Memorandum

To: Agency CIOs and Security Liaisons

From: Rob Main, State Chief Risk Officer
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Subject: 2021 Updates to Statewide Information Security Manual

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Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 143B-1376 - *Statewide Security Standards*, the State Chief Information Officer (CIO) shall manage all executive branch information technology security and shall establish a statewide standard for information technology security to maximize the functionality, security, and interoperability of the State's distributed information technology assets, including, but not limited to, data classification and management, communications, and encryption technologies.

The purpose of this memo is to inform you of an update to the Statewide Information Security Manual. The revised Statewide Information Security Manual is a result of collaboration between State Agencies and the Enterprise Security & Risk Management Office (ESRMO). The primary focus was to ensure the State policies align with industry best practices and are flexible to support various security frameworks required by State, Federal and industry partners. The Statewide Information Security Manual provides agencies with a baseline for managing information security and making risk-based decisions.

The revised policies are effective on the date of signature. All system owners, business owners, security liaisons and other responsible agents, to include contractors and vendors, are required to start implementing and complying with the policies immediately. Agencies are to ensure that all internal security documentation is updated to reflect these policies and requirements. The revised policies are available for download from the following link:
https://it.nc.gov/resources/cybersecurity-risk-management/initiatives/information-security-policies.

In order to help agencies determine what has been revised, a spreadsheet listing the changes to the policy documents has been provided online.

If you have any questions about the updated Statewide Information Security Manual, please contact State Chief Risk Officer Rob Main at rob.main@nc.gov or 919-754-6228.

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