This Air Force Instruction (AFI) implements DoD Instruction (DoDI) 5205.11, Management, Administration, and Oversight of DoD Special Access Programs (SAPs), and AF Policy Directive (AFPD) 16-7, Special Access Programs. It establishes responsibilities for the management, administration and oversight of SAPs for which the Air Force has cognizant authority (CA), hereafter referred to as SAPs. This instruction applies to all military, government civilian personnel, contractors and consultants when contract performance depends on access to these SAPs, non-DoD U.S. Government Agencies whose personnel, by mutual agreement, require access to SAPs. The terms of any Air Force contract or agreement where SAP access is foreseeable should require the non-DoD party’s compliance with this guidance. Refer recommended changes and questions about this publication to the Office of Primary Responsibility (OPR) using the AF Form 847, Recommendation for Change of Publication; route AF Forms 847 from the field through the appropriate functional chain of command. This AFI may be supplemented at any level, but all supplements must be routed to the Secretary of the Air Force, Security, Counterintelligence, and Special Program Oversight (SAF/AAZ) for coordination, prior to certification and approval. Ensure that all records created as a result of processes prescribed in this publication are maintained in accordance with AFMAN 33-363, Management of Records, and disposed of in accordance with the Air Force Records Disposition Schedule (RDS) located at https://www.my.af.mil/afrims/afrims/afrims/rims.cfm. This guidance does not supersede any superior authority or supplant specific authorities provided for by Air Force policy directives or instructions, to the extent they are inconsistent with this instruction. The disclosure provisions in this instruction are consistent with and do not
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**SUMMARY OF CHANGES**

This document has been substantially revised and must be completely reviewed. It incorporates the appeal board requirements for special access programs previously documented in AFI 16-702.

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1. **Guidance.**

1.1. All SAPs shall be assigned an unclassified nickname to facilitate program protection and administration and Congressional reporting requirements. The Director, AF Special Access Program Central Office (SAPCO), shall determine whether a classified code word shall also be used. Unclassified nicknames shall be used in the SAP annual report to Congress. SAP security classification guides (SCGs) shall be consulted for guidance on handling nicknames and code words as they may be handled via SAP channels only.

1.2. The Defense Security Service (DSS) has National Industrial Security Program (NISP) security oversight responsibility for all SAPs unless specifically requested by the Secretary of the Air Force (SECAF) to be carved-out by the Secretary of Defense (SecDef) or Deputy Secretary of Defense (DepSecDef). When the carve-out is approved, the Air Force assumes the NISP security oversight responsibility and is executed by Air Force Office of Special Investigation (AFOSI) PJ with SAF/AAZ oversight. Regardless of the carve-out status of the SAP, DSS is responsible for issuing facility security clearances (FCL) for all defense contractors performing work for all SAP contracts. With both DSS and government contracting activities (GCAs) involved with industrial security responsibilities, total oversight of a cleared defense contractor is contingent upon DSS’s ability to confirm carve-out contract arrangements or areas. DSS must be able to refer security issues or notify GCAs exercising SAP security oversight on issues affecting the overall security posture of a defense contractor.

1.3. An SCG outlining the critical program information (CPI) shall be developed for each SAP, compartment, sub-compartment and project. SCGs shall be approved by a SAP original classification authority (OCA) as appointed by the SECAF. All SAP SCGs must be endorsed by the Security Director, AFOSI PJ. SCGs shall be reviewed, updated, and reissued as circumstances require, but at least once every five years. OCAs shall issue declassification instructions to facilitate effective review and declassification of information classified under predecessor executive orders. These instructions may be in the form of separate guides, sections of classification guides, memoranda, etc. Copies of all SCGs and classification guidance shall be provided to the Director, AF SAPCO, who shall maintain a copy and make available to the Director, DoD SAPCO. Copies of SCGs may be obtained through a program security officer (PSO).

1.4. Prior to gaining access and during the period of access to SAPs, all personnel shall consent to, and be subject to, a random counterintelligence (CI)-scope polygraph examination. All personnel must sign a SAP indoctrination agreement documenting this consent. Polygraph examinations are considered current when administered within the past five years. CI-scope polygraph examinations shall not be used as the only basis for granting access to SAPs. Polygraph examinations are authorized for use as a part of a risk mitigation strategy to resolve security or CI issues regarding SAP accessed individuals. Polygraph examination results will be maintained IAW DoDI 5210.91. Air Force policy and processes preclude AF personnel from undergoing life style polygraph examinations. Any requests by other government agencies to administer a life style polygraph examinations shall be forwarded to the Director, AF SAPCO, for resolution.
1.5. The Air Force Access Database System (AFADS), or any successor, shall be the Air Force’s single, authoritative SAP system containing individual SAP access information for all personnel accessed to SAPs. When warranted, the Director, AF SAPCO, may exempt select SAPs from inclusion in AFADS. When exempted from AFADS, the SAP shall be maintained in the Distributed Common Access Database System (DCADS). Office of Secretary of Defense (OSD) personnel shall be entered into DCADS as the primary authoritative access record and may also be entered into AFADS when necessary for visit certifications to an AF unit and AF IS adjudication.

1.6. The Configuration and Security Tracking System (CASTS), or its successor, shall be the Air Force’s single, authoritative, SAP system used to identify all SAP facilities (SAPFs) and those that are joint with other DoD SAPFs or sensitive compartmented information (SCI) facilities (SCIFs). The AF SAPCO shall approve all exceptions.

1.7. All SAPs shall include current arms control and treaty compliance requirements, obligations, and constraints as an integral part of the policy, planning, operations and acquisition process. SAPs resident on a military installation shall be included in the installation treaty support plan. For unacknowledged SAPs, or any SAP designated by the PSO, a separate SAP annex to the installation treaty support plan may be required by the PSO. All associated government and contractor facilities that have SAP activities shall have site-specific treaty inspection plans that include detailed managed access provisions. SAP activity treaty inspection readiness plans must be approved by the PSO and are subject to annual review and certification.

1.8. All requests for Congressional Members or staffs to gain access to SAP information must be forwarded to the Special Programs Oversight Committee (SPOC) Executive Secretary. All personnel engaging Congress, to include visits with members and staff, to discuss SAPs shall obtain the approval of the DoD SAPCO through the SPOC Executive Secretary prior to briefing or providing SAP information. The SPOC Executive Secretary shall inform the Director, AF SAPCO, when noncompliance or issues arise related to Congressional interaction. The Director, AF SAPCO, shall review all reported noncompliance.

1.9. Access to a SAP shall be strictly limited to the minimum number of personnel necessary for execution of the program. Granting access to a SAP shall be based solely upon a determination that the individual has a valid need-to-know (NTK), has the requisite security clearance, meets approved personnel prerequisites, and shall clearly and materially contribute to the execution or oversight of the SAP. Access is never authorized for convenience alone nor mandated singularly by position or rank. Accordingly, executive officers and military assistants shall not be routinely accessed to SAPs. Individuals assigned to these positions must have a valid NTK and demonstrate how they shall materially contribute to the SAP before access shall be granted. In addition, the DepSecDef’s statutory authority to approve all waived program access for Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) personnel and for all government employees external to the Department of Defense shall not be delegated. Access to SAPs, categorized as waived, require additional scrutiny by the Access Approval Authority (AAA) (e.g., mandatory billet plans).

1.10. All DoD government and contractor personnel accessed to SAPs are required to bring all available information regarding any scheduled or proposed legal proceeding that involves
the potential disclosure, use or discussion of SAP material, to the attention of the PSO. The PSO shall report to the Security Director, AFOSI PJ, within 48 hours of learning thereof. The Security Director, AFOSI PJ, shall report to the Director, AF SAPCO, as soon as possible.

1.11. The Air Force shall protect SAPs at all times consistent with their classification and sensitivity.

1.12. The Air Force shall ensure appropriate review and compliance with Intelligence Oversight requirements for all SAPs.

1.13. The Air Force shall ensure compliance with the Management Internal Control Program. All critical program information will be protected in accordance with the program SCG.

1.14. All government and contractor organizations that create, handle, or store SAP information must appoint an official to serve as SAP security officer [e.g., government SAP security officer (GSSO), contractor program security officer (CPSO), information system security manager (ISSM), information system security officer (ISSO)] for the activity, to properly manage and oversee the activity’s SAP security activities.

1.15. SAP-accessed personnel will coordinate with their SAP security officer, who will contact the PSO, for all recommendations for technologies or capabilities that may require SAP protections.

1.16. Privileged users shall be accessed to all SAPs on the ISs in which they have privileged access.

1.17. Required SAP management, administration, and oversight procedures are provided in Section 4.

2. Roles and Responsibilities.

2.1. The Director, Security and Special Program Oversight (SAF/AAZ), shall:

2.1.1. Serve as the principal advisor to SAF/AA for SAPs.

2.1.2. Serve as the Director, AF SAPCO, and develop SAP policies and procedures for management, administration and oversight of SAPs. In addition, the AF SAPCO is responsible for directing, administering, and overseeing the SAP security program.

2.1.2.1. Ensure adequate resources for a robust SAP security program are identified.

2.1.2.2. Provide oversight for a SAP security education, training and awareness (SETA) program.

2.1.2.3. Serve as the SAP functional security manager for SAP security policy, define SAP security inspection criteria and evaluate government and contractor SAP security compliance inspection trends for potential changes in policy, training, SAP security inspection criteria, etc.

2.1.2.4. Establish a declassification program and ensure that necessary resources are applied to the review of information to ensure it is neither classified for longer than necessary nor declassified prematurely in accordance with the file series exemption.
2.1.2.5. Define security policy and guidance on the use of SCI in association with the execution of SAPs, in coordination with AF/A2.

2.1.2.6. Serve as the Designated Accreditation Authority (DAA) for all SAP ISs. DAA for ISs may be delegated, in writing, and shall be revalidated annually. This DAA delegation may not be further delegated unless approved by the Director, AF SAPCO.

2.1.2.7. Serve as the AAA for all SAPs and approve waivers for SAP access. When the Director delegates AAA, it shall be in writing and annually revalidated. All AAA delegations shall be coordinated with respective OCAs. This AAA delegation may not be further delegated unless approved by the Director.

2.1.2.8. Evaluate the annual (due by January 31) security and investigation trend analysis report on industry from the Security Director, AFOSI PJ, and identify potential changes to SAP security policy.

2.1.2.9. Act as the focal point between the Air Force and the DSS to ensure SAP security education and training curriculum requirements are integrated into the DSS training portfolio for security professional certification. The Director shall support the DoD Security Professional Education Development (SPeD) program and ensure Office of Personnel Management certifications are integrated into the SAP security training program.

2.1.2.10. Within SAP security constraints, ensure the performance contract or other system used to rate the performance of civilian and military personnel includes the designation and management of SAP information as a critical element or item to be evaluated in the rating of (1) SAP original classification authorities, (2) SAP security officers, (3) personnel who derivatively classify SAP information on a routine basis, (4) SAP information systems security personnel if their duties involve access to SAP information and information system personnel with privileged access to SAP systems or network resources, and (5) all other personnel whose duties include significant involvement with the creation or handling of SAP information.

2.1.2.11. Establish procedures for receipt of information, allegations, or complaints regarding over classification or incorrect classification, as needed, and provide guidance to personnel on proper classification for SAPs.

