

Controlled Unclassified Information

The Program and Implementation

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Information Security Oversight Office (ISOO)

Agenda

- Executive Agent
- CUI Program = Information Security Reform
- Why protect CUI?
- Controlled Unclassified Information = CUI Registry
- Federal Acquisition Regulation (update)
- Implementation
- Available resources



Executive Agent for the CUI Program

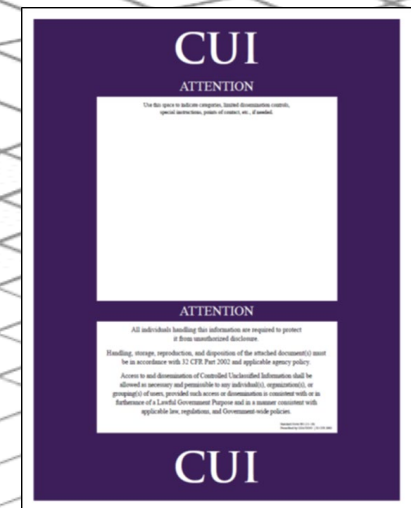
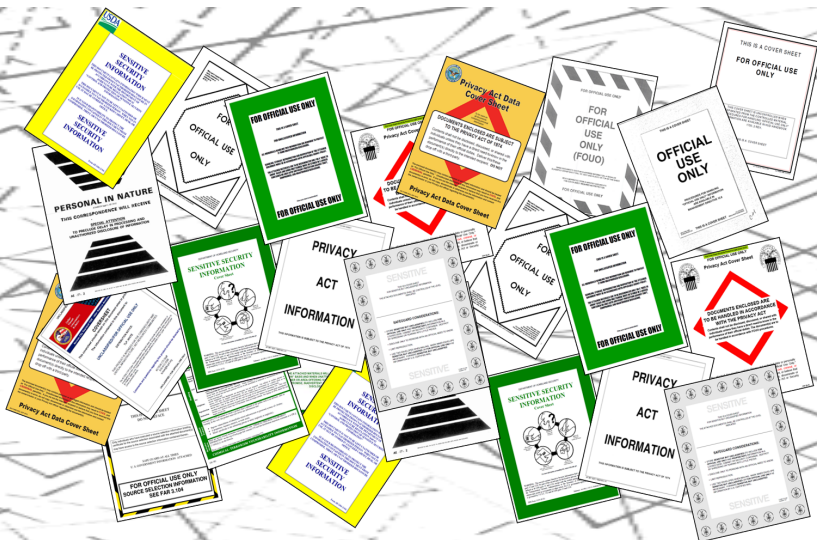
Information Security Oversight Office:

- Develops and issues policy and guidance
- Chairs the CUI Advisory Council
- Reviews, evaluates, and oversees agency actions to implement the program
 - Reviews and approves agency implementing policy
- Maintains the CUI Registry
 - Approves categories and limited dissemination controls
- Reports to the President



Information Security Reform

- Clarifies what to protect
- Defines safeguarding
- Reinforces existing LRGWP
- Promotes authorized information sharing



Laws, Regulations, and Government-wide Policies

- **Laws, Regulations, and Government-wide policies (LRGWP)** identified what to protect but failed to say how.
 - **Inefficient patchwork system** with more than 100 different policies across the executive branch
 - **Inconsistent** marking and safeguarding
 - **Unnecessarily restrictive** dissemination policies
 - **Impediments** to authorized information sharing

Why protect CUI?

- The loss or improper safeguarding of CUI could be expected to have a **serious adverse effect** on organizational operations, organizational assets, or individuals.
 - degradation in mission capability;
 - damage to organizational assets;
 - financial loss; or
 - harm to individuals

What is Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI)?

