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Critical information regarding ISO 14298.

ISO 14298 "Graphic technology-Management of security printing processes"

ISO 14298 was developed by a Joint Working Group (JWG) of ISO TC 130, Graphic Technologies, Working Group 5 and ISO TC 247, Fraud countermeasures and controls. The primary expert participants on this JWG were members of NASPO and Intergraf. NASPO played a key role in the development of this standard to assure that ISO 14298 was aligned with the ANSI/NASPO Security assurance standard. What that means is that organizations that are certified under the NASPO standard will find the certification to ISO 14298 a very expeditious and cost effective process.

ISO 14298 has limited application.

ISO 14298 is only for security printers, card producers, and security foil producers it does not include security technology suppliers or other security organizations. The NASPO standard includes security printers, security foil producers, technology suppliers and any organization that must meet security requirements or wishes to implement security practices within their organization.

NASPO is a trusted standard.

The NASPO Security assurance standard is recognized as an American National Standard and used by private industry as well as state and federal agencies. It is a mature standard that has established its conformity assessment process to meet the security requirements of a broad base of users. The standard also provides a more complete set of guidance for implementation than ISO 14298.

NASPO is prepared to offer NASPO Certification to ISO 14298.

NASPO participated in the development of ISO 14298, and aligning the standards requirements with ANSI/NASPO, makes NASPO's auditing and conformity assessment procedures, with minor modifications, applicable to the ISO standard. Our auditors are available to provide NASPO Certification to ISO 14298.

Combined audits.

NASPO can offer a combined audit for ISO 14298 and ANSI/NASPO Security Assurance for security printers, card producers, and security foil producers. This is one audit process and one affordable audit fee that provides two certifications, NASPO SA 2013 and/or ISO 14298. The option of which certification is determined by the organization and its needs. This will provide those organizations working internationally to meet the requirements of an ISO standard as well as be able to meet the requirements of the ANSI/NASPO standard for national contracts.

Why NASPO Certification?

NASPO has developed our audit processes over the last ten years to meet the high requirements of security contractors and users. It is a recognized audit process for security assurance and the quality of those audits are maintained by NASPO. Currently ISO 14298 may be audited by any auditing organization without oversight or review. This is a dangerous situation for the security industry. Auditors without any training, understanding of the standard, or the implementation of the standard can conduct audits and offer certification. This brings a very high degree of risk to the end users that rely on the certification. A NASPO Certification represents trust and credibility in the audit process and a level of assurance that the standards requirements are being met and implemented as intended.

Q and A

Will I have to maintain two standards, ISO 14298 and NASPO?

No. Because the two standards have the essentially the same requirements and audit process there should not be the need to maintain them separately. This is known as an Integrated Management System, one set of documentation and responsibilities covers two or more standards. The two standards are highly integrated. The guidance provided in the ANSI/NASPO standard will support conformity assessment to ISO 14298.

Will we have to do two audits?

No. The audit process is the same for both standards. A single audit will allow certification for both standards.

Will there be an increase in audit costs?

No. Because the standards are part of a highly integrated management system the minor differences in the standards will not require significant additional audit time or costs. There will be a small additional certification cost for ISO 14298.

Can I still just get and ANSI/NASPO certification or an ISO 14298 certification separately?

Yes. The certification is determined by the organization being audited and may be based upon any contractual obligations.

If I am a security technology supplier or hardware supplier can our organization be ISO 14298 certified?

No. ISO 14298 is only for security printer, security card producers and security foil manufacturers. The ANSI/NASPO standard is applicable to all security related organizations.

If you have any questions regarding NASPO ISO 14298 Certification please contact: Mike O'Neil, mikeo@naspo.info, 612-281-7141

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