

Michelle Lujan Grisham New Mexico Governor

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Acting Cabinet Secretary & State CIO and State CISO

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Dear Business and Technology Leaders,

Under Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham's leadership, and support of the New Mexico Legislature, the Office of Cybersecurity in collaboration with the Cybersecurity Planning and Advisory Committees has developed a statewide cybersecurity plan. This plan calls for the Office of Cybersecurity to initiate the Statewide Cybersecurity Program and proactive risk mitigation services to strengthen our state's cybersecurity preparedness and posture.

To successfully achieve the objectives outlined in the statewide cybersecurity plan and enhance our state's cybersecurity preparedness, we need your support.

The state plan prioritizes objectives to continuously detect, remediate, manage, and protect state technology infrastructure from threat exposures while complying with federal and state regulations, and best practices.

The goals of the plan are to:

- Enhance detection and remediation of cyber threat exposures
- Validate and prioritize threat exposures
- Improve resilience
- Develop risk management strategies and workforce development

As part of the plan, the Office of Cybersecurity is scaling its current services to include K-12 schools (public and charter), higher educational institutions, and local government entities (cities, counties, and municipalities).

We strongly encourage you to reach out to the respective contacts to initiate discussions and participate in the cybersecurity risk mitigation services offered by the Office of Cybersecurity. Please reach out to the following representatives applicable to your area.

- K-12 Cybersecurity Program: Shaundra Stone | Email: shaundra.stone@doit.nm.gov
- Higher Ed Cybersecurity Program: Lee Baca | Email: <u>lee.baca@doit.nm.gov</u>
- State Agency Cybersecurity Program: John Gregerson | Email: john.gregerson@doit.nm.gov
- Local Government Cybersecurity Program: John Salazar | Email: john.salazar@doit.nm.gov

We look forward to working with you to strengthen our state's cybersecurity practices and create a safer digital environment for all New Mexicans. Please contact us at soc@doit.nm.gov if you have any questions or require clarification.

Thank you for your timely efforts and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Raja Sambandam, Chief Information Security Officer Office of Cybersecurity, State of New Mexico