Export Control Program

Services Training

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Topics

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What Is A Service?

- Work done for hire that is not considered research
  - Services typically have specified procedures/processes

- Examples:
  - Analysis of unknown pharmaceutical substances
  - Running lab tests for hospital patients
  - Conducting air sampling in a factory after a chemical spill
  - Manufacturing items that are incorporated into another device
  - Providing materials for an outside university
  - Gene sequencing
  - Letting an outside company use your wind tunnel lab
Who Is The Solicitor?

- Foreign Organizations-Be careful if a foreign government and especially a foreign military requests a service.
  - They MAY be requesting something that would violate export control laws. Carefully review their request to determine if they are asking for something that would have any connection to export control.
  - The US government severely restricts the interactions US entities can have with anyone located in Iran, Syria, Sudan, Cuba or North Korea
  - The US government limits interactions with a number of other countries, including: Afghanistan, Balkans, Belarus, Burma, China, Congo, Cote d’Ivoire, Cyprus, Eritrea, Fiji, Haiti, Iraq, Lebanon, Liberia, Libya, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Venezuela, Vietnam, Yemen, Zimbabwe
Who Is The Solicitor?

- Restricted Parties
  - The US government keeps lists of persons, companies and universities that we cannot interact with.
  - It’s important to ensure that the solicitor does not show up on any list that restricts business dealings. A violation can result in large fines and possibly jail time.
What Are You Providing?

- General data analysis will usually not cause export control issues.
- Any work done under service agreements does not count as research and will not fall under the fundamental research exception.
- Building anything that could be considered a defense object will need to be screened for possible export control issues.
  - Examples could include building space tracking equipment, encryption software, biological/chemical containment equipment etc.
Is The Technology Controlled?

- Controlled technology can include:
  - Anything nuclear, space-related, weapons or weapons accessories, encryption, or modeling/simulation software.
  - Dual use items (items that can have commercial and military uses).

- Keep in mind that export controlled items and services are not always easily identified. “Dual use” items that COULD be used for a military purpose, such as oscilloscopes, select agents, lab equipment, telecommunications devices, etc. are also controlled.
Who Conducts The Service?

- **Foreign Staff/Students**
  - A deemed export license may be required for a foreign person to conduct a service using a controlled technology.
  - Mere operation of a device that is controlled should not require a license.
  - There is no difference between foreign staff and foreign students when it comes to export controls.
What Is A Defense Service?

- “The furnishing of assistance (including training) to foreign persons, whether in the United States or abroad in the design, development, engineering, manufacture, production, assembly, testing, repair, maintenance, modification, operation, demilitarization, destruction, processing or use of defense articles or the furnishing to foreign persons of any technical data controlled under” the International Traffic in Arms Regulations.

- Examples include nuclear equipment, select agents, space-qualified equipment, troubleshooting failed rocket launches, etc.
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