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4.1901 Definitions.

As used in this subpart-

Covered contractor information system means an *information system* that is owned or operated by a contractor that processes, stores, or transmits *Federal contract information*.

Federal contract information means *information*, not intended for public release, that is provided by or generated for the Government under a contract to develop or deliver a product or service to the Government, but not including *information* provided by the Government to the public (such as that on public Web sites) or simple transactional *information*, such as that necessary to process payments.

Information means any communication or representation of knowledge such as facts, data, or opinions in any medium or form, including textual, numerical, graphic, cartographic, narrative, or audiovisual (Committee on National Security Systems Instruction (CNSSI) 4009).

Information system means a discrete set of *information* resources organized for the collection, processing, maintenance, use, sharing, dissemination, or disposition of *information* ([44 U.S.C. 3502](#)).

Safeguarding means measures or controls that are prescribed to protect *information systems*.

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