



Information Technology Executive Council (ITEC)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

REGULAR MEETING OF ITEC

Tuesday, November 12, 2024 – 1:30pm – 2:30pm

In Person and Virtual Meeting

Location:

Landon State Office Building
Conference Room 509
900 SW Jackson Ave
Topeka, KS 66612

Registration Link to Virtual Meeting, [click here](#)

ITEC Board Members:

Jeff Maxon, Executive Branch CITO (Chair)
Doug Polston, Regents Representative #1
Ken Harmon, Regents Representative #2
Adam Proffitt, Cabinet Agency Head #1
Amber Shultz, Cabinet Agency Head #2
Adrian Guerrero, Non-Cabinet Agency Head #1
Lynn Retz, Non-Cabinet Agency Head #2

Keith Scott, KCJIS
Greg Gann, County Representative
Mike Mayta, City Representative
Murray McGee, Information Network of Kansas (INK)
Steve Funk, Board of Regents
John Berghuis, Private Sector Representative

Non-Voting Members

Senator J.R. Claeys, Senate Representative
Senator Jeff Pittman, Senate Representative
Representative Emil Bergquist, House Representative
Representative Pam Curtis, House Representative

Tom Day, Interim Legislative Branch CITO
Alex Wong Judicial Branch CITO
Vacant, Chief Information Technology Architect

THIS MEETING IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH K.S.A. 75-7202 AND AMENDMENTS THERETO.

ITEMS ON THE AGENDA ARE FOR POSSIBLE ACTION BY THE BOARD UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.

ITEMS MAY BE TAKEN OUT OF ORDER.

ITEMS MAY BE COMBINED FOR CONSIDERATION.

ITEMS MAY BE REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA OR DELAYED AT ANY TIME.

WELCOME / CHAIRMAN COMMENTS

Call to Order

Jeff Maxon, E-CITO

Roll Call

Celena Ramirez

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

October 15, 2024

ACTION ITEM STATUS

Action Item Review

Jason Hildebrandt, OITS

NASCIO Presentation on IT Consolidation

Doug Robinson, NASCIO

POLICY AND PROCEDURES DISCUSSION

John Godfrey, E-CISO

Final Action on Security Policies

- Cloud Security Policy
- Configuration Management Policy
- Identification and Authentication Management Policy
- IT Asset Management Policy
- Media Protection Policy
- Mobile Device Policy
- Software Usage Restrictions Policy

Security Policy Discussion

- Acceptable Use of IT Policy
- IT Maintenance Security Policy
- Personnel Security Policy
- Physical and Environmental Security Policy
- Security Awareness and Training Policy

Introduction of Security Policies

- Information Security Program Policy
- Information Security Risk Management Policy
- Information Sharing Policy
- Vulnerability Management Policy
- Network Privilege Access Agreement

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

CLOSING REMARKS

New Action Item Review

Jason Hildebrandt, OITS

ADJOURNMENT

NOTE: Any individual with a disability may request accommodation to participate in committee meetings. Requests for accommodation should be made at least five working days in advance of the meeting.

Action Item Log

AI#	Topic	Date Assigned	Owner	Update
	Network Privilege Access Agreement	10/15/24	John Godfrey	To be included in packet.

Upcoming Meetings

ITEC:

December 17, 2024

January 21, 2025

February, 2025

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Information Technology Executive Council
Regular Meeting of the ITEC Board

MINUTES

October 15, 2024

The Regular Meeting of the ITEC Board was held on October 15, 2024, virtually using Microsoft Teams. This meeting was properly noticed and posted in the Kansas Public Square prior to the meeting. <https://publicsquare.ks.gov/>

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Present unless otherwise noted

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Greg Gann, County Representative
Mike Mayta, City Representative [Absent]
Murray McGee, Information Network of Kansas
Steve Funk, Board of Regents
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Tom Day, Interim Legislative Branch CITO
Anne Johnson, Interim Judicial Branch CITO
Alex Wong, Chief Information Technology Architect

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Public attendees

Burns, Hope [OITS]
Godfrey, John [OITS]

Hildebrandt, Jason [OITS]
Spinks, Sara [OITS]

Ramirez, Celena (OITS)
Robison, Cole [OITS]

WELCOME / CHAIRMAN COMMENTS

Jeff Maxon, E-CITO, called the meeting into order at 1:30pm.

APPROVAL OF Agenda

Jeff Maxon introduced a motion to approve the agenda. Secretary Proffitt moved to approve the agenda. Adrian Guerrero seconded the motion. The motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jeff Maxon introduced the August 13, 2024, meeting minutes for discussion. Secretary Proffitt, moved to approve the minutes. Steve Funk seconded the motion. The motion passed.

ACTION ITEM STATUS

Alex Wong, CITA, reported that we do have action item from last meeting. Which is to provide the statement of work for the IT consolidation plan RFP for ITEC. It has been included in the meeting packet and we will have a discussion today. We consider this action item closed.