2.1.2.12. Submit to the Director of Security, Office of Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence (OUSD(I)), an annual report listing, by position title, those officials within the Air Force who hold SAP original classification and declassification authority.

2.1.2.13. Appoint the Chair to the SAP Personnel Security Appeal Board (PSAB).

2.1.2.14. Provide oversight of the NISP for SAPs. Support PSOs, in cooperation with the Head GCA, in evaluating contractors against security criteria when a carve-out contract exists.

2.1.2.15. Validate annually green door positions supporting SAPs in coordination with A1M.
2.1.3. Be responsible to support the DoD SAPCO and shall:

2.1.3.1. Immediately inform the DoD SAPCO of any significant issue of a security nature and of SAP personnel access suspensions, revocations and reinstatements.

2.1.3.2. Submit all Prospective SAP (PSAP) requests to the Director, DoD SAPCO for SecDef approval.

2.1.3.3. Provide to the Director, DoD SAPCO, all requests to take the following actions:

2.1.3.3.1. Disestablish SAPs.

2.1.3.3.2. Changes to SAP scope, types, categories, and security classifications.

2.1.3.3.3. Changes to oversight authority (OA) or CA.

2.1.3.3.4. Transition from special access enhanced security controls.

2.1.3.3.5. Apportionment and de-apportionment of SAPs into and out of the Integrated Joint Special Technical Operations (IJSTO).

2.1.3.3.6. Use of AF resources to support non-AF SAPs, when approved by SECAF.

2.1.3.3.7. Include foreign participation or share information about SAPs with foreign entities.

2.1.3.3.8. Relieve (carve out) the DSS of their security oversight role.

2.1.3.4. Review all memorandums of agreement (MOA) and memorandums of understanding (MOU) that have any international involvement with SAPs. The Director shall review and make recommendations about the international security portions of SAPs and related program information and capabilities to the DoD SAPCO for SecDef approval.

2.1.3.5. Provide the SECAF the Air Force submission to the SAP annual report for final signature and submit to the DoD SAPCO for submission to Congress.

2.1.3.6. Approve the establishment or disestablishment of all compartments, subcompartments and projects and register nicknames and code words with the Code Word, Nickname, and Exercise Term (NICKA) database. Ensure program identifiers, (PIDs), nicknames, and code words are de-conflicted with DCADS or its successor and forward to the Director, DoD SAPCO.

2.1.3.7. Coordinate on all SAP disestablishment plans.

2.1.3.8. Provide information, as defined by the Director, DoD SAPCO, to meet reporting requirements for carve-outs and treaty compliance.

2.1.3.9. Submit a consolidated report annually through the Director, DoD SAPCO, to the Information Security Oversight Office, National Archives and Records Administration that captures actions taken in support of the SAP file series exemption and records declassification.

2.1.3.10. In coordination with SAF/GCI, review all proposed test packages that require OSD approval.
2.1.3.11. Serve as the central AF focal point with Joint Staff for coordination of Joint Capabilities Integration Development System (JCIDS) activities. The Director shall also approve SAP accesses for Air Force and non-Air Force representatives to the (JCIDS) process for those SAPs that the Air Force has CA.

2.1.3.12. Coordinate with DoD SAPCO to determine which DoD SAP accesses are required for the Air Force representatives to the SAP Oversight Committee (SAPOC), 3-Star Programmer’s Review, and SAP Deputy’s Management Action Group (DMAG).

2.1.3.13. Ensure AF representatives to the SAPOC are prepared on SAP issues.

2.1.3.14. Support SAF/AQL to resolve issues of security, foreign technology transfer and export issues related to SAPs.

2.1.3.15. Review all reported noncompliance of the Air Force Congressional interaction policy for potential revocation of SAP access.

2.1.3.16. Notify SAF/AA of any SAP that requires involvement of cover, cover support, or cover tradecraft.

2.1.4. In addition, the AF SAPCO is also responsible to:

2.1.4.1. Chair the SAP Oversight Review Board (SORB).

2.1.4.2. Approve National Interest Determinations (NIDs) for all SAPs.

2.1.4.3. Approve all requests for changes to the COAL WARFIGHER (CW) access management plan (AMP) after coordination with all OCAs with equities and AF/A3/5.

2.1.4.4. Review SAP IJSTO apportionment requests and notify SECAF prior to AF/A3/5 approval.

2.1.4.5. Review all SAP public affairs releases (i.e., news releases and all public disclosures), prior to the SECAF’s approval.

2.1.4.6. Approve SAPs, in coordination with OCA(s), for inclusion in Quadrennial Defense Reviews (QDR), Scientific Advisory Board (SAB) studies and other special studies, as required.

2.1.4.7. Establish a SAP records management program to ensure SAP records are maintained IAW AFPD 33-3.

2.1.4.8. Support PSOs, in cooperation with the head GCA, in evaluating contractors against security criteria when a carve out contract exists.

2.1.4.9. Ensure SAF/AQL, SAF/GCI, SAF/FMBIB, SAF/AQCS, AF/A8PE and AFOSI PJ, at a minimum, are briefed to the non-AF SAP(s) in order to provide SECAF approved appropriate Air Force support. Additionally, for DoD SAPCO situational awareness, AF SAPCO will inform DoD SAPCO of all new proposals from non-AF entities to support non-AF SAPs.

2.1.4.10. Notify DoD SAPCO of all Committee on Foreign Investments in the United States (CFIUS) issues.
2.1.4.11. Coordinate with SAF/CIO A6 and DoD CIO to:

2.1.4.12. Ensure SAP accesses for SAF/CIO A6 to meet AF CIO requirements (i.e., Clinger-Cohen Act certification).

2.1.4.13. Ensure that SAP ISs and IT comply with statutory, DoD and AF policies.

2.1.4.14. Oversee the implementation of sound and integrated ISs enterprise architecture and standards for SAPs.

2.1.4.15. Promote the effective and efficient design and operation of all major information management processes for the SAPs.

2.1.4.16. Ensure IT/IA governance and compliance across the SAP enterprise.

2.2. The Division Chief, Special Programs Division (AFAA/AGS), shall:

2.2.1. Serve as the principal advisor to SAF/AG for SAPs.

2.2.2. Serve as the primary focal point for all SAP audit activities.

2.2.3. Perform financial and operational audits on all SAPs and maintain an audit system to record these audits.

2.3. The Director, Contracting - Special Programs (SAF/AQCS), shall:

2.3.1. Serve as the senior contracting advisor to the Deputy Assistant Secretary (DAS) (Contracting), SAF/AQC (DASC) for SAPs.

2.3.2. Provide direction and guidance for all matters relating to contract policy for all SAPs.

2.3.3. Ensure SAP contracting offices assist PSOs in evaluating contractors against security criteria when a carve out contract exists.

2.3.4. Ensure the appropriate MAJCOM/PK or Director of Contracting for field offices is aware of contracting support to SAPs within their command or office responsibility, and coordinates on support agreements. In conjunction with SAF/AQL, assigns non-Air Force SAPs to MAJCOMS, direct reporting units (DRUs) and field operating agencies (FOAs) for execution.

2.3.5. Ensure all SAP GCAs submit all NID applications to SAF/AAZ.

2.4. The Director, Special Programs (SAF/AQL), shall:

2.4.1. Serve as the principal acquisition advisor to the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, Acquisition (SAF/AQ) for SAPs.

2.4.1.1. Provide oversight of acquisition policy, management and execution for SAPs.

2.4.1.2. Serve as the Office of Research and Technology Applications (ORTA) for SAPs and approve all SAP domestic technology transfers (including both internal and external to the Air Force).

2.4.1.3. Assess all acquisition policy and instructions for application to SAPs and establish acquisition policy specific to SAPs.
2.4.1.4. Provide acquisition technical support for developing advanced air, space and cyber systems and subsystems across all phases of the acquisition life-cycle.

2.4.1.5. Provide SAP milestone guidance and support.

2.4.1.6. Review and coordinate on SAP system requirements defined by MAJCOMs, DRUs, and FOAs.

2.4.1.7. Recommend SAP capabilities for inclusion in and removal out of the IJSTO system.

2.4.1.8. Ensure that acquisition community structures, policies, and processes are in compliance with statutory and regulatory requirements for acquisition oversight, economic efficiency, innovative contracting methods, earned value management, information assurance, and interoperability and supportability (including intelligence supportability) requirements.

2.4.1.9. Review CFIUS applications for SAP equities and provide recommendations to SAF/AAZ for incorporation into the OSD response.

2.4.1.10. Resolve issues of foreign technology transfer and export requests related to SAPs. Notify the Directors of the AF and DoD SAPCO when issues arise for SecDef approval.

2.4.1.11. Represent the AF as a member of the Low Observable/Counter-Low Observable Tri-Service Committee and Defensive Systems Committee.

2.4.1.12. Coordinate Air Staff level SAP contracting documents (e.g., justification and authorizations, determinations and findings, acquisition strategies, acquisition plans, contracts) through the Director, SAF/AQCS. In conjunction with SAF/AQCS, assign non-Air Force SAPs to MAJCOMs, DRUs, and FOAs for execution.

2.4.1.13. Support PSOs, in cooperation with the head GCA, in evaluating contractors against security criteria when a carve out contract exists, in cooperation with the Director, AF SAPCO.

2.4.1.14. Coordinate and facilitate requests for SAP patents with SAF/GCQ.

2.4.2. Serve as the principal advisor to the SECAF, USECAF, and CSAF for SAPs (except for Program Objective Memorandum (POM) matters which are shared with AF/A8P) and as the SPOC Executive Secretary and shall:

2.4.2.1. Notify SAF/AAZ, SAF/LLW and SAF/FMB, as required, of all Congressional SAP engagement and obtain the approval of the Director, DoD SAPCO prior to the release of SAP information. In addition, the SPOC Executive Secretary shall notify the Director, AF SAPCO, for all issues (including noncompliance with this policy) associated with congressional interaction.

2.4.2.2. Ensure AF representatives to the SAPOC are prepared on SAP issues.

2.4.2.3. Ensure AF representatives to the 3-Star Programmer’s Review and SAP DMAG are prepared on SAP issues in conjunction with AF/A8PE.

2.4.2.4. Recommend SAPs for AF SAPCO approval, in coordination with OCA(s), for inclusion in QDRs, SAB studies and other special studies, as required. Upon
approval, provide subject matter expert (SME) support to the execution of these activities.

2.4.2.5. Coordinate SAP resource allocation and programmatic matters with DoD SAPCO. In addition, coordinate programmatic SAP matters with the Joint Staff, OSD (in coordination with AF/A8PE), COCOMs, Congress and other government agencies, as required.

2.4.2.6. Prepare and present the annual OSD Program and Budget Review (PBR) submissions to the Director, Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation (DCAPE) and OUSD Comptroller with SAF/FMBIB and AF/A8PE.

2.4.2.7. Prepare and present the OSD mid-year review submissions to OUSD Comptroller with SAF/FMBIB and AF/A8PE.

2.4.2.8. Coordinate with AF/A8PE for day-to-day integration and de-confliction with the Air Force Corporate structure.

2.4.2.9. Participate in periodic reviews of program funding performance and execution (including intermediate budget reviews), conduct reviews of all financial documentation, and provide day-to-day financial execution and oversight with SAF/FMBIB.

2.4.2.10. Present information to various requirements and acquisition bodies, to include the Defense Acquisition Board (DAB), Joint Requirements Oversight Council (JROC), and OSD’s Acquisition Overarching IPTs.

