



CYBERSECURITY

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Cyber Operations Center

Analysis and Response

- Incident Response
- Forensics
- Malware Analysis

Active Defense

- Penetration testing
- Threat Intelligence
- Exploitation Analysis

Security Infrastructure

- Endpoint Protect
- Network Detection
- Vulnerability Management



Governance, Risk and Compliance

- Cyber Risk Management
- Policy/Procedure/Standards
- Compliance with Federal and Industry Regulation
- Information Security Officer Liaisons

Education and Public Awareness

- Develops Defend.ND.gov
- Outreach to classrooms and business communities
- Works with EduTech to support K-20W initiative
- Builds a community and culture around cybersecurity in North Dakota

North Dakota Threat Environment

THREATS AND CONCERNS: RANSOMWARE IN SUPPLY CHAIN

Ransomware has been an ongoing threat in supply chain

- Energy
- Agriculture



JBS paid \$11 million ransom after cyberattack

BY NICOLE SGANGA
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What's the latest fallout from the Colonial Pipeline hack?

Answer: Some employees' personal information may have been compromised.

August 17, 2021 • News Staff



Fuel holding tanks are seen at Colonial Pipeline's Linden Junction Tank Farm on May 10, 2021, in Woodbridge, New Jersey. (Michael M. Santiago/Getty Images/TNS)
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THREATS AND CONCERNS: RANSOMWARE

RANSOMWARE AFFECTED PHILADELPHIA SEPTA TRANSPORT PAYROLL, TIME KEEPING & REAL-TIME SCHEDULE SYSTEM

University of Utah hit by ransomware, pays \$457K ransom

Haywood County Schools closed after Ransomware attack

Gosnell schools hit with attack

Cyber-Attack Downs Alabama County's Network

Cooke County in Texas apparently hit by gang using REvil ransomware

Knoxville shuts down IT network following ransomware attack

Michigan State University hit by ransomware

Texas Takes Second Ransomware Hit

DoppelPaymer Ransomware hits Los Angeles County city, leaks files

City of Olean Computers Hit with Ransomware

are Strikes Third US College in a Week

Cyber Attack Reported In Bluffton, South Carolina, Authorities Confirm

Ransomware attack hits Champaign-Urbana Public Health District

Louisiana's governor declared a state of emergency after a cybersecurity attack on government servers

Gadsden school district hit by ransomware for the second time

North Miami Beach Police Department Hit With Ransom Attack

Data breach follows attack

School's out as ransomware attack downs IT systems

Town of Colonie got hacked; looks to avoid paying ransomware demand about \$400,000

Racine Mayor Refuses to Pay Cyber-Ransom

County's Computers Still Down Nine Days After Ransomware Attack

PBVSD ransomware attack will delay report cards

e Attack, Florida

Redcar cyber-attack: Council using pen and paper

22 Texas Towns Hit With Ransomware Attack In 'New Front' Of Cyberassault

City Agrees to Pay Hackers \$600,000

Mississippi City Operations Disrupted by Ransomware Attack

Ransomware attack responsible for La Salle County technology issues

North Miami Beach Police Department Hit With Ransomware Attack

Hackers Are Holding Baltimore Hostage: How They Struck and What's Next

600 Computers Taken Down After Florida Library Cyberattack

Second Florida city pays giant ransom to ransomware gang in a week

New Orleans Declares State Of Emergency Following Cyber Attack

Fort Worth ISD Hacked, Joining Other Texas Schools, Towns Hit by Ransomware Attacks

Cyber-Attack Makes Pennsylvania Students Learn "Old School" Style

Hackers demand Michigan school district ransom

Ransomware attack cancels classes at Three College

ITI Technical College latest victim of ransomware

\$10K in bitcoin

Texas attack: Garrison, Nacogdoches schools hit

South Adams Schools hit with ransomware cyber-attack

Ransomware / Extortion Attacks

- The global threat of ransomware
 - Since 2016, over 4,000 ransomware attacks have happened daily in the U.S. (Justice Dept)
 - 37% of respondents' organizations were affected by ransomware attacks in the last year (Sophos, 2021)
 - In 2021, the largest ransomware payout was made by an insurance company at \$40M, setting a world record (Business Insider, 2021)