SENATE BILL 291 – CONSULTATION SERVICES

Jeff Maxon presented the IT Consultation Study draft Statement of Work (SOW) for IT Consulting Services for feedback. Committee members discussed and made recommendations. Jeff will finalize the SOW using feedback.

POLICY AND PROCEDURES DISCUSSION

John Godfrey, CISO, presented the following policies for final discussion and new policies were introduced:

- Access Control Policy feedback was provided including the need for exemptions and documentation processes. The policy was approved after addressing concerns regarding education on exemptions.
- Remote Access Security Policy was approved with minor edits.
- Critical Vulnerability Patching Policy the focus was clarified as being on external-facing critical systems. Edits were suggested to ensure clarity on testing and patching procedures. The policy was approved after addressing concerns about the 24-hour patching requirement.
- Domain Name Policy minor edits were made to clarify reporting requirements and the use of third-party systems. The policy was approved with the proposed changes.
- IT Enterprise Security Policy no feedback was received the policy was approved.

The upcoming policies were introduced, and feedback was encouraged on these policies:

- Cloud State Policy
- Configuration Management Policy
- Identification and Authentication Management Policy
- IT Asset Management Policy
- Media Protection Policy
- Mobile Device Policy
- Software Usage Restrictions Policy

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Jeff Maxon concluded with a reminder for committee members to provide feedback on the introduced policies. The timeframe to have (SOW) circulated is October 31st.

CLOSING REMARKS

New Action Item Review – Alex Wong, CITA, reported that there were no new action items.

ADJOURNMENT

Adrian Guerrero introduced a motion to adjourn the meeting. Doug Polston seconded the motion.

Adjourned at 2:45 pm.

ITEC BOARD MEMBERS



Jeff Maxon
Executive Branch CITO



Doug Polston
Regents Representative



Ken Harmon
Regents Representative



Adam Proffitt
Dept of Administration



Amber Shultz
Kansas Department of Labor



Adrian Guerrero
Kansas Board of Nursing



Lynn Retz
Kansas Corporation Commission



Keith Scott
KS Criminal Justice



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Judicial Branch Interim CITO



Alex Wong
Office of Technology Services

Final Action on Security Policies

Information Technology Executive Council

[DRAFT] Policy XXXX-P

1.0 TITLE: Cloud Security Policy

2.0 PURPOSE: This policy establishes minimum information security requirements for Cloud Services.

3.0 SCOPE: This policy applies to Cloud Services administered by or outsourced to Contractors by affected Entities.

4.0 ORGANIZATIONS AFFECTED: This policy applies to all State of Kansas branches, boards, commissions, departments, divisions, Entities, and third parties involved in processing, transmitting, or providing business capabilities on behalf of Kansas state government, hereafter referred to as Entities.

5.0 REFERENCES:

- 5.1 CIS Critical Security Controls v8, as amended
- 5.2 CIS Controls Cloud Companion Guide, as amended
- 5.3 CSA Security Guidance v4, as amended
- 5.4 FIPS 140-3, as amended
- 5.5 ITEC 1100-P, as amended
- 5.6 NIST Cybersecurity Framework (CSF) 2.0, as amended
- 5.7 NIST Special Publication (SP) 800-210, as amended

6.0 DEFINITIONS:

- 6.1 Cloud Service: Refers to Software as a Service (SaaS), Platform as a Service (PaaS), and Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS).
- 6.2 Cloud Service Provider (CSP): A Contractor that provides a Cloud Service.
- 6.3 Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS): As defined in **ITEC 1100-P**.
- 6.4 Management Plane: Interfaces used for managing cloud assets.
- 6.5 Platform as a Service (PaaS): As defined in **ITEC 1100-P**.

6.6 Restricted-Use Information (RUI): As defined in ITEC 8010-P.

6.7 Software as a Service (SaaS): As defined in ITEC 1100-P.

7.0 POLICY: This policy governs the use of Cloud Services by all State of Kansas Entities. Individual Entities may impose supplemental restrictions through their specific policies, provided these do not conflict with this policy.

Entities must:

General Requirements for Cloud Services

- 7.1 Ensure that IaaS, PaaS, and SaaS services storing, processing, or transmitting RUI have either FedRAMP or StateRAMP moderate authorization.
- 7.2 Ensure all IaaS, PaaS, and SaaS services are physically hosted within the United States or its territories.
- 7.3 Ensure all support services for IaaS, PaaS, and SaaS systems are performed by individuals physically located within the United States or its territories.
- 7.4 Ensure Cloud Service Providers isolate the Entity's data and applications from other tenants within the same cloud environment.
- 7.5 Ensure contracts delegate security responsibilities for Cloud Services as detailed in Appendix A.

