GRANT MANAGEMENT MEMORANDUM
GMM 2019-15

Date: October 18, 2019

To: All California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) Homeland Security Grant Program Subrecipients

From: Cal OES Grants Management

Subject: Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP)
Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 Nationwide Cybersecurity Review (NCSR)

As stated in the FY19 HSGP Notice of Funding Opportunity, Subrecipients at *all tiers* with FY19 State Homeland Security Program and Urban Area Security Initiative funding are required to complete the NCSR by December 31, 2019.

The NCSR is a no cost, anonymous, annual self-assessment designed to measure gaps and capabilities of state, local, tribal, territorial, nonprofit, and private sector agencies' cybersecurity programs. The assessment takes approximately 2-3 hours to complete by the Chief Information Officer (CIO), Chief Information Security Officer (CISO), or if there is no CIO or CISO, the most senior Cybersecurity professional. The NCSR will be open from October 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019 and requires a registration process prior to accessing the portal to complete the assessment.

Each entity is responsible for ensuring the completion of their own survey, including any surveys completed by any Subrecipients. There are nine total categories of questions to be answered: Demographics, Identify, Protect, Detect, Respond, Recover, Privacy, Cybersecurity Automation & Orchestration Capabilities, and Post-Survey Questions. If there are different sources responsible for different categories, the survey questions should be answered by the responsible party. If it isn't possible for two or more entities to complete the assessment, it is recommended the assessment be completed at the higher jurisdictional level.

Please submit NCSR confirmation of completion to your Program Representative via e-mail by close of business, Monday, December 16, 2019.

There are several resource documents regarding the NCSR, including a One-Page NCSR Overview, General User Guide, and Frequently Asked Questions. These documents may be found under "Resources" at the NCSR registration hyperlink provided below.

Registration: https://www.cisecurity.org/ms-isac/services/ncsr/
Portal access for NCSR: https://grc.archer.rsa.com

If you have general questions regarding this GMM, please contact your Program Representative. If you have specific or technical questions regarding the NCSR, please contact the NCSR team at NCSR@cisecurity.org, or by phone at (518) 516-6154.