

## **The Defense Investigative Service and its Role in the Key Asset Protection Program**

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### **ABSTRACT**

*This article provides an overview of the structure and functional responsibilities of the Defense Investigative Service (DIS). Organized in 1972 and based in Washington, D.C., the DIS organization has a Personnel Investigations Center (PIC) in Baltimore, Maryland, a Defense Industrial Security Clearance Office (DISCO) in Columbus, Ohio, two Offices of Industrial Security International for Europe and the Far East, as well as eight Regional Offices. Overall, DIS has approximately 350 field activities.*

*Most of the DIS investigative effort is expended on personnel security investigations which is controlled at the PIC in Baltimore. The industrial security mission of DIS consists of three major programs: the Defense Industrial Security Program (DISP); the DoD Key Asset Protection Program (KAPP), and the DoD inspection program of prime and subcontractors manufacturing or possessing sensitive conventional arms, ammunition, and explosives (AA&E) in connection with defense contracts. In summary, DIS has evolved dramatically from being a single-mission security investigation agency to the more complex security organization it is today.*

