

## 504.475 Return of classified information.

(a) Contracting officers must recover classified information, unless it has been destroyed as provided in Section 7 of Chapter 5 of the National Industrial Security Program Operating Manual (NISPOM). Information on NISPOM can be found at <https://fas.org/sgp/index.html>.

(b) Contracting officers must ensure that classified information provided by the government is returned immediately after any of the following events:

- (1) Bid opening or closing date for receipt of proposals by non-responding offerors.
  - (2) Contract award by unsuccessful offerors.
  - (3) Termination or completion of the contract.
  - (4) Notification that authorization to release classified information has been withdrawn.
  - (5) Notification that a facility:
    - (i) Does not have adequate means to safeguard classified information; or
    - (ii) Has had its security clearance revoked or inactivated.
  - (6) Whenever otherwise instructed by the authority responsible for the security classification.
- (c) The Government agency that provided classified information to a GSA contractor is responsible for the return of the information.

**Parent topic:** [Subpart 504.4 - Safeguarding Classified Information Within Industry](#)