Encryption and Key Management

- 7.6 Use the most recent FIPS 140 certified encryption mechanisms to encrypt RUI at rest and in transit.
- 7.7 Establish and document processes and procedures for encryption key management, ensuring comprehensive control over all encryption keys.
- 7.8 Retain ownership of all encryption keys and implement best practices for their management, including enforcing key rotation policies, utilizing hardware security modules (HSMs), and establishing access controls to restrict access to encryption keys.
- 7.9 Rotate access keys at least quarterly, avoid reusing keys across applications, and do not store keys directly in code.
- 7.10 Ensure that private keys used for encryption are securely managed and not shared with third parties without proper authorization.

- 7.11 Securely manage private keys and API keys by regularly rotating them, avoiding hardcoding in code or configuration files, and storing them in approved key vaults.

API Management

- 7.12 Maintain an inventory of APIs used by the Entity that includes:
 - 7.12.1 Name: Descriptive name clearly identifying the API's purpose.
 - 7.12.2 Version: Track different versions and deprecation schedules.
 - 7.12.3 Description: Summarize the API's functionality and value proposition.
 - 7.12.4 Authentication Methods: Supported authentication mechanisms (e.g., OAuth, API keys).
 - 7.12.5 Authorization Controls: Access control mechanisms restricting unauthorized access.
 - 7.12.6 Rate Limiting and Throttling: Defined limits on API call frequency and resource consumption.
 - 7.12.7 Protocols: Supported communication protocols (e.g., HTTP, HTTPS).
 - 7.12.8 Endpoints: URLs for accessing the API and specific functionalities.
 - 7.12.9 Request Formats: Data formats accepted for input (e.g., JSON, XML).
 - 7.12.10 Response Formats: Data formats returned as output (e.g., JSON, XML).
 - 7.12.11 Resource Schema: Description of data structures and field definitions accessed/manipulated through the API.
 - 7.12.12 Dependencies: Any other APIs or functionalities required for the API to function properly.
 - 7.12.13 Classification of Data Involved: Classification of the data handled by the API, including any RUI.
- 7.13 Implement security controls, including proper authentication, access control mechanisms, and secure storage of keys, to manage API usage.

Cloud Migration and Logging

- 7.14 Establish a comprehensive backout strategy prior to migrating any information system or production data to a cloud environment. This strategy must include defined procedures for reverting to previous states, addressing potential risks associated with failed migrations or

deployments, and ensuring the integrity and availability of data throughout the transition process.

- 7.15 Ensure all cloud environments (IaaS, PaaS, and SaaS) have robust logging capabilities that track user activity, access, configuration changes, administrative actions, and security events.
- 7.16 Centralize logs, store them securely, and retain them according to the retention policy.
- 7.17 Ensure copies of all available logs are sent to the Kansas Information Security Office (KISO) Security Operations Center (SOC).
- 7.18 Ensure all changes to cloud configurations follow the established change management process.

Entities using IaaS, must:

- 7.19 Implement granular Role-Based Access Control (RBAC) to manage access to IaaS resources.
 - 7.19.1 Ensure that roles are defined based on the principle of least privilege.
 - 7.19.2 Ensure that access rights are regularly reviewed and adjusted as necessary.
- 7.20 Enforce the use of Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) for accessing IaaS management interfaces.
 - 7.20.1 Ensure that MFA is required for any remote access to critical IaaS resources.
- 7.21 Ensure that Remote Desktop Protocol (RDP) is not directly exposed to the internet from any cloud environment.
 - 7.21.1 Route all RDP access through a secure, controlled, and monitored access point, such as a VPN, bastion host, or secure jump server, to mitigate the risk of unauthorized access.
- 7.22 Implement micro-segmentation within IaaS environments to create smaller, isolated segments within the network, where possible.
- 7.23 Configure network security settings and tools to isolate and segment networks into different security zones based on the level of trust and access required.
- 7.24 Monitor and restrict communications between environments to only authenticated and authorized connections. Review authorized connections at least annually and document justification for allowed services.

- 7.25 Implement data lifecycle management practices within IaaS environments, ensuring that data is securely stored, transmitted, and disposed of at each stage of its lifecycle. Include mechanisms for secure data deletion that align with legal and regulatory requirements.
- 7.26 Automate the backup process for all critical data and configurations within the IaaS environment.
- 7.27 Regularly test backups at least monthly and ensure that recovery procedures are well-documented and understood by relevant personnel.
- 7.28 Ensure that backups are not stored in the same regional environment as the production system.
- 7.29 Store all backups in a separate cloud account from the production system to isolate and protect backup data from potential security breaches or failures in the production environment.
- 7.30 Configure backups to be immutable, preventing alteration, overwriting, or deletion within the defined retention period.
- 7.31 Adopt Infrastructure as Code (IaC) practices to enhance the efficiency, security, and scalability of IaaS resource management, where possible.
- 7.32 Ensure that IaC scripts are subject to the same security controls as other code, including version control, code reviews, and testing.
- 7.33 Use resource tagging to track the usage and cost of IaaS resources by project, department, or application. Ensure that resource allocation aligns with business priorities and that unnecessary resources are decommissioned promptly.
- 7.34 Assess and manage the security risks associated with third-party tools and services integrated into the IaaS environment. Ensure that these integrations follow the same security standards as the core IaaS services.
- 7.35 Conduct routine vulnerability scans at least weekly of container images.
- 7.36 Remediate identified vulnerabilities within containers or their images prior to placing them into production.
- 7.37 Ensure container images are fully patched before deployment.
- 7.38 Harden all host and guest operating systems, and hypervisors according to Configuration Settings defined within the EBIT Configuration Management Policy.
- 7.39 Use specialized, secure workstations exclusively for performing system administration tasks in IaaS environments.

