

VA IT Security Clause

VAAR -852.273-75 SECURITY REQUIREMENTS FOR UNCLASSIFIED INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES (interim -October 2008)

- a. The contractor and its personnel shall be subject to the same Federal laws, regulations, standards, and VA policies as are VA personnel, regarding information and information system security. These include, but are not limited to federal Information Security Management Act (FISMA), Appendix III of OMB Circular A-130, and guidance and standards, available from the Department of Commerce's National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST). This also includes the use of common security configurations available from NIST's Web site at: <http://checklists.nist.gov>.
- b. To ensure that appropriate security controls are in place, contractors must follow the procedures set forth in "VA information and Information System Security/Privacy Requirements for IT Contracts" located at the following Web site: <http://www.iprm.oit.va.gov>.
- c. These provisions shall apply to all contracts in which VA sensitive information is stored, generated, transmitted, or exchanged by VA, a contractor, subcontractor, or a third-party, or on behalf of any of these entities regardless of format or whether it resides on a VA system or contractor/sub contractor's electronic information system(s) operating for or on the VA's behalf.
- d. Clauses (a.) and (b.) shall apply to current and future contracts and acquisition vehicles including, but not limited to, job orders, task orders, letter contracts, purchase offers, and modifications. Contracts do not include grants and cooperative agreements covered by 31 U.S.C. & 6301 et. seq.