2.4.2.11. Maintain liaison with other military services, OSD, defense agencies, and other federal departments to ensure cross-utilization of advanced technologies, where appropriate.

2.4.2.12. Ensure all SAPs have a SAP Directive (SAPD).

2.4.2.13. Coordinate with SAF/AAZ on MOAs and MOUs for SAPs when AF SAP resources are involved for which the SPOC Executive Secretary has been given oversight authority.

2.4.2.14. Coordinates requests for non-AF SAP support in cooperation with SAF/AAZ.

2.5. The Director, Special Programs – Budget Investment (SAF/FMBIB), shall:

2.5.1. Serve as the principal advisor to SAF/FM for AF SAPs and non-AF SAPs.

2.5.2. Serve as the focal point for SAP financial management policy and oversight.

2.5.3. Oversee the financial structure, budget, cost, accounting controls, execution, and comptroller functions including audit liaison for SAPs.

2.5.4. Execute Management Internal Control Program oversight, including program reviews, site visits, on-site training, and other activities for all SAPs.

2.5.5. Approve financial management and accounting activities for all SAPs.
2.5.6. Participate in periodic reviews of program funding performance and execution (including intermediate budget reviews), conduct reviews of all financial documentation, and provide day-to-day financial execution and oversight in conjunction with SAF/AQL.

2.5.7. Act as the primary interface with the OSD comptroller and support meetings with congressional appropriation committees in coordination with the SPOC Executive Secretary.

2.5.8. Prepare and present annual OSD PBR submissions with the SAF/AQL and AF/A8PE.

2.6. The Deputy General Counsel, Intelligence, International, & Military Affairs (SAF/GCI) shall:

2.6.1. Serve as the principal advisor to SAF/GC for SAPs.

2.6.2. Serve as the primary focal point for all SAP legal requirements.

2.6.3. Coordinate the participation of other SAF/GC offices, as required, for specialized legal review support. This includes PSAP legal reviews, legal reviews of new SAP capabilities prior to entry into the IJSTO system, Economy Act determinations in support of non-AF SAPs, SAP patents, SAP reports, and legal reviews for testing, training, etc., when required.

2.6.4. Oversee legal review process for all SAPs.

2.6.5. Review, as part of SAP annual reporting and revalidation, the SAP annual report for compliance with applicable laws, executive orders, regulations, and DoD policies.

2.7. The Director, Inspections Directorate (SAF/IGI), shall:

2.7.1. Serve as the principal advisor for inspections to The Inspector General (TIG) and the Deputy Inspector General (DIG) for SAPs.

2.7.2. Implement a SAP fraud, waste, abuse and corruption program.

2.7.3. Conduct government compliance inspections of SAPs IAW DoD guidance and AF policies and report results as directed by the SECAF or CSAF and notify the AF SAPCO of SAP security compliance inspection trends for potential SAP security policy updates or updates to the SAP security inspection criteria.

2.8. The Division Chief, Weapons Systems Liaison Division (SAF/LLW), shall:

2.8.1. Serve as the principal advisor to SAF/LL for SAPs.

2.8.2. Assist the SPOC Executive Secretary with Congressional interaction, as requested.

2.9.

2.10. The Director, Special Programs (AF/A2Z), shall:

2.10.1. Serve as the principal advisor to the AF/A2 for SAPs and as AF/A2’s operational lead to organize, train, and equip AF intelligence, reconnaissance, and surveillance (ISR) elements to support joint force SAP capabilities.

2.10.2. Advocate for ISR requirements for SAPs within AF/A2 mission areas.
2.10.3. Provide Intelligence Requirements certification recommendation for SAPs as part of the JCIDS coordination and acquisition milestone review process. Leverage material command acquisition intelligence inputs such as independent intelligence assessments (IIA) to develop certification recommendations.

2.10.4. Recommend ISR SAP capabilities for inclusion in and removal out of the IJSTO.

2.10.5. Manage SAP billet plans and other SAP security administration (i.e. AAA) activities for AF/A2 staff.

2.11. The Director, Cyberspace Operations (A3C/A6C), shall:

2.11.1. Serve as the principal advisor to SAF/CIO A6 for CIO-related issues for SAPs. Coordinate with SAF/AAZ to facilitate SAP accesses for the SAF/CIO A6 requirements (i.e. Clinger-Cohen Act certification).

2.11.2. Serve as the principal advisor to AF/A3/5 and SAF/CIO A6 for SAPs involving cyberspace operational capabilities.

2.12. The Division Chief, Special Programs Division (AF/A3O-OZ), shall:

2.12.1. Serve as a principal advisor to AF/A3/5 for SAP operations.

2.12.2. Serve as the CSAF’s operational lead to organize, train and equip AF elements of the joint force with SAP capabilities and facilitate operational SAP integration across HQ USAF.

2.12.3. Serve as the primary AF focal point for IJSTO to the Joint Staff and other organizations working IJSTO.

2.12.4. Serve as the Air Force focal point with Joint Staff on adding or removing capabilities from IJSTO. Ensure appropriate coordination prior to submission to include, but not limited to the AF SAPCO, SPOC Executive Secretary, and SAF/GC prior to final Air Force approval and submission to the Joint Staff.

2.12.5. Serve as the lead Air Force office for the implementation of IJSTO common access billets (CAB). The Division Chief will approve the specific SAPs included in each AF sponsored CAB event.

2.12.6. Serve as the primary Air Force office managing the CW AMP. Submit proposals to the Director, AF SAPCO, to modify which SAPs are included in the CW AMP in coordination with appropriate OCA(s), the SPOC Executive Secretary and AF/A3/5.

2.12.7. Support all AF/A3 staff in coordinating and staffing SAP-related training plans and SAP test activity requests that require OSD approval.

2.13. Provide SAP GSSO support, billet management, and other SAP security administration (i.e. AAA) activities for all AF/A3 staff performing SAP activities.

2.14. The Division Chief, Program Integration Division (AF/A4/7PE), shall:

2.14.1. Serve as the principal advisor to AF/A4/7 for SAPs.


2.14.4. Provide coordinated policy implementation guidance to Air Force logistics, installations and mission support activities.

2.15. The Director, Operational Capability Requirements, AF/A5R, shall:

2.15.1. Serve as a principal advisor to AF/A3/5 for SAP operational capability requirements.

2.15.2. Chairs, oversees and conducts the AF Requirements Oversight Council (AFROC) Special Session.

2.15.3. AF/A5R(J) shall serve as the primary AF representative to the Joint Capabilities Board (JCB) and is the primary plus-one attendee to the JROC (VCSAF is the AF JROC principal) for all JCIDS topics, unless access constraints exist as determined by SAF/AAZ. In those cases where A5R(J), A5R, and A5R(D) cannot obtain the necessary access authority SAF/AAZ will normally pick-up these A5R(J) responsibilities.

2.15.4. AF/A5R DOS tracks all classified operational capability requirements and represents cross command prioritization of those requirements in SPRG deliberations.

2.15.5. AF/A5R DOS provides SAP GSSO support, billet management, and other SAP security administration (i.e. AAA) activities for all AF/A5 organizations performing SAP activities and AFROC Special Session principal members, as required.

2.15.6. AF/A5R DOS shall serve as the primary AF/A5R representative for all SAP issues within AF/A5R.

2.16. The Division Chief, Program Integration Division (AF/A8P), shall:

2.16.1. Serve as the principal advisor to AF/A8 for SAPs.

2.16.2. Supports the Planning, Programming, Budgeting and Execution (PPBE) submissions for SAPs.

2.16.3. Provide inputs regarding the coordination of SAPs with strategic plans and long range concepts.

2.16.4. Ensure AF representatives to the 3-Star Programmer’s Review and SAP DMAG are prepared on SAP issues, in conjunction with the SPOC Executive Secretary.

2.16.5. Prepare and present annual OSD PBR submissions to DCAPE and OUSD Comptroller, with SAF/AQL and SAF/FMBIB.

2.16.6. Act as the focal point for the basing process of all SAPs through the Strategic Basing Executive Steering Group.

2.16.7. Serve as the interface to the AF Corporate Board and coordinate with the SPOC Executive Secretary for day-to-day integration and de-confliction with the Air Force Corporate Board process prior to providing recommendations to the SPOC.

2.17. The Director, Force Structure Analyses (AF/A9F) shall:

2.17.1. Serve as the principal advisor to AF/A9 for SAPs.

2.17.2. Advise the SPRG by providing SAP analyses to inform the PPBE process.
2.18. The Division Chief, Capabilities and Integration (AF/A10-C), shall serve as the principle advisor to the AF/A10 for all HAF nuclear matters involving SAPs.

2.19. The Division Chief, Special Programs Division (AF/TEZ), shall:

2.19.1. Serve as the principal advisor to AF/TE for SAPs regarding range policy and guidance, funding and infrastructure sustainment at test ranges. Serve as the primary functional lead for SAPs in which AF/TE has OCA.

2.19.2. Ensure the necessary test infrastructure and personnel are available to support designated SAPs undergoing test and evaluation.

2.19.3. Represent Air Force Operation and Test Evaluation Center (AFOTEC) on funding, resources, facilities, contracts, security, and training issues at the SPRG when appropriate.

2.19.4. Serve as the lead for the Foreign Material Program (FMP) for SAPs.

2.19.5. Provide SAP GSSO support and management for AF/TE SAP activities.

2.20. The Security Director, Air Force Office of Special Investigations, Office of Special Programs (AFOSI PJ), shall:

2.20.1. Serve as the principal advisor to SAF/IG for SAPs.

2.20.2. Execute program security for SAPs.

2.20.3. Act as the security classification manager for SAP SCGs to ensure horizontal protection and compliance with DoD and AF policy and endorse all SAP SCGs.

2.20.4. Provide AFOSI services to include program security, counterintelligence, counterespionage, major criminal investigations, technical security and countermeasure services, and other specialized AFOSI activities (e.g., polygraph and creditability assessment program).

2.20.5. Notify the Director, AF SAPCO, of any security inquiries or investigations which affect SAPs.

2.20.6. Implement a SAP security program to ensure comprehensive security management and execution.

2.20.7. Appoint a PSO, for each SAP, to be responsible for overall SAP security management IAW DoD guidance.

2.20.8. Evaluate contractors against security criteria when a carve out contract exists, through the head GCA and endorse all DD Forms 254, Contract Security Classification Specification, issued and associated with their assigned programs. PSOs must coordinate with the appropriate contracting officer (CO) and program manager (PM) to validate the DD Form 254 contains language indicating DSS is carved out of program oversight and identifies AFOSI PJ as having security and compliance inspection responsibility in accordance with the NISP. COs will finalize the DD254 only after endorsement by a PM and PSO, COs may not delegate the authority to approve DD254s for SAPs.

2.20.9. Ensure the Air Force Audit Agency (AFAA), Defense Contract Audit Agency (DCAA) and Defense Contract Management Agency (DCMA)’s requests for access are
coordinated through the program office (specifically the CO) prior to submission to Security Director, AFOSI PJ.

2.20.10. Conduct security compliance inspections at all defense industrial base contractors where DSS has been carved out.

2.20.11. Provide a security and investigation trend analysis report at the start of each calendar year to the Director, AF SAPCO, and TIG which includes a summary of inspection trends, investigations, and security incidents.

