

# Lawful Government Purpose

- A pro-active standard

for sharing or restricting access to CUI:

- **Lawful Government Purpose** is any activity, mission, function, operation, or endeavor that the U.S. Government authorizes or recognizes as within the scope of its legal authorities or the legal authorities of non-executive branch entities (such as state and local law enforcement).

[32 CFR 2002.4 (bb): <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2016/09/14/2016-21665/controlled-unclassified-information>]

# Focus on Purpose

## WHEN TO SHARE?

- If access promotes a common project or operation between agencies or under a contract or agreement with the designating agency, then share.

## WHEN TO NOT TO SHARE?

- If access harms or inhibits a common project or operation between agencies or under a contract or agreement with the designating agency, then do not share.

Apply agency policy for safeguarding and handling information marked:

- CUI Basic
- CUI Specified
- or with Limited Dissemination Controls

(as derived from the ISOO CUI Registry:

<https://www.archives.gov/cui/registry/category-list>)

# Limited Dissemination Controls

Authorized Holders  
apply  
**Limited  
Dissemination  
Controls** –  
to promote a  
**Lawful  
Government  
Purpose;**  
only  
**Authorized Holders**  
may apply  
ISOO-approved  
**Limited  
Dissemination  
Controls**  
to agency information.

See: ISOO CUI Registry:  
<https://www.nara.gov/cui/registry/category-list>.

<b>NOFORN</b>
No Foreign Dissemination
<b>FED ONLY</b>
Federal Employees Only
<b>FEDCON</b>
Federal Employees and Contractors Only
<b>NOCON</b>
No Dissemination to Contractors
<b>DL ONLY</b>
Dissemination List Controls
<b>REL TO XXXX</b>
Authorized for release to certain nationals only
<b>DISPLAY ONLY</b>
Display Only

# Permit Access and Dissemination

If sharing:

- Is not prohibited by law, Federal regulation, or Government-wide policy
- Furthers a **Lawful Government Purpose**
- Not subject to **Limited Dissemination Controls**

# Achieve the Best Results

**Lawful Government Purpose** is a dynamic standard:

- **Protect** what needs to be protected.
- **Share CUI** with other Executive branch agencies and non-Federal partners, as prescribed by **law, Federal regulation, and Government-wide policy**, when doing so will most effectively achieve the authorized mission.