- **CUI is information that requires protection.** Laws, Regulations, or Government wide policies call for this information to be protected.
 - The **CUI Registry** provides information on the specific categories of information that the Executive branch protects. The CUI Registry can be found at:

<https://www.archives.gov/cui>

CUI includes, but is not limited to:

- Privacy (including Health)
- Tax
- Law Enforcement
- Critical Infrastructure
- Export Control
- Financial
- Intelligence
- Privilege
- Unclassified Nuclear
- Procurement and Acquisition

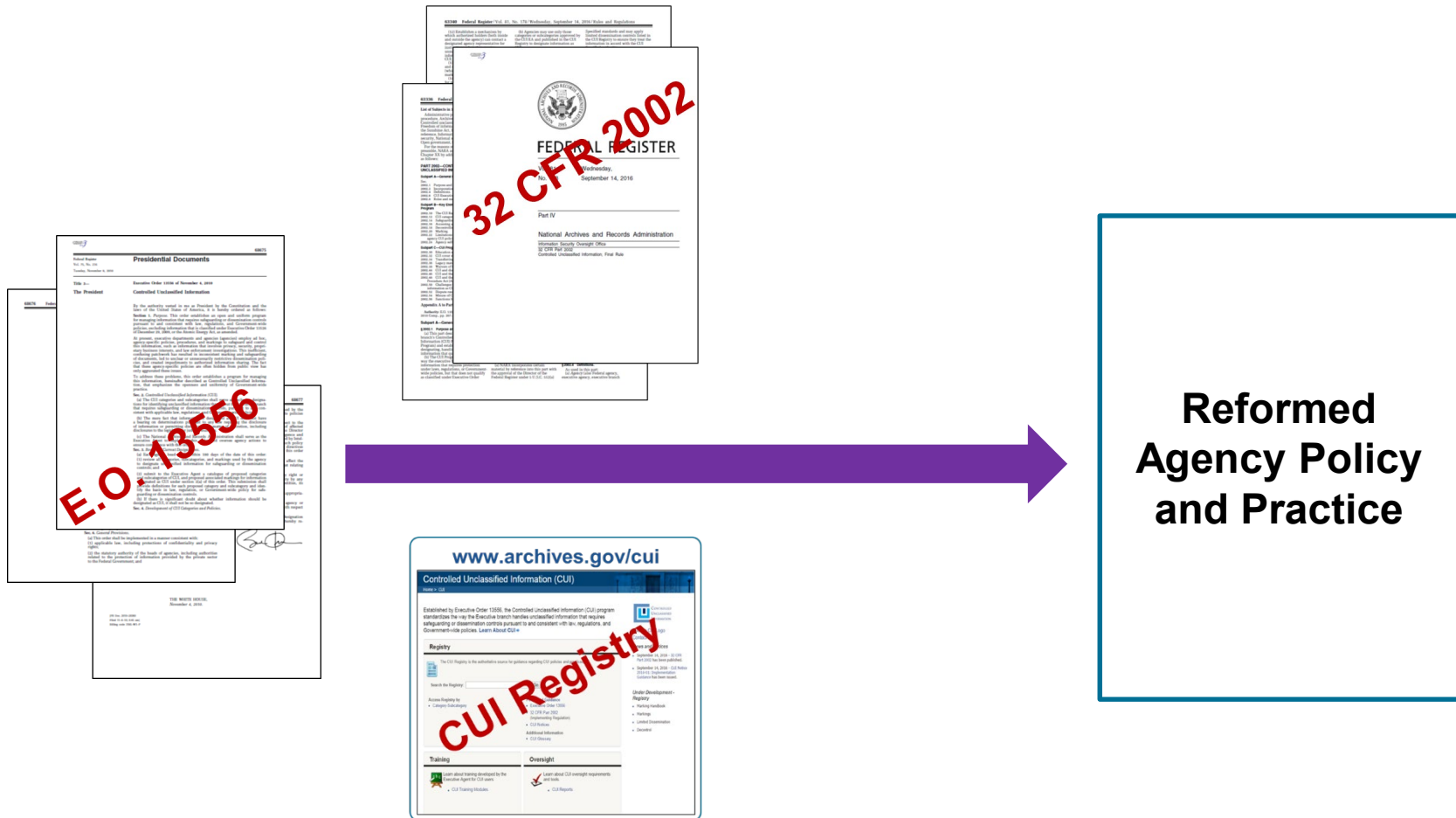


Federal Acquisition Regulation (FY20)