2.20.12. Serve as the DAA for SAP ISs, when delegated by the SAF/AAZ.

2.20.13. Approve SAPFs for all SAP locations and all facility co-utilization (co-use) agreements or delegate approval authority to the responsible PSO.

2.20.14. Validate treaty notification and compliance requirements are adhered to for all SAPs.

2.20.15. Develop a CI support plan (CISP) for each SAP.

2.20.16. Evaluate Access Management Plans (AMPs) and/or billet plans ensuring adequate but limited accesses are available for senior leaders/executives and oversight personnel. The PSO will validate the Program Executive Officer (PEO) or equivalent and the CO have been coordinated with and agreed to any AMP or billet plan for programs still in the competition phase of acquisition.

2.20.17. Ensure all SAP security requests are endorsed by a PSO (i.e. AAAs, AAA delegations, AMPs, etc.) prior to SAF/AAZ review.

2.21. MAJCOM Commanders may provide a representative to advocate for MAJCOM requirements during the PPBE process for SAPs after coordination with the SPOC Executive Secretary and approval by the SECAF.

2.21.1. Commanders (MAJCOMs, DRUs, and FOAs) shall be responsible to:

2.21.2. Implement SAP security policies and conduct SAPs IAW all applicable laws, DoD and AF policy relating to/or governing SAPs and address security process issues with the PSO as applicable.

2.21.3. Ensure SAP security professionals and information assurance (IA) professionals are appointed to support all associated SAPs.

2.21.4. Ensure ISs are resourced, authorized by an approved DAA and supported by IA professionals trained IAW DoDD 8570.01.

2.21.5. Support MAJCOM IG in conducting SAP security compliance inspections, as required.

2.21.6. Ensure the PSO is notified of the location of all facilities which are executing SAPs.

2.21.7. Ensure current arms control and treaty compliance requirements, obligations, and constraints are implemented. All associated government and contractor facilities hosting SAP activities shall have site-specific treaty inspection plans that include detailed managed-access provisions. SAP activity treaty inspection readiness plans shall be
approved by the PSO and are subject to annual review and certification. Develop and implement an education program for all participants, as required.

2.21.8. Manage SAP billet plans and other SAP security administration (i.e. AAA) activities. Obtain endorsement by a PSO for all security related actions or incidents prior submission to SAF/AAZ.

2.21.9. Implement a SAP SETA program.

2.21.10. Ensure PMs and PSOs endorse DD254s prior to CO’s approval.

2.21.11. Support the development of SAP transition plans.

2.22. Acquisition Program Directors and PMs shall:

2.22.1. Ensure PMs and PSOs endorse DD254s prior to the CO’s approval.

2.22.2. Ensure ISs are resourced, authorized by an approved DAA and supported by IA professionals trained IAW DoDD 8570.01.

2.22.3. Ensure the PSO is notified of the location of all facilities which are executing SAPs.

2.22.4. In conjunction with the PSO, ensure contractor compliance with contract security requirements.

2.23. For any SAP assigned to a Headquarters element, the organization shall provide a program element monitor (PEM) as the primary POC for coordination with the SPOC Executive Secretary. As a minimum, PEM responsibilities include: providing functional and subject matter expertise to the program; participation in program reviews; oversight of funding execution; review and coordination of applicable program documentation; and executing tasks issued by the SPOC Executive Secretary, as required. PEMs will participate in SAP processes and the SAP governance structure.

2.24. The Commander, AFOTEC, shall:

2.24.1. Serve as the Operational Test Agency (OTA) or provide support to the assigned OTA for Air Force acquisition category (ACAT) I, 1A, II, OSD T&E Oversight, and multi-service SAP acquisition programs, as assigned.

2.24.2. Advise AF/TEZ, SAF/AQL, and SAF/AAZ on funding, resources, facilities, contracts, security, and training issues for SAP systems undergoing operational test and evaluation.

3. SAP Governance.

3.1. The SPRG serves as the advisory panel to the SPOC and Special Programs Review Board (SPRB) and is responsible for integration of requirements and recommends allocation of resources across the SAP portfolio. The resource allocation process starts with identifying requirements from the Air Force Requirements Oversight Council (AFROC), MAJCOMs and other organizations. The SPRG develops the Air Force SAP Integrated Priority List (IPL), matches available resources to requirements and make recommendations to the SPOC for the POM, Budget Estimate Submission (BES), and the President’s Budget (PB). The SPRB meets to review the SPRG and the Air Force Corporate structure recommendations to ensure de-confliction of the overall Air Force budget. Following the SPRB, the SPOC
Executive Secretary presents the budget recommendation to the SPOC for final approval. The SPRG is chaired by the Director, SAF/AQL. The SPRG is co-chaired by SAF/AQL and AF/A8PE when conducted for the purpose of POM deliberation.

3.2. The SPRG members are SAF/AAZ, SAF/AQSC, SAF/FMBIB, AF/A1M, AF/A2Z, AF/A3O-OZ, AF/4/7PE, AF/A5R-DoS, AF/A8PE, AF/TEZ and AFRCO and designated MAJCOM representatives. Advisors to the SPRG are SAF/AQCS, SAF/AQR, SAF/GCI, AF/A3C/A6C, AF/A8X, AF/A9F, AF/A10-C, AFOSI PJ, AFAA/AGS, and SAF/IGI Special topic advisors will be invited as required by SPRG Chair.

3.3. The SPRB is primarily responsible for ensuring integration of SAP and non-SAP programmatic adjustments proposed during budget deliberations. In this role, the SPRB will make recommendations to the SPRG on any actions required to ensure integration of SAP and non-SAP programs prior to budget recommendation submission to the SPOC. The SPRB is co-chaired by AF/A8P and SAF/AQX. SPRB members include SAF/AAZ, SAF/FMB, AF/A2R, AF/A3O, AF/A5R, AF/A8X, AF/TEZ, designated MAJCOM representatives, and any appropriately cleared AF Corporate Board member as approved by AF/A8P.

4. SAP Management, Administration and Oversight.

4.1. General. Critical research and program technologies, systems, and information must be protected to prevent compromises that could significantly impact cost, schedule, performance, and supportability; affect program direction; degrade systems capabilities; shorten the life of the system; allow alteration of system capability; lead to technology transfer; or require additional resources to develop alternative countermeasures. Commands shall evaluate, plan and program for technology and program protection requirements from operational mission area planning until the system is demilitarized.

4.1.1. Security is a fundamental element of systems acquisition, cost, schedule, performance, and supportability. HAF, MAJCOMs, DRUs, and FOAs shall evaluate, plan, and program for technology and program protection requirements and supporting resources from the time mission area planning is conducted, throughout each life-cycle phase, until the system is demilitarized or approved for public release.

4.1.2. Commanders, Program Directors, and PMs shall plan and program for protection requirements as needed during the appropriate phases of the acquisition life-cycle for systems with or without a weapon system security standard, normally through the Future Year Defense Plan (FYDP). Security protection requirements shall be identified in needs and requirements documentation provided to the implementing, supporting, and participating commands to counter threats against Critical Program Information (CPI) and Critical Components (CC). SAF/AAZ shall be notified of any cover employment requirements during any phase of the SAP life cycle. In coordination with the program manager PSOs shall coordinate life-cycle physical security standards with the operational command(s) no later than entry into Milestone B, and at each major program milestone thereafter. This coordination will include an analysis of CPI and CC with Air Force Red Team, AFOSI, and AF/A2. The PSOs shall develop cost-effective protection alternatives and countermeasures to protect CPI and CC at all locations as determined by the risk.
4.1.3. PMs shall integrate protection technologies through the principles of systems security engineering (SSE). Life-cycle systems security support shall identify time-phased affordable security protection alternatives and requirements, integrating them into a weapon system and supporting subsystems security architecture, other required equipment, and supporting facilities using risk management principles based on valid threat information.

4.1.4. SAPs shall develop a transition plan that addresses the employment of the operational capability without SAP enhanced security protections. The transition plan will be developed from the transition strategies that guide the SAP protection levels throughout each major program milestone.

4.2. SAP Hierarchy. The fundamental structure of a special access program has four levels. The highest level is the SAP, the 2\textsuperscript{nd} level is called a compartment, the 3\textsuperscript{rd} level is called a sub-compartment, and the 4\textsuperscript{th} level is called a project. Figure 1 reflects a visual representation of this structure. This structure is reflected in AFADS. By default, lower levels components are inherited from the next higher level. Exceptions, for which lower level components are not inherited from the higher level, must be approved by the AF SAPCO at the time of establishment. As each component is approved, the inheritance, as well as, the nickname and/or code word and PID are entered into AFADS. Personnel being briefed to compartments, sub-compartments, or projects will only be told they are being briefed into a “SAP” in order to protect the actual level of information being presented.

**Figure 1. Notional SAP Security Architecture**

4.3. PSAP Process. The DepSecDef has delegated the authority for establishment of PSAPs to the Director AF SAPCO. DoDI 5205.11 outlines the PSAP approval process and lists the required elements of a PSAP package. In addition to these required elements, all PSAP requests shall include a transition plan. Upon PSAP approval, enhanced security measures may be applied for a period not to exceed 210 days. If the PSAP is approved by the SecDef or DepSecDef notification is provided to Congress. The PSAP becomes a SAP after a period of 30 days has elapsed after notification to Congress.

4.4. Establishment of Compartments, Sub-compartments and Projects. Prior to the establishment of new compartments, sub-compartments or projects, a thorough review of existing elements must be accomplished to mitigate the occurrence of redundant and unnecessary compartments, sub-compartments, and projects.
4.4.1. After the review is complete and a determination has been made that a new compartment, sub-compartment or project is required, a registration request shall be submitted to SAF/AAZ to reserve and de-conflict the PID and nickname with NICKA, AFADS, and DCADS (or successors). This initial request must also indicate if the compartment, sub-compartment or project shall be an apportioned capability. The AF SAPCO shall provide, in writing, the approved and registered nickname, PID and code word, as required.

4.4.2. The written request to establish a compartment, sub-compartment, or project shall be submitted to SAF/AAZ for approval. The establishment request shall include the following:

Table 1. Establishment Request Required Elements

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<td>Level (compartment, sub-compartment or project)</td>
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<td>Billeted (yes or no; required for waived programs)</td>
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4.4.3. With the approval of an establishment memorandum by SAF/AAZ the nickname and PID shall be entered into AFADS and DCADS for use.

4.4.4. On a case-by-case basis, when a time-critical requirement exists to establish a compartment, sub-compartment, or project, a SAP OCA may use as an interim solution, a memorandum for classification guidance. The memorandum shall address the essential elements required in an SCG and shall be endorsed by the Security Director, AFOSI PJ. SCGs must be approved and submitted to SAF/AAZ within 90 days of compartment, sub-compartment, or project initiation.

4.5. SAP Management, Administration, and Oversight. After approval of the proposed changes by the SECAF, the AF SAPCO shall notify the Director, DoD SAPCO, in writing of any following proposed changes. The AF SAPCO shall also notify the DoD SAPCO of approvals for additions or changes of nicknames, code words or PIDs for compartments, sub-compartments or projects.

