

Senior OCIO Announcement NCSAM 2012

Colleagues,

Together with President Obama, the entire Federal interagency family is pleased to announce the launch of the 2012 National Cyber Security Awareness Month – a dedicated time that encourages all Americans to work together and spread awareness about the impact that cybersecurity has on our lives. Together we can do our part in keeping ourselves, our families, our businesses, and our country safe.

Few of us need to be reminded of the impact cyberspace has on our daily lives. From the kitchen table to the classroom, from business transactions to essential government operations and services, cybersecurity is an issue that touches all of us. National Cyber Security Awareness Month reminds us that being safer and more secure online is a shared responsibility. During the month of October we ask that you pay special attention to the 2012 campaign theme, “Achieving Cybersecurity Together.” Each of us has an important role to play in securing our personal and professional cyberspace as individual actions have a collective impact on Internet security.

While increased connectivity has led to amazing transformations and global advances across society, it also has increased the importance and complexity of our shared risk. Many of our lives depend on technology, making cybersecurity one of our country’s most important national security priorities. Our economy and critical infrastructure are also dependent on the Internet, as nearly all public and private sector entities conduct business and store critical data on Internet-connected networks.

Cybersecurity requires the engagement of our entire society – from government and law enforcement to the private sector and most importantly, individuals at home and in the work place. In recognition of the importance of cybersecurity awareness, the President has designated October as National Cyber Security Awareness month. The Department of Energy supports the Department of Homeland Security’s commitment to supporting this designation by proactively advancing preparedness through increased awareness and information sharing.

Together we all can do our part in maintaining a safer cyberspace. I encourage you to attend the Cybersecurity Awareness session at 3:00 pm EST during OCIO Day on October 9, 2012. There will be an Unclassified Threat Briefing as well as a special message from our Associate Chief Information Officer for Cybersecurity, Gil Vega. Also, please visit <http://energy.gov/cio> for additional cyber awareness information.

Thank you for all that you do to help make our country safe and resilient.

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