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State will use October to highlight the best ways to protect information and stay safe online

St Paul, MN – With estimates that 97 percent of all electronic mail on the Internet is spam and 263 million reports of breaches of personal information since January 2005, safeguarding Minnesota’s digital infrastructure and citizens’ private data is more important than ever. During Cyber Security Awareness Month, state technology managers are again promoting the safe use of information technology and highlighting the ways state employees safeguard citizens’ private data.

During October, the state is hosting a number of events to highlight the important role security plays in the government’s information technology work:

- The fourth annual [Cyber Security Executive Briefing](#) for government leaders was held October 5. The theme was “Cyber Security 2010 and Beyond.”
- A redesign of the Office of Enterprise Technology’s website that provides information for media, state employees and citizens on the best ways to stay safe online: www.oet.state.mn.us
- Information and training sessions for state employees held throughout the month at Capitol-complex cafeterias.
- Information displays in state office buildings that promote resources to keep safe on the internet, protect your identity online and reporting a cyber security incident.

“Cyber security and maintaining the integrity of our digital infrastructure is and must remain the cornerstone of the work we do and the services we provide,” said State CIO Gopal Khanna. “Citizens and taxpayers must have complete confidence that when they do business with state – whether it be filing their taxes, renewing their driver’s license or applying for a hunting or fishing license – that their information is secure and protected by the best security tools and services and backed up by sound information technology practices.”

The Enterprise Security Office (ESO), a division of the OET, is responsible for monitoring and evaluating security tools and services. The ESO implements the state’s security program, conducting security audits, monitoring violations of enterprise policies and standards and working with agencies to identify compliance gaps. The ESO also manages the state’s Enterprise Vulnerability and Threat Management System (EVTMS), one of the most comprehensive threat management systems in the nation. EVTMS conducts ongoing scans of computers at state cabinet agencies as well as state colleges and universities to find and fix vulnerabilities that hackers could otherwise exploit.

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