“This FAR rule is necessary to ensure uniform implementation of the requirements of the CUI program in **contracts across the government**, thereby avoiding potentially inconsistent agency-level action.” –Unified Agenda



Implementation through Agency Policy



Implementation Activities

- Implementation requires modification or the development of:
 - Policy (*Parent Agency and Components*)
 - Training (*Awareness, initial, recurring, specialized*)
 - Physical Safeguarding (*Verification of existing safeguards*)
 - Information Systems (*Assess and modify*)
 - Incident Management (*Reporting, mitigation, prevention*)
 - Contracts & Agreements (*Assess and modify*)
 - Self-Inspection Program

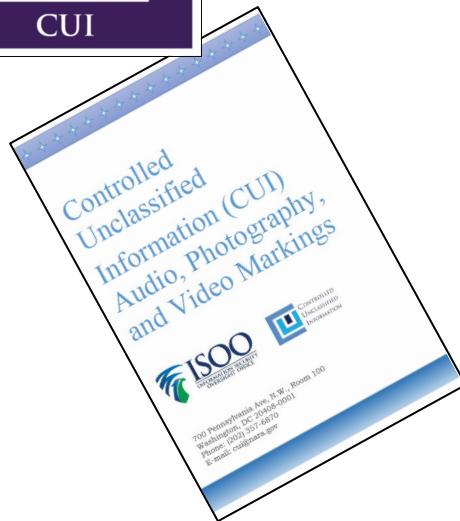
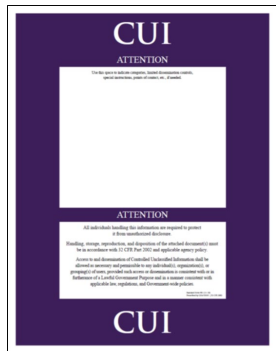
Implementation Status

- Implementation activities (November 2016)
 - Program officials, resources, policy, training, information systems, contracts, oversight
- **CUI practices and Legacy practices will exist at the same time. Legacy practices will eventually be phased out.**
- Full implementation is expected by end of 2021.
 - Based on agency projections

What is taking so long?

- Funding
- Changes in Agency Leadership
- Scope of the program
 - All agency personnel
 - All agency policy and training
 - All information systems that store or process CUI
 - All Contracts and Agreements
 - Self Inspection
 - Assessment of working environments (telework, cubicles, etc)

Available Resources



Training Videos

CUI Overview Video (11 Minutes)

What to report

CUI incidents include but are not limited to:

- Improper storage of CUI
- Actual or suspected mishandling of CUI
- When unauthorized individuals gain access to CUI (physical or electronic)
- Unauthorized release of CUI (to public facing websites or to unauthorized individuals)
- Suspicious behavior from the workforce (Insider Threats)
 - General disregard for security procedures
 - Seeking access to information outside the scope of current responsibilities
 - Attempting to enter or access to sensitive areas (where CUI is stored, discussed, or processed)

Follow your agency policy and procedures regarding how to report incidents.



What is CUI?

Information that requires protection.



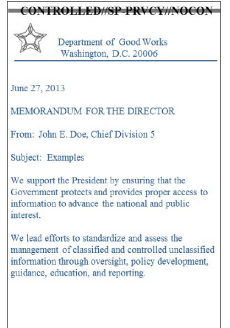
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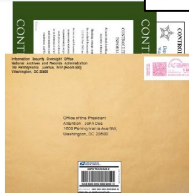


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How to Send CUI in Packages and Mail

CUI may be shipped through:

- Interagency mail systems
- United States Postal Service
- Commercial Delivery Services
- Automated Tracking is a best practice



DO NOT

Place Markings on
Packages or Envelops!



CUI Basic and CUI Specified

CUI Specified
(Requires unique
markings)

Laws, Regulations, or Government-wide policies require specific protections. For example:

- Unique markings
- Enhanced physical safeguards
- Limits on who can access the information

CUI Basic

Laws, Regulations, or Government-wide policies DO NOT require specific protections.



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Options for approved destruction equipment and methods

- Never use trash cans or recycling bins to dispose of CUI



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