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SUBJ:      OCTOBER IS CYBERSECURITY MONTH -018/15
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1 - The following message was recently issued by the Department of
Homeland Security (DHS). It contains an excellent and relevant summary
of things to consider in October as our Nation's Cybersecurity Month,
along with several links to interesting articles from the DHS home
front.

2 - As a matter of DHS cyber security policy, internet links embedded
in DHS emails are normally disabled. In order to view any given
article, you may have to cut and paste its link into your internet
browser if clicking on the link does not automatically connect to it.

From: DHS Management Communications
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Subject: Connected - October Issue: News, Information and Resources for
DHS Employees

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DHS Connect Monthly Highlights │   October 2015

October is National Cybersecurity Awareness Month. Cybersecurity is an
issue of critical importance to all of us personally and professionally.

The National Protection and Programs Directorate and the Management
Directorate work closely together to support the cyber mission at DHS.
NPPD protects the ".gov" domain network for the whole Federal
Government. They also work closely with the private sector through
information sharing forums to distribute cyber threat information in
near-real time in order to help prevent cyber-attacks. The Management
Directorate ensures the security and availability of the DHS network
across all Components.

While we have made great strides in our cybersecurity since the recent
Office of Personnel Management breaches occurred, we certainly have
more to do.

Cybersecurity will continue to be a growing and sophisticated challenge
in the future, and will remain one of DHS's core missions. As federal
employees, we have a responsibility to not only protect our own
information, but also the government information and assets we can
access. Each of us plays an important role in minimizing the impact of
cyber-attacks. There are several steps each of us can take to better
protect ourselves, both at work and at home. These include:

     • Set strong passwords and don't share them with anyone.

     • Keeping system, browser, and other critical software optimized
by installing updates.

• Maintain an open dialogue with your family, friends, and community about Internet safety.

• Limit the amount of personal information you post online—such as your birthday, phone number and email address—and use privacy settings to avoid sharing information widely.

• Be cautious about what you receive or read online—if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is, so don't open suspicious emails or uncertain links.

Throughout this month, you will receive messages with important information and tips for keeping data—personal and government—safe. Please take a moment each week to review the information provided.

Thank you for what you do every day to keep our nation and our information assets safe.

Sincerely,
Russ Deyo, Under Secretary for Management Suzanne Spaulding, Under Secretary for the National Protection and Programs Directorate

The Latest @ DHS

DHS Kicks Off National Cyber Security Awareness Month 2015 <http://www.dhs.gov/news/2015/10/01/dhs-kicks-national-cyber-security-awareness-month-2015> – National Cyber Security Awareness Month aims to increase Americans' understanding of basic cybersecurity practices to stay safe online, and the role each of us plays in keeping cyberspace safe and secure.

Results of the Federal Employee Viewpoint Survey <http://dhsconnect.dhs.gov/news/Pages/Results-of-the-Federal-Employee-Viewpoint-Survey.aspx> – In this message from Secretary Johnson, he expresses his disappointment in the Federal Employee Viewpoint Survey results for the Department. However, there are improvements in a number of areas that he highlights, and discusses plans for the Department going forward.

DHS Announces Award Making Continuous Diagnostic and Mitigation Tools and Services Available to 97% of Federal Civilian Government <http://www.dhs.gov/news/2015/09/21/dhs-announces-award-making-continuous-diagnostic-and-mitigation-tools-and-services> –DHS provides agencies with commercial tools that continuously scan for cybersecurity risks; dashboards that visualize risks and identify key trends; and a Federal dashboard that allows DHS to view and analyze government-wide risk data.

Cybersecurity Strategy is an Essential Factor in National Preparedness <http://dhsconnect.dhs.gov/news/Pages/Cybersecurity-Strategy-is-an-Essential-Factor-in-National-Preparedness.aspx> – As people across the nation made new plans during National Preparedness Month, National Protection and Programs Directorate employees continued their work behind the scenes to help others prepare for cyber intrusions.