Ransomware / Extortion Attacks

- SLTT/Government
 - In 2020, 33% of attacks on governmental bodies were ransomware (Security Intelligence, 2020)
 - A ransomware attack against a Southern city in 2020 cost over \$7M (MSSPAlert, 2020)
 - A ransomware attack struck an East coast city in 2019 and caused a loss of over \$18M (Baltimore Sun, 2019)
 - In 2019, attacks against municipalities increased 60% from the year before (Kaspersky Labs, 2019)

Ransomware / Extortion Attacks

- Things will likely get worse.
 - Driven by organized crime
 - Well-developed monetary ecosystem around these attacks
 - Every successful attack gives ransomware groups bigger budgets
 - Bigger budgets means more of an ability to develop or buy better exploits and tools



Local Governments are Targeted. Why?

- Sheer number of American local governments – Over 90k units
 - 39k “General Purpose” Governments
 - 3K County Governments
 - 19K Municipal Governments
 - 16k Town or Township Governments
- Local governments store considerable amounts of sensitive information
 - Personally identifiable information (PII)
 - Contractual, billing and financial information
 - Data can be sold or held for ransom



Local Governments are Targeted. Why?

- Cybercriminals are very good at what they do
 - “Hacking” tools are becoming more effective and lower in cost
 - Poorly defended systems are even easier to breach
- Local governments operate under financial constraints that limit ability to implement:
 - Technology
 - Policies
 - Practices

**State and Local
Government
Employees Trained
on Ransomware
Prevention**

38%

Best Practices

Employee Security Awareness Training

State of North Dakota Standard:

- Provide Information Security Awareness overview on the first day of employment
- Complete Security Awareness Training within three days of receiving computer access
- Complete annual refresher training
- Complete ongoing, brief training quarterly
- Disable system access if annual and quarterly training is not completed within 60 days

Passwords – Long and Strong

- 12 to 15 Characters long
 - Upper, lowercase, numbers and special characters
 - 15 characters and all 4 complexity requirements = 12-month life
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- A weak 12-character password can be cracked in 25 seconds
 - A strong 15-character Password? More than a Billion Years!



Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA)

POSSESSION



Something
you have.

KNOWLEDGE



Something
you know.

BEING



Something
you are.



IT Security



Supply Chain



OT Security



Insider Threat



Physical Security



Interoperable Communications

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.gov Domain

- .gov is Secure
- .gov is Trusted
- .gov is Authoritative

Cybersecurity Incident Reporting/Plan

- Who you going to call?
- Create a cybersecurity awareness culture
 - Cybersecurity is everyone's business
 - Encourage reporting – no shame or consequences
- Include Cybersecurity in COOP plan
- Exercise your Plan



Cybersecurity Incident Reporting

Report a Security Incident

Report form for HB1314 cybersecurity incidents

NOTE: If you require immediate assistance, please contact the NDIT Service Desk at 701-328-4470



This form is for reporting cybersecurity incidents involving executive branch state agencies and political subdivisions in accordance with [HB1314](#) requiring the timely disclosure of cybersecurity incidents that affect the confidentiality, integrity, or availability of information systems, data, or services to the State of North Dakota Information Technology (NDIT) department.

Click [here](#) for FAQs.

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IIJA Grant Funding

STATE AND LOCAL CYBERSECURITY GRANT PROGRAM

- Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) amended Homeland Security Act of 2022 and appropriated \$1B over 4 years
 - Funds appropriated to FEMA; CISA identified as subject matter expert
 - Baseline allocation plus population-based allocation formula
 - 80% passthrough to local entities
 - 25% of total state allocation must go to rural communities
 - Increasing SLTT cost share over time
- Eligible entities—States, territories, and tribes, with subawards made to local entities
- Multi-entity grants can be made to groups of eligible entities
- Defined uses of funds
 - Develop and revise Cybersecurity Plan
 - Implement Cybersecurity Plan (including individual projects)
 - Grant administration (5%)
 - Address imminent cybersecurity threats, as confirmed by the Secretary, acting through the Director of CISA
 - Fund any other appropriate activity determined by the Secretary, acting through the Director of CISA



