



# Why It Matters That WipeDrive's Source Code Has Never Left the USA

- **Trade secrets** are fully protected by US Law.
- **Code is accessed and maintained by US company employees.** Vindictive 3rd party employees are unable to insert malicious code into the codebase. Overseas coders do not face prosecution for malicious acts.<sup>[1]</sup>
- **Ensures full ownership of the WipeDrive IP.** There is no concern that the WipeDrive IP would be stuck in International IP Laws
- **No Transfer of Knowledge Capital.** Foreign coders can publish our competitor's code in their 'own' tool.
- **No User Data is accessible by 3rd party personnel.** The financial liability is costly if user data is leaked by overseas 3rd party staff.
- **Unknown security measures at foreign facilities** – Sony<sup>[2]</sup> is a prime example of hackers having physical access to facilities. Our USA facilities are secured and certified by NCSC.
- **3rd Party Firms outsource their work.** "Some Indian firms are sending managers to the large Chinese cities and outsourcing work there," says Marcella. "Unless I specifically state in the contract that the third-party provider can't re-outsource it, what's to keep them from outsourcing it to Beijing?"<sup>[3]</sup> Our competitor's may not have contracts that limit their 3rd party providers from outsourcing the coding to another, potentially risky, country.
- **Language/cultural translation** issues delay code releases and bug fixes.

For more information on data security and data erasure products, please contact WipeDrive at **801.224.8900**.

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