4.5.1. Notification of change of OSD Category (acquisition, intelligence, or operations and support) requires:

4.5.1.1. Memorandum with the justification for the change from the SECAF

4.5.1.2. Quad chart
4.5.1.3. Draft DepSecDef memorandum

4.5.2. Notification of change of type (acknowledged, unacknowledged, and waived) requires:
   4.5.2.1. Memorandum with the justification for the change from the SECAF
   4.5.2.2. Quad Chart
   4.5.2.3. Threat Assessment
   4.5.2.4. Draft revised SCG
   4.5.2.5. PA Plan
   4.5.2.6. Draft DepSecDef and Congressional memorandums

4.5.3. Notification of alteration of scope requires:
   4.5.3.1. Memorandum with the justification for the change from the SECAF
   4.5.3.2. Quad Chart
   4.5.3.3. Draft revised SCG
   4.5.3.4. Draft DepSecDef and Congressional memorandums

4.5.4. Notification of IJSTO apportionment or deapportionment requires that AF SAPCO provide a copy of the AF/A3/5 apportionment or deapportionment approval.

4.5.5. Notification of termination of a SAP requires:
   4.5.5.1. Memorandum with the justification for the change from the SECAF
   4.5.5.2. Quad Chart
   4.5.5.3. Disestablishment Plan
   4.5.5.4. Draft DepSecDef and Congressional memorandums

4.5.6. Notification of transition of a SAP requires:
   4.5.6.1. Memorandum with the justification for the change from the SECAF
   4.5.6.2. Quad Chart
   4.5.6.3. Threat Assessment
   4.5.6.4. Draft revised SCG
   4.5.6.4.1. PA Plan
   4.5.6.5. Transition Plan
   4.5.6.6. Legal Review
   4.5.6.7. Draft DepSecDef memorandum

4.5.7. Notification of support of non-DoD SAPs requires AF SAPCO provide a copy of the MOA between the AF and outside organization.

4.5.8. Notifications of proposals to relieve DSS of NISP security oversight responsibilities (carve out) requires:
4.5.8.1. Memorandum with the justification from the SECAF
4.5.8.2. Draft DepSecDef memorandum

4.5.9. Notification of proposal for foreign involvement requires:
4.5.9.1. Memorandum with the justification from the SECAF
4.5.9.2. Quad Chart
4.5.9.3. Threat Assessment
4.5.9.4. Draft DepSecDef memorandum

4.6. SAP Directive (SAPD). The SAPD conveys specific SAP guidance, decision authority and identifies the various organizations along with their essential responsibility for executing a successful SAP. It provides a source document for the program. SAPDs are required for funded SAPs with a requirement to receive Headquarters direction for execution. The SAPD should be reviewed annually and updated as required. All SAPDs will be formally updated (i.e. re-coordinated) every five years. SAF/AQL is responsible for oversight and management of SAPDs.

4.7. Access Management Plans (AMPs). In order to facilitate access to multiple SAPs for a defined group of personnel for a specific function, an access management plan may be established. A specific nomenclature is defined to indicate a set of SAPs. AMPs are used to streamline access to programs. When approved for an AMP, personnel are approved for all the SAPs identified as part of the AMP and will sign a program indoctrination agreement (PIA) for the consolidated set of SAPs in the AMP. Some AMPs apply restrictions as to when and how the accesses may be used (e.g. CW) and these restrictions will be documented in the AMP. All AMPs, and modifications, must be coordinated by the OCA(s), endorsed by a PSO, and approved by SAF/AAZ. AMPs shall also have a billet plan including billet numbers for tracking in AFADS. AMP nomenclatures should never be used as classification markings for SAP information or on SAP indoctrination agreements. AMPs must address the following areas:

4.7.1. The specific function the AMP supports.
4.7.2. The specific SAPs that are part of the AMP.
4.7.3. The specific personnel that the AMP applies to.
4.7.4. The OPR for execution of the AMP.
4.7.5. A billet plan.

4.8. Billet Plans. Billet plans are a tool for access approval authorities to document access requirements by position for an organization. AAAs may approve billet plans for those programs for which they have AAA after endorsement by a PSO. All approved billet plans must be forwarded to SAF/AAZ. Billet numbers must be entered into AFADS, or approved database. Billet plans are required for all waived SAPs.

4.9. SAP Support to War-games or Exercises. All war-game or exercise activity, that has a requirement to incorporate SAP(s) as part of the activity, must provide the information in Table 2 to AF SAPCO at least 120 days prior to the event:
Table 2. Information required for Request for SAP Inclusion in War-games or Exercises

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<td>Justification for each proposed SAP</td>
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<td>Identification of the lead GSSO support</td>
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<td>Proposed schedule</td>
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4.9.1. SAF/AAZ will provide written approval, after coordination with all OCAs, indicating the implementation details of the approval.

4.9.2. Once approved, each OCA shall provide subject matter experts to support, as available.

4.9.3. Events utilizing COAL WARFIGHTER Cat A billets or IJSTO CABs shall follow approved guidelines as outlined in the Air Force COAL WARFIGHTER Security Management Plan or the IJSTO Air Force CAB Security Management Plan.

4.10. Program Protection Plans (PPPs). SAP PMs must develop PPPs or an alternative document that combines program protection and other aspects of program security. If a PPP is not developed, all of the topics reflected below are required to be considered during the entire life of SAPs (i.e. during program reviews) and must be identifiable in existing documentation.
Table 3. Program Protection Elements

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<td>Identification of CPI and CC</td>
<td>Supply chain risk management</td>
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<td>Disclosure considerations as applicable to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), unclassified technical data from public disclosure and PII data</td>
<td>Command, control, communication, computers, and intelligence (C4I) certification and accreditation</td>
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<td>Threats to CPI and CC</td>
<td>Countermeasures</td>
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<td>Vulnerability of CPI and CC to the threats</td>
<td>Anti-tamper plan</td>
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<td>Technology Assessment/Control Plan, if required</td>
<td>Information assurance/network security strategy; cyber security</td>
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<td>Horizontal protection of CPI and CC</td>
<td>Test protection planning</td>
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<td>Identification of Critical Technology Elements or Components</td>
<td>Independent verification &amp; validation (IV&amp;V) of ISs, as required</td>
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<td>Foreign disclosure and involvement</td>
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<td>Counterintelligence support plan</td>
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<td>Monitoring and reporting compromises</td>
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<td>Operations Security (OPSEC) plan, if required</td>
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4.11. Test Approval Process. All test approval packages that require OSD approval shall be coordinated, at a minimum, by SAF/AAZ and SAF/GCI.

4.12. JCIDS Process (FCB, JCB & JROC Process). SAF/AAZ will serve as the single AF focal point for liaison with the JS J8 SAPCO for all SAP JCIDS topics/events and shall coordinate with AF/A5R, SAF/AQL and others, as appropriate, to ensure AF personnel are prepared to support Functional Capabilities Board (FCB), JCB and JROC activities. SAF/AAZ will facilitate and approve SAP access for all Air Force and non-Air Force representatives supporting the FCB, JCB and JROC processes for those SAPs which the Air Force has CA. SAF/AAZ will provide the JS J8 SAPCO the names of cleared attendees for all JCIDS SAP topics. SAF/AAZ will normally represent the AF at SAP JCB events in cases where AF/A5R(D) is not cleared. All AF representatives identified to support the JCIDS process will be trained IAW AFI 10-601.

4.13. Clinger-Cohen Act (CCA) Public Law 104-106 Certification. SAF/AAZ shall facilitate SAP accesses for SAF/CIO to support SAPs that require CCA certification. SAF/AAZ shall maintain a record of all approved SAP CCA certifications.

4.14. Release of SAP information to Foreign Nationals. Upon approval by SecDef or DepSecDef to release SAP information to a foreign national, SAF/IAP in coordination with the appropriate SAP OCA shall provide guidance for foreign disclosure officers for implementation.
4.15. Inter-service and Intra-governmental Support. The AF shall comply with DoDI 4000.19 for inter-service and intra-governmental support agreements, as required.

4.16. SAP Validation – SAP Oversight Review Board (SORB). The SORB shall validate compliance with all regulatory and statutory requirements for all SAPs. These validation reviews may be accomplished by either formal presentations to the SORB or an assessment of the information provided by the program executive officer (PEO) or PM. The SORB chair is responsible for informing the SECAF and appropriate SPOC members of the results of this board. Membership of the SORB consists of the principal member from SAF/AAZ, SAF/AAH, SAF/AQL, SAF/AQCS, SAF/FMBIB, SAF/GCI, SAF/IGI, AF/A2Z, AF/A3O-OZ, AF/TEZ, AFOSI PJ and advisors, as required. The SORB shall issue an assessment of SAP compliance with corrective actions for those areas when issues are identified.

4.17. SAP Annual Report to Congress. The DoD SAPCO provides specific guidance on the SAP report submission requirements, annually. The SAP annual report shall summarize all compartments, sub-compartments, and projects. In addition, the program hierarchy structure for each SAP program included in the SAP annual report to Congress must clearly be defined. The hierarchy elements of each SAP’s structure shall be clearly displayed. The final Air Force portion of the SAP annual report, along with associated information, shall be staffed through SAF/AA, SAF/GC, SAF/FM, and AF/A8 prior to SECAF approval. The Air Force portion of the SAP annual report shall be submitted to the Director, DoD SAPCO by the AF SAPCO for coordination with the SRG and SAPOC before submission to the DepSecDef. The complete DoD SAP annual report will be provided to Congress by the DoD SAPCO.

4.18. Apportionment of SAP Capabilities Into or Out of IJSTO. SAP capabilities should be nominated to be apportioned into IJSTO when they are deemed operationally relevant and shall be nominated for apportionment after they have demonstrated operational capability or no later than (NLT) 18 months prior to planned initial operational capability (IOC), whichever occurs first. All OCAs shall submit an IJSTO capabilities package including items described below. In addition, the OCA for the capability must get approval from SecDef or DepSecDef to release to foreign nationals prior to submitting into IJSTO, if required. After AF/A3/5 approval of the apportionment package, the package shall be submitted to J39 for apportionment.

4.18.1. When submitting a SAP capability for apportionment the package must contain:
4.18.2. If the capability is to be releasable to the coalition via IJSTO, the capability must be approved by DepSecDef for releasability, to the coalition, prior to the submission into IJSTO. In addition, the documents listed in Table 4, must be marked appropriately to reflect the approved releasability.

4.18.3. The documents submitted shall include sufficient information to facilitate COCOM planning efforts and contribute to an approved concept of operations.

4.18.4. The package for each capability shall be updated annually by the OCA, coordinated with SAF/AAZ, the SPOC Executive Secretary and forwarded AF/A3O-OZ on 1 Feb of each year. OCAs are encouraged to coordinate with AF/A3O-OZ prior to the submission.

4.18.5. Once a capability has been apportioned into IJSTO, all requests to change the status of the capability shall be coordinated with SAF/AAZ and upon approval by the AF/A3/5 shall be submitted to Joint Staff.

4.18.6. When a SAP, compartment, sub-compartment, or project has been apportioned into IJSTO, it must be reported in the SAP annual report to Congress until it has formally been removed from IJSTO.

4.18.7. The AF SAPCO may submit requests for waivers to this policy to Director, DoD SAPCO, for SRG consideration.

4.18.8. When a capability in IJSTO is no longer available, the OCA must coordinate with SAF/AAZ and submit a request to the AF/A3/5 to have it removed from IJSTO. The following items must be addressed in the request:

   4.18.8.1. Name of the SAP/compartment/sub-compartment/project.

   4.18.8.2. Disposition of the information (hardcopy, softcopy, hardware).

### Table 4. IJSTO Apportionment Package Requirements

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** If the entire program is being apportioned there is no need to create a new nickname or PID.
4.18.8.3. Justification of why the capability is no longer required in IJSTO (i.e. capability no longer available, capability no longer requires SAP security protections, etc.)