Appropriated Funding	Federal Cost Share
• FY22: \$200M	• FY22: 90%
• FY23: \$400M	• FY23: 80%
• FY24: \$300M	• FY24: 70%
• FY25: \$100M	• FY25: 60%

STATE AND LOCAL CYBERSECURITY GRANT PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS



All eligible entities must establish a planning committee

Roles

- Develop, implement, and revise Cybersecurity Plans
- Approve Cybersecurity Plans
- Assist with determination of effective funding priorities (i.e., individual projects)

Required membership

- Eligible entity
- Local/counties (if eligible entity is a state)
- Representatives from varying densities
- Public education
- Public health
- 50% of members must have professional experience relating to cybersecurity or information technology



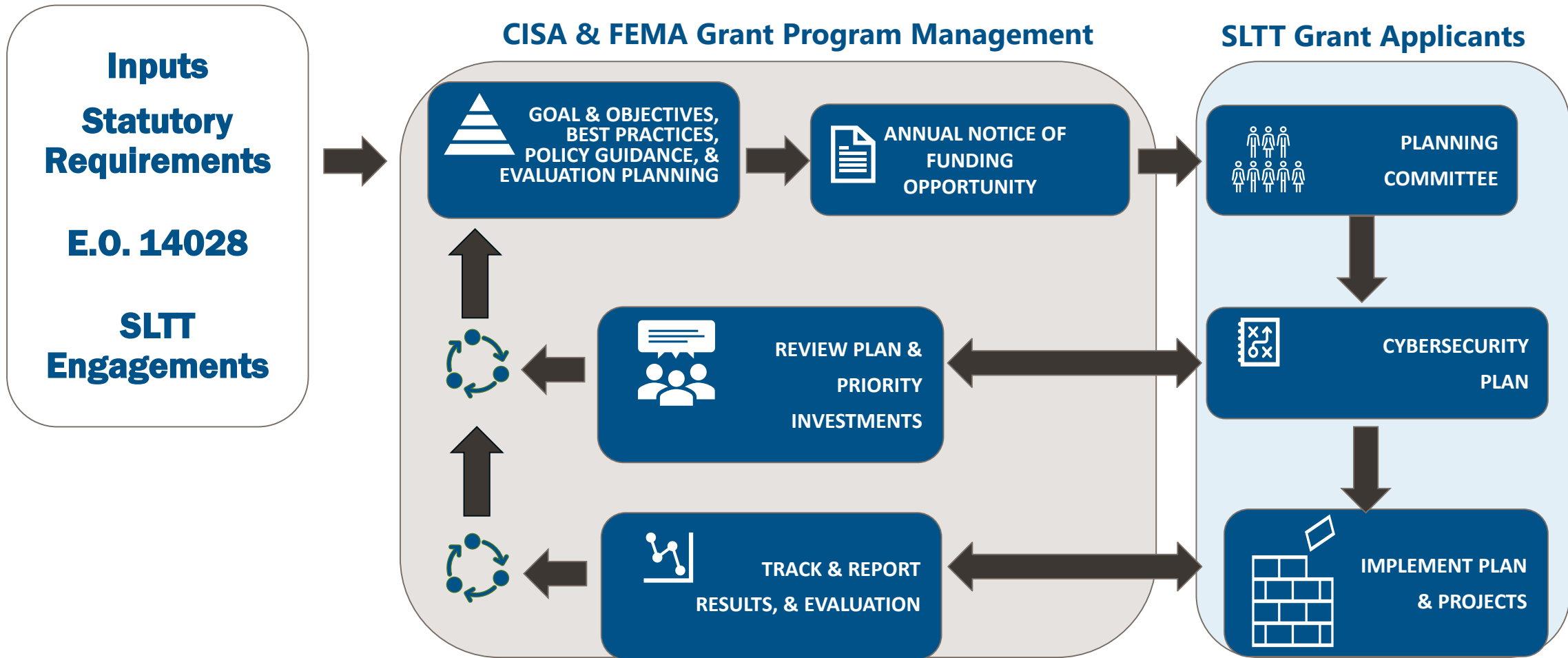
Mandates Cybersecurity Plan submission, approved by planning committee and state Chief Information Officer (CIO)