DHS Leaders and Employees Remember Sept. 11, 2001 <http://dhsconnect.dhs.gov/news/Pages/DHS-Leaders-and-Employees-Remember-Sept.-11,-2001.aspx> – Across DHS, leaders and employees alike remembered the events of Sept. 11, 2001.

Our voices

Commissioner's Annual Awards Honor Employee Dedication and Bravery <http://dhsconnect.dhs.gov/news/Pages/Commissioners-Annual-Awards-Honor-Employee-Dedication-and-Bravery-.aspx> | CBP

DNDO Annual Awards Ceremony Celebrates Excellence <http://dhsconnect.dhs.gov/news/Pages/DNDO-Annual-Awards-Ceremony-Celebrates-Excellence.aspx> | DNDO

Transformed into an Advocate for Preparedness <http://dhsconnect.dhs.gov/news/Pages/Transformed-into-an-Advocate-for-Preparedness.aspx> | FEMA

Plum Island Crew Rescues Two from Sinking Vessel <http://dhsconnect.dhs.gov/news/Pages/Plum-Island-Crew-Rescues-Two-from-Sinking-Vessel.aspx> | USCG

Employee Resources

Stop.Think.Connect. Toolkit <http://www.dhs.gov/stopthinkconnect-toolkit> – Provides tips and resources to help promote online safety.

Ready.gov <http://www.ready.gov/> – Provides all of the tools you need to prepare you and your family for disasters.

Career Development Resources <http://dhsconnect.dhs.gov/employeeresources/career/Pages/default.aspx> – Learn about the Department's Detail Opportunities, Performance Management, Rotation Program, Training Opportunitieancies within DHS.

Employee Awards and Recognition <http://dhsconnect.dhs.gov/org/comp/mgmt/dhshr/emp/Pages/Awards.aspx> – Learn more about programs that recognize individuals and teams from across DHS whose hard work and exemplary accomplishments have personified the very best of the Department.

Training and Leader Development <http://dhsconnect.dhs.gov/org/comp/mgmt/dhshr/emp/Pages/DHSLearningandDevelopment.aspx> – Access tools that will help develop your skills and help ensure the Department's success.

The Hiring and Selection Process <http://dhsconnect.dhs.gov/org/comp/mgmt/dhshr/emp/Documents/Hiring%20and%20Selection%20Process%20Information%20and%20Tips%20for%20Federal%20Employees.pdf> – Take advantage of hiring and selection tips for exploring promotions and other career opportunities within the Department.

DHS Vacancies <http://www.dhs.gov/homeland-security-careers> – Find your next positon within DHS.

DHS in the News

Johnson: DHS makes good on CDM promise
<https://fcw.com/articles/2015/09/21/dhs-cdm-promise.aspx>

Dem bill outlines DHS cybersecurity role
<http://thehill.com/policy/cybersecurity/253872-lawmaker-calls-on-dhs-to-form-cybersecurity-strategy>

5 Ways the Secret Service Keeps the Pope Safe on US Soil
<http://abcnews.go.com/US/ways-secret-service-pope-safe-us-soil/story?id=34016967>

US seizes $12 million of drugs in Caribbean <http://news.yahoo.com/us-seizes-12-million-drugs-caribbean-183217558.html>

How The Department of Homeland Security Is Tapping Silicon Valley For Futuristic First-Responder Gear <http://www.ibtimes.com/how-department-homeland-security-tapping-silicon-valley-futuristic-first-responder-2111288>

See the latest news <http://www.bulletinintelligence.com/dhs/> . All media inquiries should be directed to Media Inquiries <mailto:MediaInquiry@HQ.DHS.GOV> .

News You Can Use <http://dhsconnect.dhs.gov/news/Pages/news-you-can-use.aspx> • Opportunities for Employees <http://dhsconnect.dhs.gov/news/events/Pages/opportunitiesforemp • Job Announcements <https://dhs.usajobs.gov/>

• Employee Resources <http://dhsconnect.dhs.gov/employeeresources/Pages/default.aspx>

** OPM Cybersecurity Incident Updates <http://dhsconnect.dhs.gov/org/comp/mgmt/Pages/OPM-Cybersecurity-Incident-Updates.aspx> **

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