- 7.40 Use a dedicated account to perform backups, ensuring privileges are restricted to backup data only and not for making configuration changes.

Entities using PaaS, must:

- 7.41 Implement granular access controls within PaaS environments to restrict access to specific resources, services, or data based on user roles and responsibilities.
- 7.42 Ensure that these access controls are regularly reviewed and updated as needed.
- 7.43 Integrate robust Identity and Access Management (IAM) practices within PaaS environments, ensuring that users are authenticated using strong methods, such as Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA), and that least privilege principles are enforced.
- 7.44 Ensure that development, testing, staging, and production environments within PaaS are segregated to prevent accidental or unauthorized access to production data or resources.
 - 7.44.1 Implement strict controls to manage and monitor data flows between these environments.
- 7.45 Ensure multi-tenant environments are logically and/or physically isolated to prevent unauthorized data leakage.
- 7.46 Apply sanitization or deidentification routines on RUI before loading it into any non-production environment.
- 7.47 Implement data masking or tokenization techniques within non-production environments to protect sensitive data while allowing developers and testers to work with realistic datasets.
- 7.48 Enforce secure coding practices within PaaS environments, ensuring developers adhere to guidelines that mitigate common vulnerabilities such as SQL injection and cross-site scripting (XSS).
- 7.49 Ensure that static and dynamic application security testing (SAST/DAST) is conducted to identify and mitigate security vulnerabilities in code prior to deployment.
- 7.50 Ensure that Service Level Agreements (SLAs) with PaaS providers include specific security requirements, such as uptime, data protection measures, and incident response times.
- 7.51 Implement capacity planning to ensure that the PaaS environment can scale securely to meet the needs of the organization.
- 7.52 Define and enforce controls around resource allocation within PaaS environments to ensure optimal and secure use of cloud resources while preventing abuse.

- 7.53 Assess the security of any third-party services or components integrated into the PaaS environment. Ensure that these integrations do not introduce new vulnerabilities and are subject to the same security standards as the core PaaS platform.

Entities using SaaS, must:

- 7.54 Ensure that access to SaaS applications is managed using Role-Based Access Control (RBAC), with roles defined based on the principle of least privilege.
- 7.55 Regularly review and update access roles at least annually to reflect changes in personnel or responsibilities.
- 7.56 Implement and enforce Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) for all users accessing SaaS applications, especially those with access to RUI or administrative functions.
- 7.57 Define and enforce data retention policies within SaaS applications that comply with legal, regulatory, and business requirements. Ensure that data is securely archived or deleted according to these policies.
- 7.58 Ensure that data disposal processes are in place to securely delete data from SaaS environments when it is no longer needed, including ensuring that all backups and copies are also securely deleted.
- 7.59 Ensure that SaaS providers perform regular backups of critical data and configurations.
- 7.60 Ensure that these backups are securely stored and that recovery procedures are tested periodically.
- 7.61 Work with SaaS providers to establish and maintain a disaster recovery plan that includes clear procedures for data recovery in the event of a system failure, data corruption, or other emergencies.
- 7.62 Ensure that Service Level Agreements (SLAs) with SaaS providers include specific security and availability metrics, such as uptime guarantees, response times for security incidents, and data breach notification timelines.
- 7.63 Ensure that SaaS providers have defined and documented incident response procedures. These procedures must be coordinated with the Entity's own incident response plans and include clear communication channels with the Entity in the event of a security incident affecting SaaS environments.

8.0 RESPONSIBILITIES:

- 8.1 Heads of Entities must establish procedures to ensure compliance with this policy.

- 8.2 The Chief Information Security Officer (CISO), Executive Branch, is responsible for maintaining this policy.

9.0 ENFORCEMENT:

- 9.1 Non-compliance with this policy may result in disciplinary action, including termination of employment for severe violations.
- 9.2 Written approval from the Kansas Information Security Office (KISO) is required for any exception to this policy.

