territorial governments, CISA compiled a list of free cybersecurity tools and services to help organizations advance their security capabilities. See the list here: https://www.cisa.gov/free-cybersecurity-services-and-tools

PROJECT SPECTRUM

In addition to resources cited above, the Office of Small Business Programs recommends Project Spectrum as a comprehensive cybersecurity resource that provides state-of-the-art cybersecurity tools and training aimed at improving the overall cyber hygiene of the Defense Industrial Base (DIB). In recognition of the financial constraints that small businesses face relative to achieving their desired level of cybersecurity compliance, Project Spectrum offers the following tools and services at no cost:

- Cyber advisory services to help identify and address critical cyber security issues
- Comprehensive online webinars, training videos and more in-depth courses
- Cybersecurity Tool Reviews and analyses of product capabilities
- Cyber Readiness Checks to determine your organization's current level of security and compliance and the best ways to improve it

Learn more at www.projectspectrum.io

Thank you for your continued support and collaboration.