POST-VISIT PROTOCOLS

- Change passwords, locks, and access controls to rooms, buildings, and computers that long-term visitors used.
- Brief employees on what information can and cannot be shared once the long-term visit or joint venture is completed.
- Educate employees on the policies regarding subsequent contacts from the visitors (the policy may need to provide guidance on contacts via business email, personal email, telephone, in person, social networking sites, etc.); train employees on how to appropriately handle contact with prior visitors.
- A joint venture contract allowed three employees from one company to work in the facility of the other. When the venture was terminated, the three employees attempted to take proprietary information out of the host’s facility in boxes labeled as their personal belongings.

INDICATORS THAT PREVIOUS VISITORS MAY BE TRYING TO OBTAIN RESTRICTED INFORMATION:

- A prior visitor invites an employee to provide a lecture or receive an award at the visitor’s overseas company.
- An unsolicited email from an associate of a prior visitor requests information or a service that should be directed to another department or person (e.g. sales department).
- Social contact (via email, telephone, social networking sites, or in person) that is inappropriate or manipulative.
- A prior visitor requests favors or additional information.
- A prior visitor requests sensitive information on projects outside the scope of their visit.

GENERAL GUIDANCE

- Do not leave sensitive information unattended.
- Obtain approval from a supervisor before sharing any sensitive, proprietary, or project information; ensure the recipient is authorized to receive such information.
- If authorized to share sensitive or proprietary information, do not discuss it in an unsecured/open environment.
- Discard sensitive information in a safe manner (e.g. shred).
- Lock computer workstations when unattended.
- Do not store passwords and login instructions at workstations.
- Do not share access codes, user names, or passwords with anyone.
- Do not leave electronic storage devices unattended (external hard drives, thumb drives, laptops, etc.).
- Do not allow personal software or hardware (thumb drives) to be installed or attached to company networks without written permission.

If you notice any suspicious behavior or activity, immediately report it to your security officer. Let security determine if an incident is innocent.

For additional information or training, contact the FBI at www.fbi.gov.

TRADE SECRET = all types of information (financial, business, scientific, technical, economic, or engineering information including patterns, plans, compilations, program devices, formulas, designs, prototypes, methods, techniques, processes, procedures, programs, codes – whether tangible or intangible) which: (1) the owner has taken reasonable measures to keep secret, and (2) has independent economic value.

PROPRIETARY INFORMATION = information that is not available to the public, has been developed by the holder, and is viewed as the property of the holder, but does not rise to the level of a trade secret.

SENSITIVE INFORMATION = information that is export controlled or has publication restrictions.

A visitor, or visitor’s organization, sends a request to complete surveys or questionnaires.
A prior visitor advises the recipient not to worry about security concerns, or asks the recipient to ignore a request if it causes a security concern.
SECURITY DURING FACILITY TOURS

There are a number of commercially available audio and video recording devices disguised as pens, sunglasses, buttons, key fobs, cigarette packs, etc. It may be nearly impossible to keep such devices from entering your facility. Keep this in mind when planning tours.

- Brief all employees on threats issues surrounding visitors
- Brief appropriate personnel (escorts, those briefing visitors, and those whose workspace will be toured) on the scope of the visit
- Ensure the number of escorts per visitor is adequate to properly supervise and control visitors
- Confirm escorts are trained and knowledgeable about possible techniques of visitor theft
- Make sure employees know when visitors will be in their space and remind them to shield proprietary information from the visitors’ view
- Ensure visitors are easily identifiable (visitor badge, visitor vest, etc.)
- Notify visitors of appropriate security and safety protocols prior to their visit to include the consequences for not complying with those protocols
- Do not hesitate to end the tour and escort visitors out of the facility for non-compliance or other security concerns

