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The Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau & the Office of Communications Business Opportunities Offers Online Cybersecurity Tools and Tips to the Small Business Community

The FCC's Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau periodically receives cybersecurity alerts and tips from the federal government agency, Cybersecurity Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) about safeguarding computer networks. PSHSB shared this information with the Office of Communications Business Opportunities so we may disseminate this important information to the small business community.

In this notice, we share with you a recent CISA announcement about <u>a list of free cybersecurity</u> services and tools the agency compiled to help organizations:

- 1. Reduce the likelihood of a damaging cyber incident;
- 2. Detect malicious activity quickly;
- 3. Respond effectively to confirmed incidents; and
- 4. Maximize network resilience.

This non-exhaustive repository includes services provided by CISA, widely used open source tools, and free tools and services offered by private and public sector organizations across the cybersecurity community.

OCBO strongly recommends organizations take the following protective measures to secure their networks:

- 1. Fix known security flaws in software.
- 2. Implement multifactor authentication.
- 3. Take <u>steps to halt bad practices</u>, including the use of end-of-life software products and systems that rely on known/default/unchangeable passwords.
- 4. Sign up for CISA's Cyber Hygiene Vulnerability Scanning service.
- 5. Get your Stuff Off Search (S.O.S.).

We encourage small businesses to take the above steps and consult the list of available cybersecurity services and tools to reduce the risk of exposing business networks to potentially damaging cyber incidents.

Thank you,

The FCC Office of Communications Business Opportunities and Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau