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# **State/DFC Sensitive Information Sharing Initiative**

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# State/DFC Sensitive Information Sharing Initiative



- Current Program Options
  - DHS
  - FBI
  - HHS
- Unclassified Communications
  - HSIN
  - Private Sector Incident Related Conference Calls
  - Development and dissemination of sector-specific unclassified/FOUO documents
- Classified Communications
  - Obtain clearances for State/DFC personnel
  - Deploy secure communications equipment into the field
  - Secure access to HSDN terminals for State/DFC personnel



# Unclassified Communications



- HSIN
  - Includes SLTT and Private Sector Partners
  - Includes threat, policy, cybersecurity and incident response related information
    - Included FOUO releases of information regarding the September event on Thursday September 8<sup>th</sup>
  - Portal design/content governed by a PS/SLTT Working Group
- Private sector incident related conference calls
  - Primarily geared at private sector however all HSIN members may participate
- Development/dissemination of FOUO documents
  - On an ad hoc basis to respond to specific threat information
  - Ex: Toxins/poisons fact sheets



# Classified Communications Security Clearances



- Began offering three clearances per State/DFC in June 2010
  - SHO, DPHP and one ops/planner staff
  - Clearances at the secret level
- Worked with DHS/FBI to “perm cert” all other known clearances to HHS and will continue to do so annually
- Developed a central POC to handle meeting visits and other clearance related questions ([cip@hhs.gov](mailto:cip@hhs.gov))



# Classified Communications Secure Communications Equipment



- Unprecedented deployment to non-federal partners
- Original plans needed to be altered due to equipment being phased out in 2012
- Devices will be funded by the State/DFC but ordered through the HHS/ASPR COMSEC Account
  - Devices will have strict accountability/testing requirements
  - Two options of phones will be provided
  - Guidance on usage and training documentation will also be provided
  - Will need to work with telecommunications personnel in your Department to address technical specifications

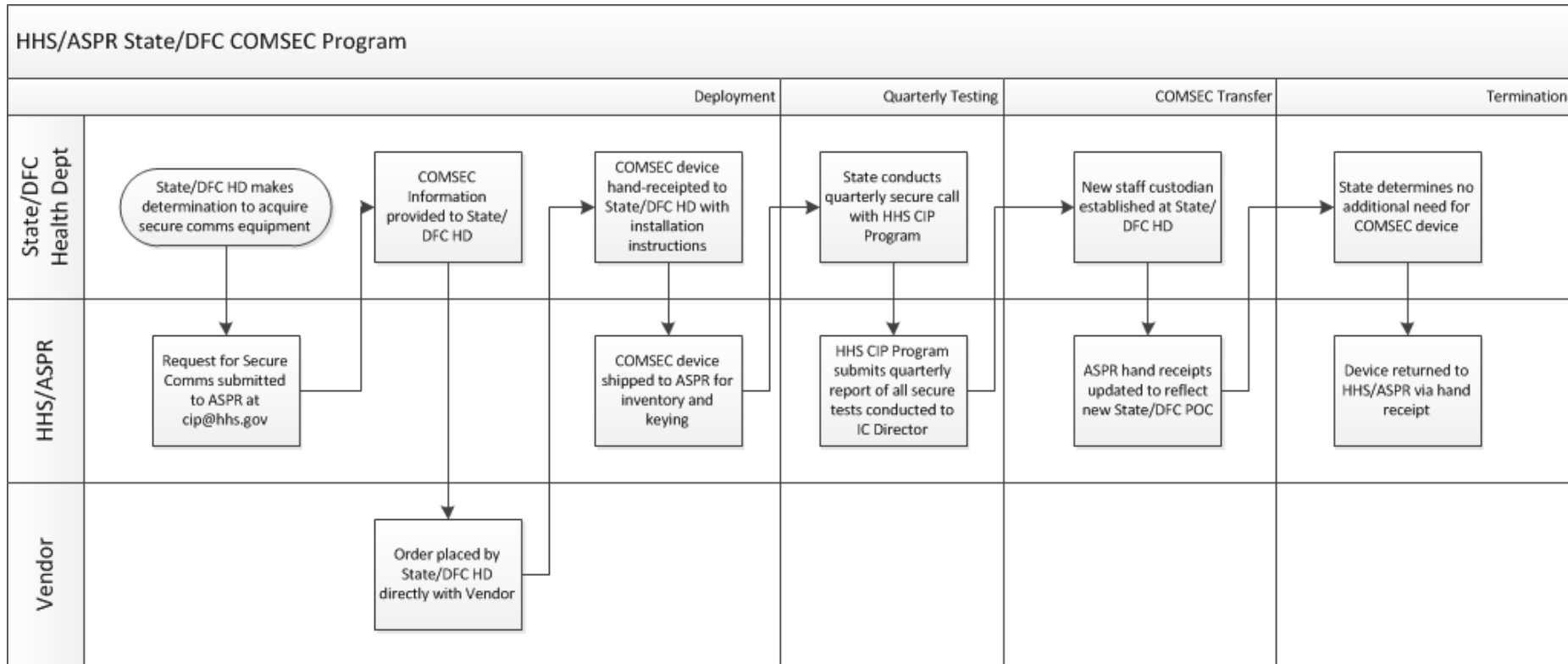
# Classified Communications Secure Communications Equipment

- Two phone options
  - Secure Telephone Equipment (STE)
    - Non-CCI Platform
    - “Assigned” to a particular ISDN phone line
    - Will work on a standard POTS line
    - Utilizes removable cryptographic cards
  - Sectéra Wireline Terminal (SWT)
    - CCI Platform
    - Portable and may be connected to any analog phone line
    - Can be configured for multiple access codes





# Classified Communications Program Overview





# Classified Communications HSDN Accounts



- Finalizing mechanism to obtain HSDN accounts for cleared State/DFC personnel
  - Will be easiest for those with clearances through HHS
- Map of HSDN terminals obtained
  - Easiest access is via fusion centers
- Working to develop distribution list to share routinely generated reporting
- Printing, transportation and storage remain an issue





# September 2011



- What information did you receive?
- When did you receive it?
- Was it helpful?
- What type of information would have been more helpful?



# Next Steps



- Unclassified Information Sharing
  - Enroll additional staff/partners in HSIN
- Security Clearances
  - Notify CIP team ([cip@hhs.gov](mailto:cip@hhs.gov)) of any staff changes
  - Submit three candidates per State/DFC if not already completed
- Secure Communications Equipment
  - Notify CIP team of intent to purchase to begin the process
  - Conduct regular accountability testing after equipment is received
- HSDN Access
  - Validate access to HSDN terminals at your fusion center
  - Notify CIP team once access is available for the creation of your HSDN accounts



# Questions?



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