Indicators that a visitor may be trying to obtain restricted information during a tour:
- Makes last minute additions or changes to the visitor roster
- Attempts (or succeeds) to bring unauthorized electronic or recording devices into sensitive/prohibited areas
- Attempts to photograph items with cell phones or micro cameras (fiddling or apparent positioning of a watch, pen, or other personal item)
- Does not adhere to the stated purpose of the visit
- Asks questions outside the scope of the approved visit
- Acts offended or belligerent when confronted about a security or protocol incident
- Wanders off route or pretends to get lost during the tour
- If a request for a sensitive or classified tour is denied, a request for a less sensitive or commercial tour is made
- Makes repeated visits to the facility
- Foreign visitors are escorted by a Foreign Liaison Officer or embassy official who attempts to conceal his/her official identity during a supposed commercial visit
- Provide periodic and sustained reminders on the scope of the project and elicitation detection
- Brief visitors on their obligations and responsibilities including limitations on access or use of computers, copiers, or fax machines, and access limitations to buildings or rooms

Under the pretext of reading a text message, a visitor used his cell phone camera to photograph a trade secret device. The photos were emailed to engineers who were then able to design and produce a similar product.

SECURITY DURING LONG-TERM VISITS AND JOINT VENTURES

Long-term visits or joint ventures may provide an even greater opportunity for a competing company to obtain restricted information. They may also provide an opportunity for visitors to spot, assess, and befriend employees that may assist (either willingly or unwillingly) in collecting restricted information for a visitor during the time of the visit or in the future.

- Educate employees extensively on the scope of the project and how to report security concerns
- Ensure that the joint venture is one-sided
- Only to cancel the contract
- Conduct regular computer audits to detect any efforts by visitors or employees to exceed their approved computer access
- The partnering company sends more representatives than is necessary for the project
- The visitors single out company personnel to elicit information outside the scope of the project
- Visitors want access to the local area network
- Visitors want unrestricted access to the facility
- A visitor faxes or emails documents to an embassy or another country
- A visitor tries to attach an unapproved thumb drive or other device to a computer
- Visitors continually forget security protocols, or need to be reminded “you can’t do that”

ADDITIONAL INDICATORS THAT A VISITOR IS TRYING TO OBTAIN RESTRICTED INFORMATION

- Indifferent or uninterested in the ongoing tour
- Refuse to accept unnecessary representatives into the facility
- Do not allow visitors to use networked computers; provide stand-alone computers if needed
- Review all documents visitors fax, mail, or email, and translate them when necessary
- Periodically interview employees who have frequent contact with visiting personnel to check for indicators of economic espionage or elicitation/recruitment attempts
- Missing or unaccounted for equipment or documentation
- Asks questions about programs using acronyms specific to the program that they should not necessarily know about
- Use of social manipulation or elicitation techniques to gain more information

Indicators that long-term visitors may be trying to obtain restricted information:
- A company entices you to provide large amounts of technical data as part of the bidding process, only to cancel the contract
- Potential technology sharing agreements during the joint venture are one-sided
- The partnership company sends more representatives than is necessary for the project

Additional indicators that long-term visitors may be trying to obtain restricted information:
- Make sure employees know when visitors will be in their space and remind them to shield proprietary information from the visitors’ view
- Ensure visitors are easily identifiable (visitor badge, visitor vest, etc.)
- Notify visitors of appropriate security and safety protocols prior to their visit to include the consequences for not complying with those protocols
- Do not hesitate to end the tour and escort visitors out of the facility for non-compliance or other security concerns

Foreign visitors from a “partnering” university photographed, without approval, every item in another university’s established research lab, to include the make and model of the equipment. The two labs were supposed to be collaborating, but the established lab’s director eventually realized his lab was the only one sharing information.

Foreign visitors put double-sided tape on the soles of their shoes in order to collect slivers of metal alloys from the floor of a production plant for US military planes. They later analyzed the slivers to determine the exact metallic components used in the planes.

Foreign visitors dipped their ties into chemical solutions in order to obtain samples of the product. They also fanned out in different directions and photographed everything they could in the facility. The host company was subsequently unable to find a market for its product in that country.