10.0 CANCELLATION: This policy cancels and supersedes all previous versions.

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Appendix A – Cloud Responsibility Matrix

Responsibility	SaaS	PaaS	IaaS
Responsibility of the Entity			
Information and Data	Entity	Entity	Entity
Devices (mobile and workstations)	Entity	Entity	Entity
Accounts and Identities	Entity	Entity	Entity
Access Reviews	Entity	Entity	Entity
Shared Responsibility			
Identity and Directory Infrastructure	Shared	Shared	Entity
Applications	CSP	Shared	Entity
Network Controls	CSP	Shared	Entity
Logging and Monitoring	Shared	Shared	Entity
Encryption	Shared	Shared	Entity
Incident Response	Shared	Shared	Entity
Compliance with Regulatory Requirements	Shared	Shared	Shared
Auditing	Shared	Shared	Shared
Backup Management	Shared	Shared	Entity
Disaster Recovery	Shared	Shared	Entity
Patch Management	Shared	Shared	Entity
Responsibility Transferred to CSP			
Physical Hosts	CSP	CSP	CSP
Physical Network	CSP	CSP	CSP
Physical Data Center	CSP	CSP	CSP

VPN and Secure Connections	CSP	CSP	Entity
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[DRAFT] Policy XXXX-P

1.0 **TITLE:** Configuration Management Policy

2.0 **PURPOSE:** This policy establishes standards to ensure baseline Configuration Settings are maintained to protect the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of State information assets.

3.0 **SCOPE:** This policy applies to all hardware, software, and associated infrastructure, such as network devices, security appliances, and cloud-based resources. It also covers third-party services integrated into the Entity's external presence, whether managed directly or indirectly.

4.0 **ORGANIZATIONS AFFECTED:** This policy applies to all State of Kansas branches, boards, commissions, departments, divisions, Entities, and third parties involved in processing, transmitting, or providing business capabilities on behalf of Kansas state government, hereafter referred to as Entities.

5.0 **REFERENCES:**

- 5.1 Center for Internet Security (CIS) Benchmarks, as amended
- 5.2 National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Cybersecurity Framework (CSF) 2.0, as amended
- 5.3 NIST Special Publication (SP) 800-53 Revision 5, as amended
- 5.4 NIST SP 800-70, as amended
- 5.5 NIST SP 800-128 Revision 3, as amended

6.0 **DEFINITIONS:**

- 6.1 Baseline Configuration: A set of specifications for a system or IT Asset within a system that has been formally reviewed and agreed upon. It serves as the basis for future builds, releases, and changes and can only be altered through change control procedures.
- 6.2 Configuration Management Plan: A comprehensive description of the roles, responsibilities, and governance documents (e.g., policies, standards, guidelines, and procedures) for managing the configuration of products and systems.
- 6.3 Configuration Settings: Parameters in hardware, software, or firmware that affect the security posture and functionality of an information system.

6.4 Information Systems or System: Combinations of IT assets used for collecting, processing, maintaining, sharing, disseminating, or disposing of information or data.

6.5 IT Asset: As defined in IT Asset Management Policy.

7.0 POLICY: This policy governs security-focused configuration management for all Entities. Entities may impose supplemental restrictions through specific policies, but these must not contradict this policy.

Entities must:

Baseline Configurations

- 7.1 Develop, document, and maintain Baseline Configurations for Information Systems.
- 7.2 Review and update Baseline Configurations at least annually or when significant changes occur.
- 7.3 Use automated tools, such as Security Content Automation Protocol (SCAP) or CIS Configuration Assessment Tool (CAT), to maintain currency, completeness, accuracy, and availability of baseline configurations.
- 7.4 Retain at least one (1) previous version of the Baseline Configuration to support rollback.
- 7.5 Include the Information Security Officer or their designee as a member of the Entity's change control board or similar group.

Security Impact Analysis

- 7.6 Analyze system changes to determine potential security and privacy impacts before implementation.
- 7.7 Conduct post-implementation testing to verify that controls impacted by changes operate as intended and meet security and privacy requirements.

Access Restrictions for Change

- 7.8 Define, document, approve, and enforce physical and logical access restrictions for changes to hardware, software, and firmware components.

Configuration Settings

- 7.9 Configure IT Assets securely and consistently in accordance with CIS benchmarks, NIST-recommended configurations, or U.S. government configuration baselines.

- 7.10 Identify, document, and authorize deviations from mandatory security Configuration Settings.
- 7.11 Monitor and control changes to the Configuration Settings in accordance with this policy.
- 7.12 Install and maintain security tools provided by the Kansas Information Security Office (KISO) on all applicable IT Assets.
- 7.13 Password-protect the BIOS, UEFI, or equivalent to prevent unauthorized access to low-level settings during boot.

Least Functionality

- 7.14 Configure systems according to the principle of least functionality, providing only mission-essential capabilities.
- 7.15 Prohibit or restrict ports, protocols, software, and services that are not required for business functions.
- 7.16 Limit component functionality to a single function per device. (e.g., email servers or web servers, but not both).
- 7.17 Disable insecure, unused, or unnecessary physical and logical ports/protocols to prevent unauthorized connections or data transfers.
- 7.18 Employ mechanisms to ensure only authorized software is executed and deny unauthorized programs.

