

Lawful Government Purpose Transcript

Scene 1 INT. BUSY CAFETERIA – LUNCHTIME

Employee: Two employees are enjoying their lunch break. They are discussing their workday when BLAIR's new project, which involves a significant amount of CUI, comes up in conversation. ELEONORE is not working on this project, and does not have a Lawful Government Purpose to access the material. Still, ELEONORE probes:

Eleonore: You know, Blair, You've been looking kind of stressed about that latest project.

Blair: Yes, well, I just have to spend so much time just going through all this CUI.

Eleonore: CUI? Interesting. I've never been on a project that deals with all that much CUI. You know what you should do? Send some of it over to me this afternoon. I've got free time and I'm happy to help. And, anyway, I've always been interested in that project.

Employee: As an employee of an executive branch agency that stores, handles, or accesses CUI, you may be asked share CUI with a coworker, another agency, or non-Federal partner at some point. Therefore, you should familiarize yourself with the principle of "Lawful Government Purpose," or LGP, which is the standard for sharing and providing access to CUI under the CUI program.

Slide 2 LAWFUL GOVERNMENT PURPOSE

Employee: Lawful Government Purpose is a dynamic standard for deciding when to share and when not to share CUI with other coworkers, executive branch agencies or non-Federal partners who handle CUI. LGP concerns itself with the purposes CUI may serve as a resource in achieving the mission objectives of government operations and projects. CUI should only be shared when the contents of CUI will help achieve the goals of a common project or operation. On the other hand, if sharing a CUI resource would obstruct or harm the government purpose, then the CUI should be withheld.

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Blair: You know what, Eleonore, that's a really nice offer but you don't have lawful government purpose to view the CUI. And anyway, most of the CUI I'm handling is DL only anyway.

Eleonore: DL only?

Blair: Dissemination list only. You know, one of the seven limited dissemination controls outlined in the CUI program.

Eleonore: Huh?

Employee: Limited Dissemination Controls are controls approved by the CUI Executive Agent that agencies can place on CUI to limit or control who can, should, or should not access a particular type of CUI.

Slide 3 LIMITED DISSEMINATION CONTROLS

Employee: DL ONLY is used to identify the individuals, organizations, or entities (usually included on a list) who may access the CUI. Here is a complete list of Limited Dissemination Control Markings, or LDCM, that are recognized under the CUI Program.

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Blair: The CUI Registry lists 7 Limited Dissemination Controls that can be applied to either CUI Specified or Basic by the authorized holder. You know, our agency policy offers a lot more guidance on how and when to use limited dissemination controls.

Eleonore: Oh, okay, I'll go check that out.

Employee: In short, the principle of Lawful Government Purpose requires that Authorized Holders of CUI refrain from sharing CUI where sharing is prohibited, restricted, or further subject to Limited Dissemination Controls. It is also important to remember that Limited Dissemination Controls applied by Authorized Holders to promote a Lawful Government Purpose, may further restrict and prohibit the sharing of CUI in certain ways. Further examples of these restrictions include: NOFORN, No Foreign Dissemination; or FEDONLY, for federal employees only. Finally, Lawful Government Purpose is a dynamic standard, which requires risk-based decision making, as demonstrated in the scene you just saw. Authorized Holders must respond to risks and opportunities as they develop. When sharing CUI will promote the objectives of a government project or operation, then the CUI should be shared. Do not share CUI when law, Federal regulation, or Government-wide policy prohibit such sharing. Thank you for taking this time to learn about Lawful Government Purpose.