

BUSINESSSAFE

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BusinessSafe Highlight: Defense Industrial Base Sector

Florida is home to the largest defense and homeland security industries in the U.S., with over 17,900 companies and 194,000 employees. The Defense Industrial Base Sector provides assets and services for military operations including research, design, production, delivery, and maintenance of weapon systems, subsystems, and components to meet U.S. military needs. This Sector can have interdependencies with the Critical Manufacturing Sector, the Chemical Sector, the Transportation Sector, and the Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector.

Criminal Activity

Criminal actors may use cyberattacks and illegal exportation to obtain proprietary defense industry information for foreign governments, illicit use, or to sell for profit. Criminal actors may also target or make threats of physical attacks on defense industry organizations to harm or disrupt operations.

- **Cyberattacks** – Cyber threat actors continue to initiate attacks targeting the U.S. Defense Industrial Base Sector. Common cyberattacks include ransomware, brute force attacks, phishing, and other attack types. Cyber threat actors, including foreign adversaries, may also use malware to gain access to a computer network and hide for extended periods while stealing proprietary information from defense industrial base companies.

[Microsoft Warns of Iran-Linked Hackers Targeting US and Israeli Defense Firms](#)
[Russian State-Sponsored Cyber Actors Target Cleared Defense Contractor Networks to Obtain Sensitive U.S. Defense Information and Technology](#)
[US defense contractor Electronic Warfare hit by data breach](#)
- **Physical Threats and Attacks** – As a key industry in the U.S., defense industrial companies can be a potential target for physical threats and attacks. These threats can include targeted violence, threats to operational facilities or supply theft for use in other criminal activities.

[Aerospace employee threatened to bomb his NC workplace six times in two weeks, feds say](#)



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- **Illegal Exportation and Insider Theft** – The Defense Industrial Base Sector works diligently to adhere to state and federal laws regarding the exportation of their products, intellectual property, and services. Still, both domestic and foreign threat actors may try to obtain goods from defense companies and contractors by using trusted insiders such as employees or contractors to obtain goods, technology or proprietary intellectual property. [Former Tungsten Heavy Powder & Parts CEO Arrested and Charged with Unlawful Exportation of Defense Articles including to The People’s Republic of China](#)
[Civilian Navy Engineer, 3 Others Arrested on Federal Charges Alleging Theft and Sale of Government-Owned Technical Information](#)

Resources

- Visit [Shields Up](#) and [StopRansomware.gov](#) for information and resources related to protecting your organization from cyberattacks.
- The Cybersecurity Infrastructure and Security Agency (CISA) offers information on the [Defense Industrial Base Sector](#) and guidance on accessing resources.
- **“If You See Something, Say Something®”** – Report suspicious activity to your local law enforcement agency, on the FDLE website using [Florida’s See Something, Say Something Tool Kit](#), via the Florida See Say app, or by calling 855-FLA-Safe. In an emergency, call 911. FDLE also offers [potential indicators](#) of suspicious activities related to the Defense Industrial Base Sector.



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