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CYBER SECURITY CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR ISSM / ISSO / IAM / IAO

For

U.S. Federal Government

Department of Defense / Intelligence Community Agencies

Cyber Security is perhaps one of the most important, and fastest growing, job fields in the country. President Barack Obama has declared it to be "one of the most serious economic and national security challenges we face as a nation." But how can the U.S. Government (USG) take a leadership role and attract the best and the brightest Cyber Security Professionals into the USG? By hiring individuals that are competent and knowledgeable of the Core Security Requirements for USG Information Systems Security Program Management (ISSPM).

Cyber Security Certifications are required by many U.S. Government (USG) Agencies. But, they are no guarantee of an individual's competence and knowledge of the Core Security Requirements needed for USG Cyber Security-Information Systems Security Program Management (CS-ISSPM). Security Certifications are more of a signaling mechanism, then of an individual's ability to successfully develop, implement and manage a Cyber Security-Information Systems Security Program for a USG Agency.

Cyber Security Certifications have become the price of admission for many Cyber Security-Information System Security Program Management Professionals (CS-ISSPM's) seeking positions at USG Agencies. Many Security Hiring Managers today say that a Cyber Security Certification does indicate that the applicant has at least some practical knowledge of Cyber Security-Information Systems Security disciplines. In today's Cyber Security Climate, having at least some practical knowledge is not sufficient.

U.S. Government Security Workforce Certification Requirements

- **For Federal Agencies:** (Non DOD/IC), TopSecretProtection.Com (TSP) is not aware of any Federal Government requirement or mandate that requires that any Security Officer be certified, as to an individual's knowledge of FISMA, NIST, OMB Cyber Security-Information Systems Security Policies, Standards and Guidelines. (Specific Agency Requirements May Apply)
- **For DOD and IC Agencies:** The DOD 8570.01-M* Information Assurance Workforce Improvement Program Manual requires that a DOD Information Assurance Manager (IAM) must be certified.

The Problem With Current Security Certifications

- The DOD 8570.01-M defines three job responsibility levels for a DOD IAM Manager; Level 1, 2 or 3. DOD IAM Managers at Levels 1, 2 or 3 are required to have one of the following Security Certifications: Sans GISF, Sans GSLC, CompTIA Security +, ISC2 CISSP, ISACA CISM.
- These Security Certifications will not certify that an IAM will have a basic understanding of FISMA, NIST Information Security Standards and Guidelines, DNI ICD's, CNSS Instructions and OMB Policies. These Security Certifications do have added value to your career in CS-ISSPM and should be pursued as Advanced Security Certifications.

TSP has developed a solution to assist USG Agencies in training individuals to be competent and knowledgeable of the Core Security Requirements for USG Cyber Security-Information Systems Security Program Management (CS-ISSPM).

CS-ISSPM Training Course / Certification Program

To train and certify Security Officers in CS-ISSPM for USG Agencies requires a comprehensive and specialized CS-ISSPM Training Course and Certification Program. This unique CS-ISSPM Training Course and Certification Program was developed by TSP, and is currently being used by USG Agencies:

- TSP has developed a very successful CS-ISSPM Training Course / Certification for ISSM's, ISSO's, IAM's, IAO's, and for anyone involved in any of the security disciplines of CS-ISSPM at USG Agencies, including DOD and IC Agencies. The CS-ISSPM Training Course can be taught as a 5 Day Classroom Based Training Course or as a Web Based Training Course. **Costs: Classroom:** \$1295.00 **Web Based:** \$ 795.00
- The CS-Information Systems Security Program Management Professional (ISSPMP) Certification was designed exclusively to validate and certify an individual's knowledge of FISMA, NIST Cyber Security-Information Security Standards and Guidelines, DNI ICD's, CNSS Instructions DOD and OMB Policies.
- This course will ensure that Cyber Security Professionals are trained in the new Director of National Intelligence (DNI) Intelligence Community Directive (ICD) 503. The DNI ICD 503 replaces the DCID 6/3 Policy, DCID 6/3 Manual and DCID 6/3 Certification and Accreditation Process.
- The CS-ISSPM Training Course website won the Awareness Website Award, by the 2010 Federal Information Systems Security Educators' Association (FISSEA). TSP has also received many positive comments from Senior Level Cyber Security Program Managers, working for U.S. Federal Government Agencies, including DOD and IC Agencies. In 2009 the National Security Agency (NSA) located in Fort Meade, Maryland, awarded TSP a contract to train 100 NSA Cyber Security Professionals.
- TSP is fast becoming the leading provider of CS-ISSPM Training and Certification for the USG Agencies. There is a difference between the TSP CS-ISSPM Training Course / Certification, and the competition. **The difference is there is no competition that TSP is aware of.** TSP is currently the only company that has developed a Web Based CS-ISSPM Training Course and Security Reference Website Portal. The Security Reference Website Portal provides a 365 Day-A-Year, 24 x 7, Continuous Cyber Security Education and Training Program, that is relevant, current and easily accessible through a web browser or tablet, for all of our CS-ISSPMP's to use. Unlike other Security Certifications, TSP provides the Continuous Education Program, **at no additional charge.**

Please contact TSP if you have any further questions about the CS-ISSPM Training Course / Certification, or if you would like to enroll.

Sincerely,

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Information Systems Security At Most USG Agencies Is The Responsibility Of One Of The Following:

Designated Approving Authority (DAA), Chief Information Officer (CIO), Chief Information Security Officer (CISO), Senior Agency Information Security Officer (SAISO), etc. Working for these Senior Level Security Officers are; Information Systems Security Managers/Officers (ISSM's / ISSO's) and Information Assurance Managers/Officers (IAM's / IAO's). Regardless of these Security Job Titles, these Security Officers have the responsibility for the development, implementation and management of FISMA compliant Information Systems Security Program.

*** DoD 8570.01-M -- Information Assurance Workforce Improvement Program Manual**

www.dtic.mil/whs/directives/corres/pdf/857001m.pdf