4.19. SAP Disestablishment (Disestablishment and/or Transition): A SAP disestablishment plan shall be developed when the SECAF elects to propose to terminate, cancel, or transition a SAP. The Director, AF SAPCO, shall approve the disestablishment plan. The disestablishment plan shall address:

Table 5. Disestablishment Plan Elements

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4.19.1. The AF SAPCO shall provide the disestablishment plan to the Director, DoD SAPCO. The Director, DoD SAPCO, shall provide the disestablishment plan to the SAP Senior Working Group (SSWG) for review and determination for any potential impact on other programs.

4.19.2. The Director, DoD SAPCO, prepares the action memo for DepSecDef approval and prepares DepSecDef congressional notification letters for signature and notification to Congress.

4.19.3. Program termination is the action taken when the SAP programmatic activity is terminated. Termination is complete when no further expenditure of funds, no current contracts exist (period of performance has lapsed), and the information protected is no longer actively being utilized.

4.19.3.1. The information may be retained in its original form and the appropriate documents disposed of according to records management policy. The disestablishment plan must address the disposition of the information (i.e. continue with archiving, declassify or destroy material or transfer to another SAP, etc.).

4.19.3.2. The information may be transitioned as described below:

4.19.3.2.1. The information retains its classification, but without any enhanced SAP security measures.

4.19.3.2.2. The information is transitioned (no longer requiring enhanced security measures) to collateral or unclassified status. A PPP or technology protection plan
(TPP) shall be required.

4.19.3.2.3. The information has been determined to be reclassified – such as TOP SECRET to SECRET or to UNCLASSIFIED.

4.19.3.2.4. The information retains its classification, but is transferred to another SAP.

4.19.3.2.5. The information retains classification, but changes SAP type or category.

4.20. Disestablishment of Compartments, Sub-compartments and Projects. Prior to the disestablishment of compartments, sub-compartments or projects, a thorough review of the program shall be conducted to ensure no further expenditure of funds, no current contracts exist, and the information is no longer actively being utilized. The annual SAP report shall indicate the final status of all compartments, sub-compartments, or projects as inactive. No further reporting to Congress is required if no further activity occurs.

5. Support to Non-AF SAPs.

5.1. Executing a SAP for Another DoD Component or Agency. The SECAF shall approve all requests from another DoD component or agency to execute their SAP (also includes compartments, sub-compartment or projects) on their behalf, including when the Air Force acts as the Executive Agent (EA). Non-AF entities the SECAF has approved for SAP support must agree to comply with this AFI and other AF guidance as applicable to SAPs, any exceptions will be captured in the MOA. The AF SAPCO will ensure those with acquisition, contracting, fiscal, legal, manpower, operational and security responsibilities, at a minimum, are briefed to the SAP(s) in order to coordinate and provide Air Force support to non-AF SAPs. Additionally, the AF SAPCO will inform DoD SAPCO of proposed new work for DoD SAPCO situational awareness and coordination. Activities currently being supported for a non-AF entity, prior to the approval of this document, must comply prior to accepting additional funding. The SECAF shall approve an MOA outlining the items in Table 6. MOAs must be updated or recertified, in writing, every five years.
### Table 6. Items Required in MOA For SAPs Directed By Another DoD Component or Agency

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* Specific requirements and necessary resources will be determined in a separate support agreement at the base level with coordination/approval from the appropriate MAJCOM, DRU or FOA. For SECAF approved document, include a statement the same or substantially the same as the first sentence of this note.

5.2. Participation in a SAP Directed by Another DoD Component or Agency. AF participation in another DoD component or agency’s SAP, shall be documented in an MOA and approved by the AF SAPCO and the SPOC Executive Secretary, after coordination, at a minimum, with those with acquisition, contracting, fiscal, legal, manpower, operational, and security responsibilities. This also includes when organizations outside of the AF request an AF organization to accept funding and execute contracts to provide services, develop technology, etc. for their SAP. These MOAs must be updated or recertified, in writing, every five years.

5.3. Transfer of a SAP System Capability to/from Another DoD Component or Agency. An MOA shall be prepared by the PM and PSO for any SAP (also includes compartments, sub-compartment or projects) capability transferred to/from the Air Force from/to a non-Air Force organization in which the capability to be transferred requires continued resources to sustain (i.e. funding, manpower, etc.). The SECAF shall approve an MOA outlining the items in Table 7:
Table 7. MOA Elements Required for a SAP System Capability Transfer

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6. The Appeal Board For SAP Access.

6.1. SAP Access Suspensions, Revocation and Reinstatements. The Security Director, AFOSI PJ, is authorized to suspend, revoke and reinstate SAP access. After review of the request to suspend access by the Security Director, AFOSI PJ, PSOs may suspend SAP access. In exigent circumstances, PSOs are empowered to suspend a person's access, but must immediately follow up with the Security Director, AFOSI PJ, for a final review. The Director, AF SAPCO, is the approval authority to permit or continue access while any administrative inquiry or criminal investigation is being conducted.

6.2. PSAB Membership. The SAP PSAB consists of three voting members: Chair of the PSAB (The Director, AF SAPCO, permanent member) in his/her absence, the duties of Chair can be delegated to an individual at a minimum grade of 0-5 or civilian equivalent. The second and third members will be selected by the PSAB Chair from a pool of candidates nominated by Secretariat offices. Individuals in this pool must be at minimum grade of 0-5 or civilian equivalent and accessed to one or more SAPs. The Security Director and Deputy Director, AFOSI PJ, shall act as advisors to the PSAB. As determined by the PSAB Chair, non-voting members may participate in the PSAB. These members are typically subject matter experts required to provide advice to the Chair. A non-voting recorder shall be present to record all PSAB decisions.

6.3. Special Access Program Appeals. Each SAP accessed individual has the right to appeal any decision which limits or revokes their access to SAPs. The appeal process applies to all military, government employees, and contractor personnel supporting SAPs.

6.3.1. The SAP PSAB is the governing and decision authority for all SAP appeals.

6.3.2. This appeal process does not apply to SAP candidates who fail to meet the minimum SAP access eligibility requirements. These requirements include a current personnel security investigation, appropriate level of clearance, NTK or refusing to sign a SAP indoctrination agreement. These circumstances are not appealable by the SAP candidate.
6.3.3. Prospective board members shall disqualify themselves based on any conflict of interest such as a personal relationship with or prior knowledge of the appellant with respect to the disputed matters under consideration.

6.3.4. The PSAB Chair determines the hearing location within the Washington, DC area. A government employee’s organization can authorize temporary duty assignment (TDY) funding for government appellants making a personal appearance. The government is not responsible for any expense incurred by an employee of a government contractor or any other non-government employee. Individuals are responsible for costs associated with their counsel.

6.3.5. The SAP accessed individual (appellant) must comply with the process reflected below:

6.3.5.1. Within 30 days of receiving the notification that their access was suspended or revoked, submit a request to the Director, AF SAPCO, explaining that they would like to exercise their right to appeal the decision.

6.3.5.2. The appellant can use the Appeal Board Review Format (Attachment 2) or an appropriate letter with the same information to request a review.

6.3.5.3. The appellant must indicate whether they shall appear in person at the PSAB hearing (If the appellant elects to appear personally, the appellant may be accompanied by one person serving as counsel to the appellant.) or; Request the PSAB review of all applicable records related to the decision and provides any additional mitigating documentation which was not previously provided.

6.3.6. PSAB process shall adhere to the requirements outlined below:

6.3.6.1. The PSAB shall notify the appellant, using Attachment 3 as a template, of the date and location of the hearing. The PSAB shall normally hear appeals within 60 days of receiving the appellant’s request for a hearing.

6.3.6.2. The PSAB shall not call witnesses. The PSAB shall not request or conduct further investigation. The PSAB must render a decision based solely on the documents contained in the appeal package and information provided by the appellant.

6.3.6.3. Board members may ask the appellant appropriate questions.

6.3.6.4. Decisions shall be made by a majority vote.

6.3.6.5. The PSAB recorder shall tally the vote and prepare the reasons for the results.

6.3.6.6. The PSAB recorder shall send the appellant a letter reflecting the PSAB’s decision and its reasons for upholding or reversing the decision to limit revoke the appellant's SAP access. An information copy of this correspondence shall be maintained in AFADS or its successor. All PSAB decisions are final.

7. Foreign Ownership, Control or Influence (FOCI).

7.1. The following FOCI policy for U.S. companies subject to an FCL is intended to facilitate foreign investment by ensuring that foreign firms cannot undermine U.S. security
and export controls to gain unauthorized access to critical technology, classified information, and special classes of classified information. A U.S. company is considered FOCI whenever a foreign interest has the power, direct or indirect, whether or not exercised, and whether or not exercisable through the ownership of the U.S. company’s securities, by contractual arrangements or other means, to direct or decide matters affecting the management or operations of that company in a manner which may result in unauthorized access to classified information or may adversely affect the performance of classified contracts. A national interest determination (NID) is the process the U.S. Government uses to make a determination on whether companies or firms operating under FOCI require access to classified information or performance of classified contracts.

7.2. A NID is a determination that release of the proscribed information to the company does not harm and is consistent with the national security interests of the United States. A NID is required when a company has FOCI and operates under an approved Special Security Agreement (SSA) as defined by the National Industrial Security Policy Operating Manual (NISPOM), and requires access to proscribed information. A company must have a current SSA prior to a NID determination approval. Before a FOCI firm participates on any contract activity with proscribed information, the FOCI must be mitigated by a NID or proxy agreement as outlined in the NISPOM.

7.3. To ensure timely and consistent handling of NID requests, the SECAF has identified SAF/AA as the senior official to coordinate compliance with current DoD policy and is the Air Force NID approval authority for SAP and collateral proscribed information. On behalf of SAF/AA, the Director or Deputy Director of SAF/AAZ shall also approve SAP and collateral NIDs. An approved NID must be in place prior to the FOCI firm being allowed access to proscribed information. The Director of SAF/AAZ shall be responsible for forwarding the requests to the appropriate proscribed information owning agency for processing.

7.4. The GCA and the PSO determine if access to proscribed information is required to complete pre-contract award actions, perform on a new contract, or renew an existing contract. NIDs may be program-, project-, or contract-specific. For program and project NIDs, a separate NID is not required for each contract unless SAF/AAZ has determined otherwise. After receiving the required contractor documents, the GCA has 30 days to determine whether release of proscribed information is consistent with national security and the contract requirements. Within the 30 days, the request must be forwarded to the PEO and SAF/AAZ for approval. If the GCA requires additional time beyond 30 days, written notification from the requestor to SAF/AAZ must be provided. The PEO shall not upgrade an existing contractor clearance under an SSA to Top Secret unless an approved NID covering the prospective Top Secret access has been issued.

7.5. The GCA should coordinate with the PSO to prepare a NID request in accordance with the standard NID template in Attachment 4. The NID package should come with a Staff Summary Sheet with coordination from the GCA, the PEO and PSO. SAF/AAZ shall be listed as the approver in the Staff Summary Sheet. The cover letter from the GCA shall be used to discuss NID details and the tabs shall be used for required supporting documentation and shall indicate the date the request was received by the GCA. The package shall address:
7.5.1. What – specifically to what proscribed program or project does the contractor require access to?

