

# Controlled Unclassified Information Update

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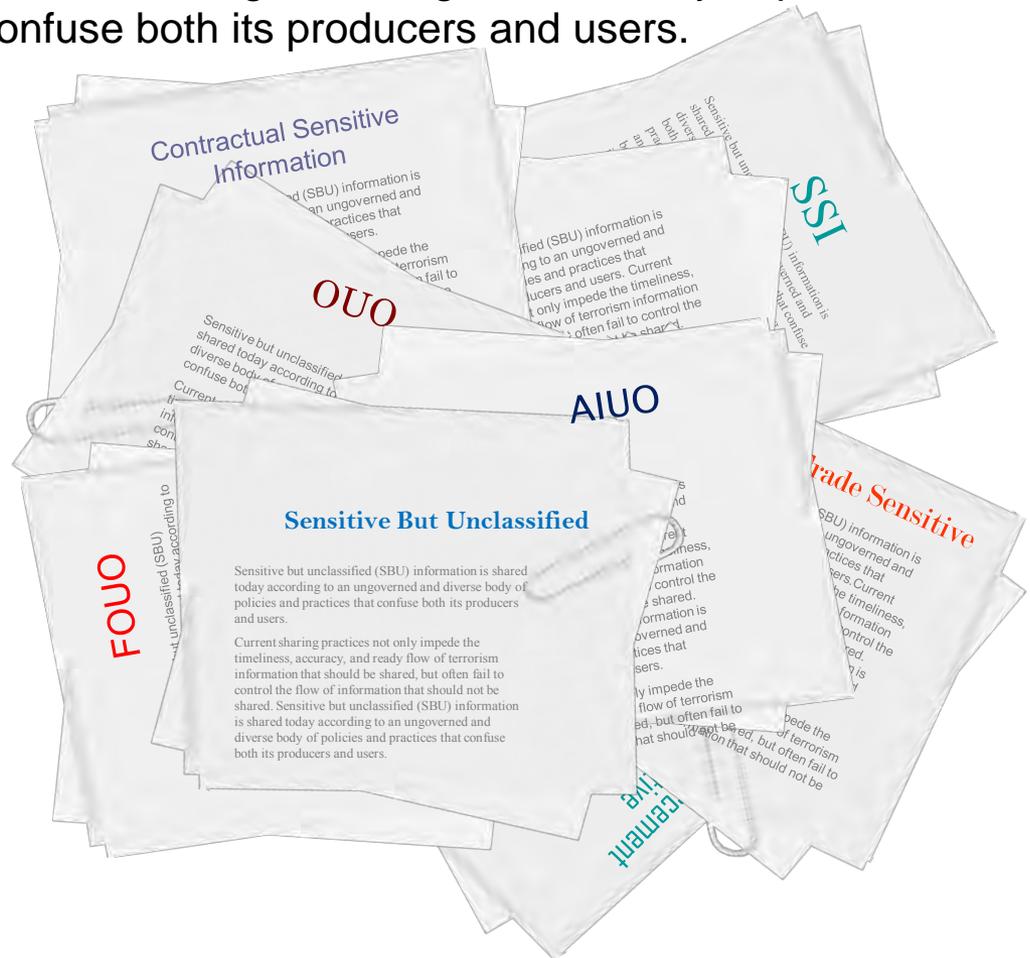
# SBU Information

SBU information is currently shared according to an uncontrolled body of policies and practices that confuse both its producers and users.

Inconsistency in SBU policies greatly increases the **likelihood of erroneous handling and sharing** of information.

Across the Federal government there are at least **107 unique markings** and **over 130 different labeling or handling processes** and procedures for SBU information.

Current SBU sharing practices not only **impede the timeliness, accuracy, and ready flow** of information that should be shared, but often **fail to protect information** in a consistent and transparent manner.

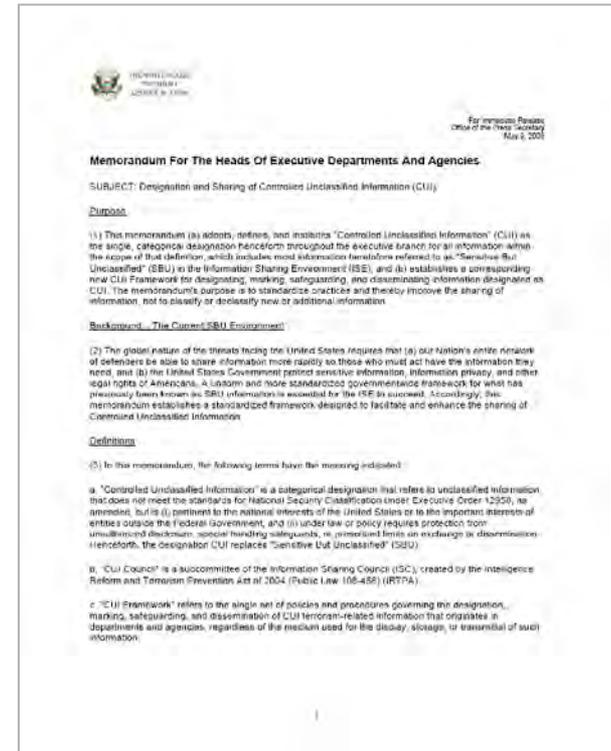




# Presidential Memorandum, May 9, 2008: *The Designation and Sharing of Controlled Unclassified Information*

## This Memorandum:

- Adopts, defines, and institutes “Controlled Unclassified Information” (CUI) as the single categorical designation for all information referred to as “Sensitive But Unclassified” (SBU) in the Information Sharing Environment (ISE); and
- Establishes a corresponding new CUI Framework for designating, marking, safeguarding, and disseminating information designated as CUI; and
- Designates the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) as the Executive Agent, to oversee and implement the new CUI Framework.



The purpose of the CUI Framework is to standardize practices and thereby improve the sharing of information.



## Presidential Memorandum, May 27, 2009 *Controlled Unclassified Information*

Created Task Force jointly headed by DHS and DOJ, charged with:

- reviewing current procedures for categorizing and sharing SBU; and
- making recommendations within 90 days regarding how the executive branch should proceed with respect to the CUI Framework.
  - Scope (terrorism-related within the ISE or all SBU/CUI).
  - Measurement of agency progress.
- “Recommendations shall recognize and reflect a balancing of the following:
  - “a presumption in favor of openness in accordance with the President’s memoranda of January 21, 2009 on Transparency and Open Government and on FOIA;”
  - “the value of standardizing the procedures for designating, marking, and handling all SBU information; and”
  - “the need to prevent the public disclosure of information where such disclosure would compromise privacy or other legitimate interests.”



## Task Force Report to the President

- Signed by Attorney General and Secretary of DHS
- Submitted to the White House
- Accepted by the President and released to the public
  - [http://www.dhs.gov/ynews/releases/pr\\_1260887995817.shtm](http://www.dhs.gov/ynews/releases/pr_1260887995817.shtm)
- Ongoing CUI reform effort led by the White House and involving all major CUI stakeholders



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