

NGA Cybersecurity Newsletter

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Resource Center Announcements

NGA Webinar: Combatting Financial Fraud in State Benefit Programs

Please join us on **Wednesday, February 10th, from 3:00 – 4:00PM EST** for an engaging panel and discussion on strategies states have taken to counteract the rise in fraud targeting state benefit programs. We'll hear from an expert panel of state officials and industry leaders who can share their experiences and lessons learned from the past year and participants will have the opportunity to engage with their peers in an intimate, closed-door setting.

Register [here](#) for the webinar and please reach out to Lacy Adams [here](#) with any questions.

NGA 4th National Summit on State Cybersecurity Wrap-up

Thanks to all who joined us for NGA's 4th National Summit on State Cybersecurity which took place virtually on January 6th, 13th and 21st. Attendees can still view resources and session recordings on the [Attendee Hub](#) until April 6th. For those who were unable to join but are interested in accessing the recordings, please email John Guerriero [here](#).

Be sure to check out NGA's YouTube [page](#) for videos of select sessions, including:

- Governor Hutchinson's Opening Remarks ([video](#))
- Governor Edward's Keynote Address on Governors' Priorities in Cyber Response and Presentation of High School Cybersecurity Competition Awards ([video](#))
- Panel: Governors' Cybersecurity Workforce Development Priorities and Promising Practices ([video](#))
- Keynote Address from Senator Maggie Hassan ([video](#))
- Keynote Address from David Luber, Deputy Director, Cybersecurity National Security Agency ([video](#))
- Keynote Address by Tonya Ugoretz, Deputy Assistant Director of Cyber Policy, Intelligence, and Engagement Branch, FBI ([video](#))
- Keynote Address by Amit Yoran, CEO, Tenable ([video](#))

Relevant resources from the sessions can be found below:

- ***Ransomware Lessons Learned:*** CISA recently released a [Reduce the Risk of Ransomware](#) campaign. The campaign has a particular focus on supporting COVID-19 response organizations and K-12 educational institutions.
- ***Cybersecurity in K-12 Schools:*** Read more [here](#) about New Hampshire HB1612, which requires minimum standards for privacy and security of student and employee data. Check out the Center for Internet Security (CIS) guide on K-12 Schools and No Cost MDBR Service [here](#).
- ***Election Cybersecurity, 2020 and Beyond:*** Read more about Ohio Secretary of State Frank LaRose's recent Election Security Directives (links to [2020](#) and [2019](#)) and the state's 2020 vulnerability disclosure policy [here](#). You can also review [slides](#) and a [recording](#) of NGA's July 2020 webinar on Illinois' Cyber Navigator Program.
- ***State-Local Partnerships in Cyber Resilience:*** Read more about the MassCyberCenter's municipal toolkit [here](#) and the NGA/NASCIO memo on state and local cybersecurity collaboration [here](#).
- ***Data-Driven Insights from the 2020 NASCIO-Deloitte Cybersecurity Survey:*** Check out the 2020 NASCIO-Deloitte Cybersecurity Survey [here](#) and NASCIO's top ten state CIO policy and technology priorities for 2021 [here](#).
- ***Governors' Cybersecurity Workforce Development Priorities:*** Read more about Arkansas' Computer Science and Cybersecurity Taskforce [here](#).

Coming Soon: NGA 2021 Policy Academy on State Cybersecurity

In February, NGA will release a Request for Applications for its 2021 Policy Academy for State Cybersecurity. More information and details will follow, but please reach out to John Guerriero [here](#) with any questions.



Energy Cybersecurity Training Webinar from NARUC

The National Association of Regulatory Commissioners (NARUC) is a hosting free virtual energy cybersecurity training on February 23-25. NARUC has offered NGA **limited registration slots** for the session on a first come, first serve basis. Please contact John Guerriero [here](#) if you are interested.

- **Date:** February 23 -25, 2021
- **Time:** 1:00 pm – 4:30 p.m. Each Day
- **Cost:** FREE
- **Objectives:**

- Gain knowledge of IT and OT technologies, as well as the tactics that utilities use to identify and deter cyber attacks;
- Understand the spectrum of state and federal approaches to cybersecurity;
- Identify cybersecurity cost recovery challenges and innovative solutions under consideration by Commissions today.

Previous NGA Webinar: Cyber Governance

In December, NGA hosted a webinar with CIS and the Center for Technology in Government at the University at Albany, State University of New York (CTG UAlbany), on Managing Cyber Threats through Effective Governance, A Call to Action for Governors and State Legislatures Cyber Governance. You can find the CIS white paper [here](#), slides  [here](#) and a recording  [here](#).

NGA Request for Information:

1. Does your state have a cybersecurity or computer science teaching mandate or standards? When formulating teaching content mandates, does your state incorporate national standards and recommendations or depend on local guidance?

Please reach out to John Guerriero [here](#) on the above requests.

Cybersecurity News

International Law Enforcement Effort Take Down Two Global Cybercrime Threats

U.S. federal agencies worked with several countries' law enforcement agencies to take down the Emotet botnet while the FBI and Department of Justice, also working with an international law enforcement team, seized the Netwalker dark web site, assets and charged an alleged member for its role in attacks. Read more [here](#).

Actor Spreading Election Disinformation on Twitter Arrested

The DOJ announced that law enforcement officials have arrested a Florida man for allegedly using social media to spread disinformation during the 2016 election. The individual encouraged voters to vote via text or through social media platforms. Read the announcement [here](#).

NGA Government Relations Updates

DOTGOV Online Trust in Government Act of 2020 Included in Stimulus Bill

Included in the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 is a measure that looks to assist state and local entities transfer their websites and email services to the dotgov domain. The bill includes the following provisions: 1) transfers the responsibility dotgov registration services from the GSA to CISA, 2) requires the CISA Director to create a five year plan on enhancing the security of dotgov sites, 3) empowers the CISA Director to offer dotgov registration at no or minimal cost to state, local, territorial, and tribal entities, and 4) makes it explicit that FEMA-administered Homeland Security Grant Program funds may be used in migrating any online service to the dotgov domain. Read more [here](#).

Cybersecurity Funding Included in President Biden's American Rescue Plan

President Biden released an "American Rescue Plan" on January 14 that proposes a \$10B investment in enhancing cybersecurity and IT modernization for federal agencies with a significant portion dedicated to CISA. Read more about the plan [here](#).
