

# Safeguarding Covered Defense Information and Cyber Incident Reporting

The **Department of Defense (DoD)**, through introduction of **DFARS 252.204-7012** has developed a new requirement for their industrial supply chain companies to develop and implement management systems to safeguard covered defense information and cyber incident reporting. To address this new requirement, GENEDGE was granted funding from the DoD and the Virginia Department of Veteran's Affairs to help Virginia companies improve their cyber security for **Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI)**.

## What is Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI)?

"Covered Defense Information" means unclassified controlled technical information or other information, as described in the Controlled Unclassified Information Registry at <http://www.archives.gov/cui/registry/category-list.html>, that requires safeguarding or dissemination controls pursuant to and consistent with law, regulations, and Government wide policies, and is:

1) Marked or otherwise identified in the contract, task order, or delivery order and provided to the contractor by or on behalf of DoD in support of the performance of the contract; 2) Collected, developed, received, transmitted, used, or stored by or on behalf of the contractor in support of the performance of the contract.

## The DEFENDCUI-VA Program will:

- Engage first tier sub-contractors to create awareness and develop potential targets for program services. In the initial year of the program, GENEDGE would expect to engage these companies in awareness, assessment and mitigation activities. In subsequent years, this engagement should provide further identification of lower tier suppliers to expand the program to further improve the compliance in the DoD supply chain.
- Based on the research and identification, GENEDGE will create a pool of up to 50 target DoD supply chain companies with needs to comply with the new DFARS standard. GENEDGE will provide awareness of the new requirements to these DoD industrial supply chain companies through introductory seminars. These seminars will educate the companies on the GENEDGE method to develop management systems to comply with the new DFARS Standard through a self-certification process, similar to the ISO certification methodology.
- Companies will apply for GENEDGE assistance in completing the activities necessary to ensure they are not in breach of contract on their current portfolio and qualify them to bid on new business opportunities. GENEDGE will provide these Phase I services for up to 20 companies to determine the current level of compliance and develop adequate plans to respond to the gaps identified.
- GENEDGE will provide Phase 2 implementation assistance for up to 16 of the companies utilizing pre-qualified GENEDGE third party resources to address identified gaps and move toward self-certified compliance with the DFARS standard.

## Interested in more information about our Virginia's Defend CUI Program?

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