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Fusion Center Collaboration: State of Washington Joint Analytical Center's Private Sector Integration

PRACTICE

The State of Washington Joint Analytical Center (WAJAC) permits private sector businesses to place a security analyst at the WAJAC. This promotes information sharing between the government and the private sector.

DESCRIPTION

In the spring of 2007, WAJAC directors began allowing private sector businesses to deploy a security analyst to the WAJAC. The directors believed that this would increase the WAJAC's ability to receive and disseminate information from private sector businesses. Businesses are permitted to select their representatives to the WAJAC and the length of their deployments.

The WAJAC developed a memorandum-of-understanding (MOU) that defines the terms and conditions of the analyst's deployment. The MOU identifies the security personnel who will represent the business and the length of their deployments at the WAJAC. Private sector personnel must either possess a TOP SECRET security clearance or have applied for one from the Federal Bureau of Investigation prior to deploying to the WAJAC.

A private sector security analyst at the WAJAC is expected to gather and disseminate information on behalf of his or her entire industry, not just his or her employer. WAJAC directors rely on these analysts to help deliver critical intelligence and information to counterparts at other companies, especially smaller ones that do not have robust security capabilities. WAJAC directors expect that private sector security analysts will use existing structures to share intelligence and information with their colleagues throughout the industry.

CITATIONS

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