Configuration Management

- 7.19 Develop, document, and implement Configuration Management Plans for Information Systems that:
 - 7.19.1 Address roles, responsibilities, and configuration management processes.
 - 7.19.2 Establish processes for identifying configuration items throughout the system lifecycle.
 - 7.19.3 Define and manage configuration items for the system.
 - 7.19.4 Are reviewed and approved by delegated management.
 - 7.19.5 Protect the Configuration Management Plan from unauthorized disclosure and modification.

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[DRAFT] Policy XXXX-P

- 1.0 TITLE:** Identification and Authentication Management Policy
- 2.0 PURPOSE:** This policy establishes minimum requirements for implementing identification, authentication, and authorization controls to ensure only authorized individuals, systems, and processes can access Information Assets and Information Systems.
- 3.0 SCOPE:** This policy applies to all systems, including but not limited to internet applications, VPN infrastructure, load balancers, domain controllers, telephony systems, and any other services accessible from the internet. It applies to privileged and non-privileged accounts, contractors, third-party service providers, and external users who interact with or utilize these systems and services.
- 4.0 ORGANIZATIONS AFFECTED:** This policy applies to all State of Kansas branches, boards, commissions, departments, divisions, Entities, and third parties involved in processing, transmitting, or providing business capabilities on behalf of Kansas state government, hereafter referred to as Entities.
- 5.0 REFERENCES:**
- 5.1 National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Cybersecurity Framework (CSF) 2.0, as amended
 - 5.2 NIST Special Publication (SP) 800-53 Revision 5, as amended
- 6.0 DEFINITIONS:**
- 6.1 Authenticators: Include passwords, cryptographic devices, biometrics, certificates, one-time password devices, and ID badges.
 - 6.2 Cryptographic Module: A set of hardware, software, and/or firmware implementing security functions, including cryptographic algorithms and key generation methods, within a defined boundary.
 - 6.3 Device Authenticators: Include certificates and passwords.
 - 6.4 Identity Proof: The process of collecting, validating, and verifying a user's identity information to establish credentials for system access.
 - 6.5 IT Asset: As defined in the IT Asset Management Policy.

- 6.6 Mission Critical Information Systems: Systems where loss, misuse, disclosure, unauthorized access, or modification of information would significantly impact an Entity's core mission.
- 6.7 Multi-Factor Authentication: An authentication system requiring more than one distinct factor for successful authentication, such as something you know (password), something you have (token), something you are (biometric), or somewhere you are (geolocation).
- 6.8 Organizational User: An Employees or individuals with employee-like status, such as contractors, volunteers, or detailees from other Entities.
- 6.9 Non-Organizational User: Individuals or Entities interacting with public-facing systems to complete Entity transactions.
- 6.10 Privileged Accounts: As defined by the Access Control Policy.

7.0 POLICY: This policy governs the management of identification and authentication for Information System Accounts and IT Assets by all Entities. Entities may impose supplemental restrictions through specific policies, but these must not contradict this policy.

Entities must:

Identification and Authentication

- 7.1 Uniquely identify and authenticate Organizational Users, associating unique identification with processes acting on behalf of the user.
- 7.2 Implement and enforce Multi-Factor Authentication for Organizational Users accessing:
 - 7.2.1 Applications exposed to the Internet,
 - 7.2.2 Contractor hosted applications, and
 - 7.2.3 Remote access to the Entity's internal network.
- 7.3 Uniquely identify and authenticate desktop and laptop computers before establishing remote or network connections.

Management of System Identifiers

- 7.4 Document and implement processes for managing system identifiers (user-IDs and device-IDs) by:
 - 7.4.1 Obtaining authorization from designated Entity representatives (e.g., director, manager, supervisor).

- 7.4.2 Selecting identifiers that identify the individual, group, role, service, or device.
- 7.4.3 Preventing re-use of identifiers for 10 years.
- 7.4.4 Managing individual identifiers according to their work status (e.g., employee, contractor).

Management of Authenticators

- 7.5 Implement processes for managing authenticators for individual, group, role, service, or device identifiers by:
 - 7.5.1 Verifying identities during initial authenticator distribution.
 - 7.5.2 Establishing initial authenticator content for Entity-issued authenticators.
 - 7.5.3 Documenting and implementing procedures for authenticator distribution, handling lost or compromised authenticators, and revoking authenticators.
 - 7.5.4 Changing default authenticators after initial installation.
 - 7.5.5 Protecting authenticator content from unauthorized disclosure and modification.
 - 7.5.6 Changing authenticators for group or role accounts when users are removed.

