National Cybersecurity Review (NCSR)

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Summary

- DHS mandated that recipients and sub-recipients of HSGP funding complete the NCSR to be eligible to receive grant funding or grant-funded equipment/supplies (GFES).
- The NCSR itself is not new. What is new is the mandate to complete it to be eligible to receive funding.
- The mandate means that any entity that will receive UASI grant funds or GFES through the FY 2019 UASI grant must complete the NCSR before it can be deemed eligible to receive a sub-award.

NCSR

- ~150 survey questions on the sub-recipient's cybersecurity status.
- NCSR needs to be completed by the sub-recipient's highest level cybersecurity employee (i.e. Chief Information Officer).
- The survey covers 8 categories of questions that align to the Cybersecurity Framework including: demographics, identify, protect, detect, respond, recover, privacy, and automation.
- Your agency will need to create an account. Visit: https://www.cisecurity.org/ms-isac/services/ncsr/.
  - **Note it may take up to 2 weeks to have your account activated.**

NCSR, cont.

- Federal deadline to complete – Dec. 31st **BUT**
- State deadline to complete is – Dec. 15th, which means:
- **The deadline for EWG's sub-recipients is December 9, 2019.**
- You need to submit proof of completion by this deadline – a saved PDF of the assessment should be submitted to EWG.
  - Send proof to both Brian Marler at brian.marler@ewgateway.org and Leah Watkins at leah.watkins@ewgateway.org.

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Who is affected?

- There are 17 entities and 12 projects that were approved to receive funding or GFES in the FY 2019 grant cycle. See the list in your handout.
- Each of the entities on the list must complete the NSCR and submit proof of completion to EWG – Brian and Leah.
- **Due date is December 9, 2019.**
- ***If the deadline is missed, then EWG cannot provide a sub-award to the entity and we will have to shift the funds to other projects / entities that have completed the NCSR.***

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Next steps

- Review the sub-recipient / project list.
- If your organization is on the list, give your entity's CIO or other relevant staff person the heads up.
- Brian will be reaching out to all the entities to get the info about your entity's CIO/staff and answer any questions about the NCSR.
- Brian, along with Cpt. Derek Rieger the Cybersecurity Coordinator at the St. Louis Fusion Center, will be available to provide assistance to complete the NCSR.

More info about the NCSR

- DHS, through the Center for Internet Security, has a website for information about the NCSR.
- DHS has conducted webinars about the NCSR and will be conducting more in the future.
  - The next webinar is November 1st. To register, visit the Center for Internet Security's website.
  - To access the September 20, 2019 webinar and other past webinars visit the Center for Internet Security's webinar page.

Questions?

- Contact Brian Marler at brian.marler@ewgateway.org or Capt. Derek Rieger (Fusion Center) at riegerd@stlouis-mo.gov.

- Send proof of completion to Brian Marler at brian.marler@ewgateway.org and Leah Watkins at leah.watkins@ewgateway.org **by December 9, 2019.**