DBIDS begins 180-day transition for contractors, vendors

To improve management and force protection at Navy installations, the Navy is transitioning from using the Navy Commercial Access Control System (NCACS) to the Defense Biometric Identification System (DBIDS) for contractors and vendors requiring access to an installation. The transition will begin April 17, 2017, with no cost to those transitioning.

NCACS cardholders will have 90 days from April 17, to obtain a temporary DBIDS paper pass and 180 days from April 17 to obtain an actual DBIDS card, which will be at no cost to the applicant. Those requesting new access onto installations will receive the DBIDS card at the same time they are initially approved for access. After July 15, 2017, NCACS cards will no longer be accepted for installation access.

DBIDS is the ID card scanning systems used by security personnel at Navy Region Southeast installations. It can scan an ID card in a single second or less. DBIDS uses bar codes and biometrics to identify cardholders. The system verifies authorizations and assigns access privileges based on identify, affiliation, and the current threat.

The new DBIDS scanner responds faster and with more accuracy than a human checking an ID card. This means, with the heavy volume of traffic entering a base during peak traffic hours, entry controllers can now scan credentials instead of relying on visual ID card inspections, and it lessens bottlenecks or chokepoints at base entry control points.

The system is maintained by the Defense Manpower Data Center, owners of the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System, or DEERS, and the Real-Time Automated Personnel Identification System, or RAPIDS.

When a Department of Defense credential is initially scanned at an installation entry control point, the cardholder is automatically registered in DBIDS once the ID card is validated in DEERS. Also, information is screened by the FBI National Criminal Information Center (NCIC). DBIDS is interconnected with DEERS and NCIC for continuous vetting.

Contractors or vendors who need assistance in transitioning from NCACS to a DBIDS temporary pass to a DBIDS card can contact the installation Pass & ID office or Visitor Control Center. Contractors and vendors are reminded to give themselves time as there may be a high demand during the transition to the DBIDS card and possible delays in processing new credentials and passes are anticipated.

For more information about NAS Meridian's transition to DBIDS call the Pass & ID Office at 601-679-2509.