- 16 cyber-specific elements, including list of projects for SLCGP funding
- Description of SLTT roles in overarching plan
- Assessment of capabilities (16 elements)
- Resources and timeline for implementing plan
- Metrics



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STRATEGIC APPROACH LEVERAGES FEEDBACK LOOPS



CYBERSECURITY BEST PRACTICES

- Recipients may be required to include adoption of specific cybersecurity best practices in their Cybersecurity Plans
- Individual projects support implementation over time, as appropriate:
 - Implement multi-factor authentication.
 - Implement enhanced logging.
 - Data encryption for data at rest and in transit.
 - End use of unsupported/end of life software and hardware that are accessible from the Internet.
 - Prohibit use of known/fixed/default passwords and credentials.
 - Ensure the ability to reconstitute systems (backups).
 - Migration to the .gov internet domain.



2022 North Dakota Share



2.7M

NDIT SERVICES



Cyber Liability and Data Breach Coverage

In response to the ever-changing cyber risk landscape due to the expanded use of technology and data, the NDIRF provides a comprehensive cyber coverage solution for NDIRF Members.

Each NDIRF member may receive up to a four percent (4%) **general liability** rate reduction by implementing the following cybersecurity services and practices: cyber maturity assessment, antimalware software, and vulnerability scanning service.

North Dakota Information Technology (NDIT) offers these cybersecurity services and practices at no cost to North Dakota schools, cities, and counties as part of its One State, One Cybersecurity initiative to help elevate the state's collective cybersecurity posture. Contact NDIT at (701) 328-4470 for more information or visit their online service portal Service-Now.com.

CYBER MATURITY ASSESSMENT

Cyber Maturity Assessment

- NDIT in cooperation with political subdivisions, is conducting a Cybersecurity Maturity Assessment (CMA) that will be used to gain insight into each political sub-division's capabilities to detect, prevent and respond to cyber-attacks.
- The NDIT Security Team has sent out electronic surveys in July. These Assessments are not an audit and are meant to establish a baseline for each agency that, evaluated collectively, will help us create a strategy to address gaps or vulnerabilities, ultimately helping elevate our cybersecurity posture statewide.
- CMA data will be used to identify key areas of need which will help determine how the IIJA grant funds will be used.



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 **CORTEX**[™] XDR
BY PALO ALTO NETWORKS




CORTEX™ XDR

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- Advanced Endpoint Protection (AEP) Antimalware software
- Proactively protects devices from malware and malicious activity
- Team NDIT actively monitors systems
- System access at the local level
- Available for Windows, macOS, and Chromebooks
- Submit a ticket to the NDIT Service Desk
- **Available at no cost to gov't entities**





- Scans, identifies all software, including 3rd party, on each device
- Reports vulnerabilities and recommends actions for remediation
- Dashboards to easily see most critical vulnerabilities
- Clients available for Windows and macOS devices
- Submit a ticket to the NDIT Service Desk
- **Available at no cost to gov't entities**

Mean Time to Response

Detection and Notification During a Major Statewide Incident

**Cortex XDR &
Tenable**

15 Minutes to 3 Hours

**StageNet
Only**

24 to 72 Hours

**No
Visibility**

5+ days to Never Detected



- Dark Web Monitoring for sites that have been breached
- Notification of Leaked Credentials for your Domain
- Submit a ticket to the NDIT Service Desk
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- End-User Cybersecurity Training
- Simulated Phishing Attacks
- Phishing Report Button for Outlook
- Submit a ticket to the NDIT Service Desk
- **Available at no cost to gov't entities**



Security Awareness Education

- **90% plus of all data breaches begins with a phishing campaign**
- **Phishing Campaigns**
 - Crucial Education
 - Real world examples of today's phishing threats
 - Phish Alert Button
- **Security Training Campaigns**
 - New Hire 45 Mins with Quiz
 - Annual training 15 – 30 Mins in length with Quiz
 - Microburst quarterly education courses are roughly 5 minutes
 - KnowBe4 training portal

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