Password-Based Authentication Controls

- 7.6 Ensure Information Systems that use password-based authentication enforce the following:
 - 7.6.1 Maintain and update a list of commonly used, expected, or compromised passwords at least every three (3) years and when passwords are suspected to be compromised.
 - 7.6.2 Verify passwords against the list of commonly used, expected, or compromised passwords when users create or update them.
 - 7.6.3 Transmit passwords only over FIPS 140 validated cryptographic modules.
 - 7.6.4 Store passwords using approved salted key derivation functions, preferably using a keyed hash.
 - 7.6.5 Require immediate selection of a new password upon account recovery.
 - 7.6.6 Allow users to select long passwords and passphrases, including spaces and all printable characters.

7.6.7 Employ automated tools to assist users in selecting strong passwords.

7.6.8 Enforce password composition and complexity rules as outlined in Appendix A.

Public Key-Based Authentication

7.7 Ensure authorized access to private keys.

7.8 Map authenticated identities to individual or group accounts.

7.9 For public key infrastructure (PKI) use, validate certificates by verifying certification paths to trusted anchors, including checking certificate status, and maintain a local cache of revocation data.

Authentication Protection

7.10 Configure Information Systems to obscure authentication information during the logon process to prevent unauthorized use.

Re-Authentication Requirements

7.11 Configure systems to require re-authentication:

7.11.1 Upon session termination, device lock, or network termination.

7.11.2 When switching from Non-Privileged to Privileged Accounts.

7.11.3 After 15 minutes of inactivity.

7.11.4 After a password reset.

Identity Proofing

7.12 Identity-proof users requiring logical access based on system sensitivity, criticality, and applicable regulatory or contractual requirements.

7.13 Resolve user identities to unique individuals to prevent impersonation and unauthorized access.

7.14 Uniquely identify and authenticate Non-Organizational Users or processes acting on behalf of Non-Organizational Users.

8.0 RESPONSIBILITIES:

8.1 Heads of Entities must establish procedures to ensure compliance with this policy.

- 8.2 The Chief Information Security Officer (CISO), Executive Branch, is responsible for maintaining this policy.

9.0 ENFORCEMENT:

- 9.1 Non-compliance with this policy may result in disciplinary action, including termination of employment for severe violations.
- 9.2 Written approval from the Kansas Information Security Office (KISO) is required for any exception to this policy.

10.0 CANCELLATION: This policy cancels and supersedes all previous versions.

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Appendix A – Minimum Password Requirements

Setting	Description	MFA Enabled	MFA Not Enabled	Service Account
Minimum Password Length	Specifies the minimum number of characters required for a user account password.	12 characters	15 characters	15 characters
Password Complexity	Ensures that new passwords meet basic complexity requirements. When this setting is enabled, passwords must meet the following minimum requirements.	Contain three (3) of four (4): • Uppercase • Lowercase • Numeral • Non-alpha	Contain three (3) of four (4): • Uppercase • Lowercase • Numeral • Non-alpha	Contain three (3) of four (4): • Uppercase • Lowercase • Numeral • Non-alpha
Minimum Password Age	Specifies the minimum number of days a password must be used before it can be changed.	1 day	1 day	1 day
Maximum Password Age	Defines the maximum number of days a password can be used before it expires.	365 days	180 days	365 days
Password History	Specifies the number of unique passwords that must be used before an old password can be reused.	24 previous passwords	24 previous passwords	24 previous passwords
Account Lockout Duration	Specifies the maximum number of consecutive failed login attempts before the account is locked.	5 attempts	5 attempts	5 attempts
Account Lockout Threshold	Specifies the length of time a locked account remains unavailable. If set to 0, it remains locked until manually unlocked by an administrator.	15 minutes or more without administrator intervention	15 minutes or more without administrator intervention	15 minutes or more without administrator intervention

Account Lockout Counter	Specifies the time period before the account lockout threshold resets to zero.	15 minutes	15 minutes
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[DRAFT] Policy XXXX-P

- 1.0 TITLE:** IT Asset Management Policy
- 2.0 PURPOSE:** This policy establishes a uniform approach to IT Asset management to ensure that components of the state network are accounted for and visible to software tools for monitoring the attack surface.
- 3.0 SCOPE:** This policy applies to all IT assets owned, leased, or licensed by the Entity.
- 4.0 ORGANIZATIONS AFFECTED:** This policy applies to all State of Kansas branches, boards, commissions, departments, divisions, Entities, and third parties involved in processing, transmitting, or providing business capabilities on behalf of Kansas state government, hereafter referred to as Entities.
- 5.0 REFERENCES:**
- 5.1 CIS Guide to Enterprise Assets and Software, as amended
 - 5.2 National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Cybersecurity Framework (CSF) 2.0, as amended
 - 5.3 NIST Special Publication (SP) 800-53 Revision 5, as amended
 - 5.4 NIST SP 1800-5, as amended
- 6.0 DEFINITIONS:**
- 6.1 Application: A system for collecting, saving, processing, and presenting data by means of a computer. It can be executed as a component of software and is often synonymous with software application.
 - 6.2 Application Programming Interface (API): A system access point or library function with a well-defined syntax, accessible from application programs or user code, providing specific functionality.
 - 6.3 End-User Devices: Mobile and portable devices, such as laptops, smartphones, tablets, desktops, and workstations; a subset of IT Assets.
 - 6.4 Industrial Control System (ICS): Encompasses control systems such as SCADA, DCS, and PLCs commonly found in industrial sectors and critical infrastructures.