7.5.2. Where – exact work location to include room numbers. Provide applicable DD Forms 254 for facility accreditation verification.

7.5.3. When – for what period of time is the NID requested? What is the period of performance for this contract?

7.5.4. Why - is it a sole-source contract? If so, what is the justification? If not sole source, why is it in the national security interest of the United States to grant a NID?

7.6. The NID request shall be processed within 30 days of the GCA receiving the contractor documentation. Where no interagency coordination is required, because the Air Force owns or controls all the proscribed information in question, the GCA in conjunction with the CSA, shall provide a final documented decision to the contractor within 30 days of the requested date for the NID. If the proscribed information is owned by, or under the control of, a department or agency outside of the Air Force (e.g. National Security Agency (NSA) for Communications Security, the Office of the Director of Intelligence (ODNI) for Sensitive Compartmented Information, and Department of Energy (DOE) for Restricted Data), the GCA shall have 60 days to provide a final documented decision from all applicable CSAs.

7.6.1. For existing acquisitions, where the program office or requiring activity has determined a NID is required, that office should contact SAF/AAZ for the course of action before issuing a stop work order, discontinuing payments or discontinuing obligating funds.

7.6.2. For new acquisitions, the contractor cannot have access to SAP information unless they have an approved NID for that program, project, or contract.

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Attachment 1

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Abbreviations and Acronyms
AAA—Access Approval Authority
ACAT—Acquisition Category
AF—Air Force
AFAA—Air Force Audit Agency
AFADS—Air Force Access Database System
AFI—Air Force Instruction
AFROC—Air Force Requirements Oversight Council
AFOSI—Air Force Office of Special Investigations
AFOTEC—Air Force Operational Test and Evaluation Center
AFPD—Air Force Policy Directive
AMP—Access Management Plan
CA—Cognizant Authority
CAB—Common Access Billet
CASTS—Configuration and Security Tracking System
CI—Counterintelligence
CFIUS—Committee on Foreign Investments in the United States
CIO—Chief Information Officer
CISP—Counterintelligence Support Plan
CO—Contracting Officer
COCOMS—Combatant Commands
CPI—Critical Program Information
CSA—Cognizant Security Authority
CSAF—Chief of Staff of the Air Force
CC—Critical Component
CW—Coal Warfighter
DAA—Designated Accreditation Authority
DAB—Defense Acquisition Board
DCAA—Defense Contract Audit Agency
DCADS—Distributed Common Access Database System
DCAPE—Director, Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation
DCMA—Defense Contractor Management Agency
DepSecDef—Deputy Secretary of Defense
DIG—Deputy Inspector General
DMAG—Deputy’s Management Action Group
DNI—Director of National Intelligence
DSS—Defense Security Service
DoD—Department of Defense
DOE—Department of Energy
DRU—Direct Reporting Unit
EA—Executive Agent
FCL—Facility Security Clearance
FM—Financial Management
FOA—Field Operating Agency
FOCI—Foreign Ownership, Control and Influence
FOIA—Freedom Of Information Act
GCA—General Contracting Authority
GSSO—Government SAP Security Officer
IA—Information Assurance
IAW—in accordance with
ICD—Initial Capabilities Document
IG—Inspector General
IIA—Independent Intelligence Assessments
IJSTO—Integrated Joint Special Technical Operations
IOC—Initial Operating Capability
IS—Information System
ISR—Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance
ISSO—Information System Security Officer
JCIDS—Joint Capabilities Integration Development System
JROC—Joint Requirements Oversight Council
MAJCOM—Major Command
MDAP—Major Defense Acquisition Program
MOA—Memorandum of Agreement
MOU—Memorandum of Understanding
NICKA—Code Word, Nickname, and Exercise Term
NID—National Interest Determination
NISP—National Industrial Security Program
NTK—Need To Know
NSS—National Security System
OA—Oversight Authority
OCA—Original Classification Authority
ORTA—Office of Research and Technology Application
OPSEC—Operations Security
OSD—Office of the Secretary of Defense
OTA—Operational Test Agency
OT&E—Operational Test and Evaluation
PEM—Program Element Monitor
PEO—Program Executive Officer
PB—President’s Budget
PBR—Program and Budget Review
PID—Program Identifier
PM—Program Management
POM—Program Objective Memorandum
PPBE—Planning, Programming, Budgeting and Execution
PPP—Program Protection Plan
PSAB—Personnel Security Appeal Board
PSAP—Prospective Special Access Program
PSO—Program Security Officer
QDR—QuaDrennial Defense Review
RAP—Review and Approval Process
RDS—Records Disposition Schedule
SAB—Scientific Advisory Board
SAP—Special Access Program
SAPCO—Special Access Program Central Office
SAPD—Special Access Program Directive
SAPF—Special Access Program Facility
SAPOC—Special Access Program Oversight Committee
SCG—Security Classification Guide
SCI—Sensitive Compartmented Information
SCIF—Sensitive Compartmented Information Facility
SECAF—Secretary of the Air Force
SecDef—Secretary of Defense
SETA—Security Education, Training and Awareness
SORB—SAP Oversight Review Board
SPEd—Security Professional Education Development
SPOC—Special Programs Oversight Committee
SPRG—Special Programs Review Group
SRG—Senior Review Group
SSA—Special Security Agreement
SSE—Systems Security Engineering
SSWG—SAP Senior Working Group
SME—Subject Matter Expert
TIG—The Inspector General

Terms

Acknowledged SAP—A SAP whose existence is acknowledged, affirmed or made known to others, but its specific details (technologies, materials, techniques, etc.) are classified as specified in the applicable security classification guide.

Apportioned SAP—A SAP that is formally included in the JJSTO process for combatant command use during deliberate planning, crisis action response, and operational employment.

Billet Plan—A formal, pre-approved access listing that is position-based. Provides the NTK for individuals assigned to pre-approved positions (billets).

Cognizant authority (CA)—The DepSecDef-designated DoD Component Heads, PSAs, or DoD agency heads accountable for management and execution of their respective DoD SAPs.

Carve-out—A provision approved by SecDef or DepSecDef that relieves DSS of its NISP obligation to perform industrial security oversight functions for a SAP.
**Code Word**— A single word assigned a classified meaning by appropriate authority to ensure proper security concerning intentions and to safeguard information pertaining to actual, real-world military plans or operations classified CONFIDENTIAL or higher.

**Content-only**— A descriptive term used to describe a SAP (or any sub-element) that contains information only and either has no funding associated with it or its funding is managed as part of the Air Force corporate budget process.

**Cover**— The concealment of true identity, purpose, or organizational affiliation with assertions of false information as part or, or in support of, official duties to carry out authorized activities and lawful operations.

**Critical Program Information**— Elements or components of a SAP that, if compromised, could cause significant degradation in mission effectiveness, shorten the expected combat-effective life of a system, reduce technological advantage, significantly alter program direction, or enable an adversary to defeat, counter, copy, or reverse-engineer the technology or capability.

**Critical Components**— CCs are those resources, which if unavailable or compromised, could seriously impact development, production, delivery, or operation of a system, component, or technology.

**Designated Accreditation Authority (DAA)**— A designated official with the authority to formally assume responsibility for operating a SAP IS at acceptable level of risk.

**Government SAP Security Officer (GSSO)**— The GSSO is a government employee, appointed in writing and assigned to provide SAP security administration and management within their respective HAF office, MAJCOM, subordinate command, or similar office. GSSOs act as the security focal point, working in tandem with the PSO, to create a secure environment to facilitate the successful development and execution of SAPs at their location. Contractor personnel may support GSSO functions only to the extent that they are subject to the direction of specified government personnel who perform all discretionary GSSO functions on behalf of the United States Government. Use of contractor personnel to act as a GSSO may only occur with the approval of the Director, AF SAPCO. This approval shall be annually validated.

**Information System Security Officer (ISSO)**— Individual with assigned responsibility for maintaining the appropriate operational security posture for an information system or program.

**Intra-governmental Support**— Support provided by a DoD activity to a non-DoD Federal activity and vice versa -- does not include support provided to or received from foreign governments.

**Inter-service Support**— Support provided by one DoD activity to a DoD activity of another Military Service, Defense Agency, Unified Combatant Command, Army Reserves, Navy Reserves, Air Force Reserves, Marine Corps Reserves, Air National Guard, or Field Activity.

**Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)**— Written agreement among relevant parties that specifies roles, responsibilities, terms, and conditions for each party to reach a common goal. MOAs are required when SAP resources are committed between Air Force SAPs and DoD or non-DoD SAPs. MOAs define general areas of conditional agreement between two or more parties -- what one party does depends on what the other party does (e.g., one party agrees to provide support if the other party provides the materials). MOAs establish responsibilities for providing recurring reimbursable support should be supplemented with support agreements that
define the support, basis for reimbursement for each category of support, the billing and payment process, and other terms and conditions of the agreement. MOAs must be updated or recertified, in writing, every five years.

**Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)**—Written agreements between programs that do not obligate SAP resources. MOUs shall be executed when it is necessary to exchange SAP information between services. MOUs define general areas of understanding between two or more parties -- explains what each party plans to do; however, what each party does is not dependent on what the other party does (e.g., does not require reimbursement or other support from receiver). MOUs must be updated or recertified, in writing, every five years.

**Nickname**—A combination of two separate unclassified words that is assigned an unclassified meaning and is employed only for unclassified administrative, morale, or public information purposes.

**Office of Research and Technology Applications (ORTA)**—Office required by 15 U.S.C. § 3710(b) to oversee the Domestic Technology Transfer Program at a laboratory and/or technical activity. Normally, an ORTA comprises individuals with expertise in marketing, public relations, intellectual property, patent law, and scientific and technical information.

**Oversight**—Authority to monitor, review, inspect, investigate, analyze, evaluate and advise an organization's management, operation, performance, and processes through policy, guidelines, instructions, regulations or other structures to maintain compliance and effectiveness within the National Security construct. (This authority does not limit in any way the authority of an Inspector General or others in execution of their lawful duties.)

**Oversight Authority (OA)**—The designated official assigned oversight responsibility for a SAP. Oversight responsibilities include, but are not limited to, endorsing change of category, endorsing apportionment into or de-apportionment from IJSTO, conducting program reviews, endorsing termination or transition plans, ensuring SAPs do not duplicate or overlap, and coordinating SAP annual reports with DoD SAPCO.

**Privileged User**—An authorized user who has access to system control, monitoring, administration, criminal investigation, or compliance functions.

**Program Identifier (PID)**—An unclassified abbreviation for an assigned SAP, compartment, sub-compartment or project nickname or code word. PID letters shall be drawn from the letters within the nickname or code word.

**Program Security Officer (PSO)**—The PSO is a government employee assigned to AFOSI PJ who is responsible for executing SAP security responsibilities for a specific SAP, compartment, sub-compartment, project and/or geographical region/MAJCOM. Contractor personnel may support PSO functions managed by AFOSI PJ only to the extent that they are subject to the direction of specified AFOSI PJ personnel who perform all discretionary PSO functions on behalf of the United States Government. Use of contractor personnel to act as a PSO may only occur with the approval of the Director, AF SAPCO. This approval shall be annually validated.

