Section 889 Compliance

In response to increased U.S. government security risk, Section 889 of the 2019 National Defense Authorization Act was recently implemented by the federal government. Section 889 prohibits government contractors, grant recipients, and others from procuring or using certain “covered telecommunication equipment or services” that are produced by Huawei, ZTE, Hytera, Hikvision, and Dahua and their subsidiaries as a “substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system.” Additionally, the federal government is now prohibited from entering into or extending or renewing contracts with any entity that “uses any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunication equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system.”

We encourage researchers to familiarize themselves with these new requirements and to work with Information Technology and Procurement Services to review all purchases and maintain compliance. For a list of companies subject to this equipment, restriction click here. More information on Section 889 can be found here, and a brochure outlining the Act here. To stay compliant with Section 889, the Office of Research Services has added a question to the Information Sheet on whether researchers will provide, use, or obtain any prohibited telecommunications equipment or services.