

NGA Cybersecurity Newsletter

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Resource Center Announcements

Six States Selected for NGA Policy Academy on Election Cybersecurity

NGA [selected](#) **Arizona, Hawaii, Idaho, Minnesota, Nevada** and **Virginia** to develop plans for refining and implementing promising practices in cybersecurity operations to ensure the integrity of elections in their states. The NGA policy academy will run from June to December of this year and is supported by the Democracy Fund.

Seven States Selected for NGA Workshops to Enhance State Cybersecurity

NGA selected **Arkansas, Guam, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Ohio** and **Washington** to develop action plans to improve their respective key cybersecurity priorities. The workshops will run from July to December of this year.

Save the Date: August 20th Webinar on Digital Identity Management with NASCIO

NGA and NASCIO will provide a joint webinar on August 20th at 1:00 ET on lessons learned with states on Digital Identity Management. Details to come!

Welcome the Newest Member to the NGA Cyber Team!

John Guerriero is our new Policy Analyst supporting our cybersecurity, election security, and emergency communications work. He is an internal hire from NGA's Economic Opportunity Division where he worked full time on workforce development and apprenticeships, including some work on cyber workforce development in that capacity. John also accompanied us to the Summit, so you may remember him from on the ground in Shreveport. Welcome, John!

Mark Your Calendars: North American International Cyber Summit 2019



NORTH AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL
CYBER SUMMIT 2019



OCTOBER 28
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DETROIT, MI

Register [here](#).

State Cyber News

Maryland Governor Larry Hogan [signed](#) an executive order launching the “Maryland Cyber Defense Initiative” to create a state chief information security officer; establish the “Office of Security Management;” and create the Maryland Cybersecurity Coordinating Council.

Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis [announced](#) \$5.1 million to enhance the cybersecurity of the state’s voter registration files and county board of elections. He also [signed](#) a bill to create the “Florida Cybersecurity Task Force” to provide recommendations on securing the state’s network systems and data; remediating high-risk cybersecurity issues; assessing cybersecurity infrastructure and activities; identifying gaps in the state’s overall cybersecurity infrastructure, governance, and current operations, among other things.

Researchers at the University of Colorado Boulder [found](#) that they could spoof a Presidential Alert delivered through the Wireless Emergency Alert system.

Ohio’s Secretary of State [ordered](#) all county boards of elections to request cybersecurity services from US DHS, to install ALBERT Sensors, and conduct annual cybersecurity and physical security training for employees.

The Mayor of Atlanta, the MS-ISAC, and an academic from the University of Auburn [testified](#) before the House Committee on Homeland Security on the need for additional funding to assist state and locals bolster their cyber defenses.

The North American Electric Reliability Corporation and other private partners [found](#) increased cyber activity targeting the U.S. power grid.

Congress has [introduced](#) a bill in the Senate to foster engagement with SLTT entities to bolster their cybersecurity postures, and the House [passed](#) a bill to enhance election security.

NGA Events in 2019

Below are the dates for major NGA events in 2019.

2019 NGA Summer Meeting

July 24-27, 2019

Salt Lake City, Utah

- Breakout on Cybersecurity Workforce Development: States Rise to Meet the Cyber Talent Gap
July 25, 2019, 2:15-3:15pm

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