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Memorandum

To: Agency Heads
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October is Cyber Security Awareness Month in North Carolina. One purpose of this annual event, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, is to raise awareness about cybersecurity.

As part of North Carolina's participation this year, the Office of Information Technology Services is providing free, online training for all state employees. In collaboration with the Office of State Human Resources, we are making the training available on the N.C. Learning Management System (LMS), which is accessible through BEACON. The training will be available October 1st.

The SANS Institute, a cooperative research and education organization, developed the training, entitled *Securing the Human*. The course has more than 40 modules that cover specific security awareness topics. Each module typically takes four to six minutes to complete, including a three-question quiz at the end.

I strongly encourage you to spread the word and encourage your employees to participate. Technology alone cannot protect our confidential state and personal data. People must be part of the strategy. This training will help us all become more vigilant, both at work and at home.

Attachment:
SANS Securing the Human Brochure

cc: Agency CIOs
Agency Security Liaisons