**Program Termination**—A SAP, compartment, sub-compartment, or project activities have ceased and shall not be restarted. SAP enhanced security protective measures are still required.
**Program Disestablishment**— Action taken when enhanced security protective measures are no longer required for the information contained within the program. This action may include termination, cancelation, or transition of a SAP.

**Program Transition**— An action that results in a change in protection level for the SAP material such SAP to non-SAP, classified to unclassified, or the transfer of information to another SAP or compartment.

**Proscribed Information**— Information defined as COMSEC, SCI, Restricted Data, Formally Restricted Data, SAP, or Top Secret. The following are the approved CSAs for proscribed information: National Security Agency (NSA) for COMSEC, Director of National Intelligence (DNI) for SCI, Department of Energy (DOE) for RD and FRD, DoD Component Head for SAP, the Military Departments for their TOP SECRET information, and other Executive Branch Departments and Agencies for classified information under their cognizance.

**Prospective SAP**— An AF program or activity for which enhanced security measures have been proposed and approved to facilitate security protections prior to establishing the effort as a SAP.

**Revocation of SAP Access**— A decision to take away SAP access.

**Special Access Program**— An activity which has enhanced security measures and imposes safeguarding and access requirements that exceed those normally required for information at the same level. Information to be protected within a SAP is identified by an SCG.

**SAP Compartment**— An effort under a SAP, approved by the AF SAPCO, and protected by a separate SCG or based upon written guidance derived from the existing SCG of its umbrella. A person accessed to a compartment is accessed to all sub-compartments and projects below the compartment, unless an exception is specifically approved by the AF SAPCO.

**SAP Project**— A narrowly-focused, short-term effort under a SAP sub-compartment approved by the AF SAPCO that is protected by a specific SCG or based upon written guidance derived from existing SCG of its parent sub-compartment. Each project shall be assigned a nickname, PID, and code word, if applicable.

**SAP Sub-compartment**— An effort under a SAP compartment approved by the AF SAPCO and protected by a distinct and separate designated SCG or based upon written guidance derived from an existing SCG of its SAP compartment. A person accessed to a sub-compartment is accessed to all projects below the sub-compartment, unless an exception is specifically approved by the AF SAPCO.

**Suspension of SAP Access**— A temporary action to put on hold an individual’s SAP access by an appropriate authority. SAP access cannot be reinstated until a full review of the details causing the suspension is completed.

**Unacknowledged SAP**— A SAP having enhanced security protection measures ensuring the existence of the program is not acknowledged, affirmed, or made known to any person not authorized for such information.

**Waived SAP**— A SAP for which the SecDef has waived applicable reporting in accordance with IAW Title 10 U.S.C. Section 119 following a determination of adverse effect to national security. An unacknowledged SAP that has more restrictive reporting and access controls than other unacknowledged SAPs.
**Attachment 2**

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPEAL BOARD APPEARANCES (REQUEST FORMAT EXAMPLE)**

Figure A2.1. Instructions for Appeal Board Appearances (Request Format Example)

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<td>FROM: <em>(Insert your name and mailing address)</em></td>
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SUBJECT: Request for Appeal Board Review

I request a Secretary of the Air Force Special Access Program Personnel Security Appeal Board (SAP PSAB) review of the decision to limit or revoke my access to Special Access Programs.

I request *(check a or b)*:

a) The SAP PSAB to review the appeal package *(You may attach additional mitigating documentation; I shall not make a personal appearance--See Note.)*

b) To make a personal appearance before the SAP PSAB

If b is checked, check either (1) or (2)

1) I plan to have counsel *(at my own expense)* appear with me at the SAP PSAB.
2) I do not plan to have counsel appear with me.

NOTE: The Adjudicative Reviewer shall forward your case file and any other documentation you or other agencies/personnel have provided previously to the Board. You do not need to send duplicate copies.

If you plan to appear personally, please provide the following information so that you may be contacted by an Adjudicator who shall provide the date, time and exact location of the SAP PSAB meeting.

Work Phone: ___________________________
Home Phone: ___________________________

This notice must be returned no later than __________________to the contact information reflected on the letter revoking your access:

_________________________ ____________________________
INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPEAL BOARD APPEARANCES (RESPONSE FORMAT EXAMPLE)

Figure A3.1. Instructions for Appeal Board Appearances (Response Format Example)

| FROM: (Name and Address of Advising Activity) |
| SUBJECT: Instructions for Appeal Board Appearance |
| TO: (Name and Address of Appellant) |

1. You indicated that you wanted to appear personally before the Special Access Program Personnel Security Appeal Board.

2. The SAP PSAB has scheduled your appeal as follows:
   - Date _____________
   - Time_________________________
   - Location ____________________________________

3. Should this time be inconvenient, please call _____________________ at __________________ to provide the reason(s) for delay and rescheduling information. Postponement of the appearance can be granted only for justified reason(s).

4. The appellant may:
   - a. Be represented by one counsel or personal representative at his/her own expense
   - b. Make an oral presentation not to exceed two hours
   - c. Submit additional relevant documents not already provided to the Appeal Board

5. The appellant may not:
   - a. Call witnesses
   - b. Question the Board concerning the substance of the appeal

6. Travel costs for the government appellants are at the discretion of the government organization. The government is not liable for any cost borne by the contractor appellant.

7. Appeal Board members shall have reviewed your case file. Therefore, we suggest you use your allotted time to clarify your reasons for overturning the denial or suspension or providing additional information. We recommend you not repeat material contained in your file or in documents you previously provided. At the end of the personal appearance, you may make a closing statement.

8. For further information concerning Appeal Board protocol, contact _____________________ at ______________________.

   SIGNATURE BLOCK
   Secretary
   Special Access Program Appeal Board
MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE

FROM: FULL NAME / IDENTIFICATION OF REQUESTING GOVERNMENT CONTRACTING AUTHORITY (GCA)

SUBJECT: Request for Consideration of National Interest Determination (NID) (FOUO)

References: "National Industrial Security Program Operating Manual" (NISPOM) (DoD 5220.22-M, para 2-309) and Executive Order 12829, "National Industrial Security Program" (NISP)

1. Pursuant to the above references, request favorable consideration of the _________ in granting a National Interest Determination (NID) to FULL NAME / IDENTIFICATION AND ADDRESS OF COMPANY (complete identification to include all subcontractors, subsidiaries, partnerships, and full description of relationships/individual product lines, etc. shall be detailed in Tab “A” as outlined below).

2. The following justification and supporting data is provided for your review and consideration:

a. We request favorable consideration be given SPECIFIC PROGRAM/PROJECT NAME/LEVEL OF DETAIL (detail specific “proscribed information” to include specific levels, etc.). In the enclosed attachments our request shall detail compelling evidence that release of such information to INSERT NAME OF COMPANY advances the national security interests of the United States. The attachments are as follows:

   (1) Tab "A": Staff Summary Sheet – HQ XXXX Coordination with cognizant PM, cognizant CO, cognizant PEO, XXXXXXXX, XXXXXXXX, XXXXXXXX, SAF/GC; Approval SAF/AA.

   (2) Tab “B”: Identification of the proposed awardees along with a synopsis of its foreign ownership (include solicitation and other reference numbers to identify the action).

   (3) Tab “C”: General description of the procurement and performance requirements.

   (4) Tab “D”: Identification of national security interests involved and the ways in which award of the contract helps advance those interests.

   (5) Tab “E”: A description of any alternate means available to satisfy the requirement, and the reasons alternative means are not acceptable.

   (6) Tab “F”: Government’s Counterintelligence Assessment/Foreign Ownership Issues.
(7) Tab "G": Proposed NID Approval / Disapproval Letter (XXXXX)

**Processing Note:** All requests for NIDs shall be initiated by the GCA. A company may assist in the preparation of an NID, but the GCA is not obligated to pursue the matter further unless it believes further consideration to be warranted. The GCA shall, if it is supportive of the NID, forward the case through appropriate agency channels to the ultimate approval authority within that agency. If the proscribed information is under the classification or control jurisdiction of another agency, the approval of the cognizant agency is required; e.g., NSA for COMSEC, DCI for SCI, DOE for RD and FRD, the Military Departments for their TOP SECRET information, and other Executive Branch Departments and Agencies for classified information under their cognizance. It is the responsibility of the cognizant approval authority to ensure that pertinent security, counterintelligence, and acquisition interests are thoroughly examined. Agency-specific case processing details and the senior official(s) responsible for rendering final approval of NID's shall be contained in the implementing regulations of the U.S. agency whose contract is involved.

3. The designated point of contact for all matters related to this specific NID request may be directed to the undersigned. You may contact me via unclassified email at: ira.sample@emailaddress.com or telephone (xxx-xxx-xxxx).

IRA M. SAMPLE  
Government Contracting Authority (GCA)

Attachments:
1. Tab A (Staff Summary Sheet – HQ AF Coordination with cognizant PM, cognizant CO, cognizant PEO, GC; Approval by SAF/AA)
2. Tab B (Full company identification & foreign ownership synopsis)
3. Tab C (Procurement and performance requirements)
4. Tab D (Rationale for advancement of National Security interests)
5. Tab E (Alternative means of satisfying requirements)
6. Tab F (Counterintelligence Assessment/Foreign Ownership Issues)
7. Tab G (Proposed NID Approval/Disapproval Letter)
**Tab A**

*(Staff Summary Sheet – HQ XXXX Coordination with cognizant PM, cognizant CO, cognizant PEO and approval by SAF/AA)*

**Tab B**

*(Full company identification & foreign ownership synopsis)*

1. Full Company Identification:
   a. Company Name: ___________________________________________________
   b. FSC/Cage Code: ________________________
   c. Facility Clearance: __________________________________________
   d. Physical Location (Street Address): _________________________________

   e. Is Corporate Headquarters same as Item "d" above: Yes ___ No ___

(1) If "No" - specify / list Corporate Headquarters information (Items "a" - "d" above).

   _____________________________________________________________
   _____________________________________________________________

   f. Facility Clearance: ________________________
   g. Product Line (relevant to this request; detail by location/activity and by subsidiary/subcontractor relationship, etc.): _______________________________

   _____________________________________________________________
   _____________________________________________________________

   h. Foreign Ownership Synopsis & Corporate Relationships: (detail all foreign ownership, partnerships, subsidiaries, affiliations - in addition to narrative; provide a linear organizational chart depicting all corporate entities/relationships, etc.)

   _____________________________________________________________
   _____________________________________________________________

   ![Corporate HQ Diagram](chart.png)
i. Detail all previously granted and current Special Security Agreements, Security Control Agreements, Voting Trust Agreements and Proxy Agreements and/or other relevant National Interest Determinations:

____________________________________________________________________

____________________________________________________________________

____________________________________________________________________

(Note: All question/answer spaces above are not representative of allowable narrative - continue on additional pages to sufficiently detail)

Tab C
(Procurement and performance requirements)

Tab D
(Rationale for advancement of National Security interests – Note: The following statement, “Release of the proscribed information to the company shall not harm the national security interests of the United States.” must be included)

Tab E
(Alternative means of satisfying requirements)

Tab F
(CI Assessment/Foreign Ownership Issues — Note: To be completed by cognizant CI service activity and forwarded to the GCA for inclusion in the NID Request package)

Tab G
(Proposed NID Approval / Disapproval Letter (XXXX))