- 6.5 Internet of Things (IoT): A network of devices equipped with hardware, software, firmware, and actuators that connect, interact, and exchange data.
- 6.6 IT Asset: Information technology assets, including hardware, software, and firmware.
- 6.7 Software: Computer programs and associated data that may be dynamically written or modified during execution.
- 6.8 Utilities: Software that provides specific services to maintain, optimize, and enhance a computer system's functionality.

7.0 POLICY: This policy governs IT Asset Management for all State of Kansas Entities. Entities may impose supplemental restrictions through specific policies, but these must not contradict this policy.

Entities must:

- 7.1 Maintain an accurate, detailed, and up-to-date inventory of all State-owned, leased, licensed, or managed IT Assets.
- 7.2 Inventory IT Assets, including software (applications, source code, system software, development tools, and Utilities), equipment (end-user devices, physical and virtual servers, network devices), non-computing/IoT devices (ICS, printers, physical security sensors, magnetic and optical media), and services (locally hosted, cloud computing, communications services, service accounts, and APIs).
- 7.3 Ensure inventories have sufficient granularity for tracking and reporting.
- 7.4 Review and update inventories annually and as part of installation removals and system updates.
- 7.5 Utilize automated tools, when possible, to maintain the currency, completeness, accuracy, and availability of inventories.
- 7.6 Identify and address unauthorized IT Assets promptly by removing them from the network, denying remote connections, or quarantining the assets.

8.0 RESPONSIBILITIES:

- 8.1 Heads of Entities must establish procedures to ensure compliance with this policy.
- 8.2 The Chief Information Security Officer (CISO), Executive Branch, is responsible for maintaining this policy.

9.0 ENFORCEMENT:

- 9.1 Non-compliance with this policy may result in disciplinary action, including termination of employment for severe violations.
- 9.2 Written approval from the Kansas Information Security Office (KISO) is required for any exception to this policy.

10.0 CANCELLATION: This policy cancels and supersedes all previous versions.

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[DRAFT] Policy XXXX-P

1.0 TITLE: Media Protection Policy

2.0 PURPOSE: This policy establishes requirements for protecting data in all forms and media throughout their lifecycle based on sensitivity, criticality, value, and the impact of a loss of confidentiality, integrity, and availability on applicable stakeholders.

3.0 SCOPE: This policy applies to all digital and non-digital media used to store, process, or transmit Restricted-Use Information (RUI).

4.0 ORGANIZATIONS AFFECTED: This policy applies to all State of Kansas branches, boards, commissions, departments, divisions, Entities, and third parties involved in processing, transmitting, or providing business capabilities on behalf of Kansas state government, hereafter referred to as Entities.

5.0 REFERENCES:

- 5.1 National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Cybersecurity Framework (CSF) 2.0, as amended
- 5.2 NIST Special Publication (SP) 800-53 Revision 5, as amended
- 5.3 NIST SP 800-88 Revision 1, as amended

6.0 DEFINITIONS:

- 6.1 Digital Media: Includes diskettes, magnetic tapes, external/removable hard disk drives, flash drives, compact disks, and digital video disks.
- 6.2 Non-Digital Media: Includes paper and microfilm.
- 6.3 Organizational User: As defined in the **Telework Security Policy**.
- 6.4 Sanitization: A process to remove information from media such that data recovery is not possible, including the removal of all labels, markings, and activity logs.

7.0 POLICY: This policy governs the safeguarding and sanitization of data, regardless of form or media, by all Entities. Entities may impose supplemental restrictions through their specific policies, but such policies must not contradict the provisions outlined here.

Entities must:

Clean Desk and Clear Screen

- 7.1 Protect digital and non-digital information from unauthorized access and disclosure.
 - 7.1.1 Secure file cabinets or other appropriate containers when sensitive information is left unattended.
 - 7.1.2 Clear desks during non-working hours to prevent unauthorized access and disclosure of sensitive information.
 - 7.1.3 Ensure documents containing sensitive information are not left unattended on printers, copiers, or fax machines.
 - 7.1.4 Invoke screen-lock before leaving secured work areas.

Media Access

- 7.2 Implement security measures to restrict access to digital and non-digital media to authorized personnel.

Media Marking

- 7.3 Mark digital and non-digital media with appropriate classification labels, distribution limitations, and handling caveats.
 - 7.3.1 Media containing only data that is classified as Public requires no marking or labels.
 - 7.3.2 Media marking is recommended but optional when media remains within the Entity-controlled enclave and is not transported outside.

Media Storage

- 7.4 Securely store digital and non-digital media.
- 7.5 Classify and label media to indicate the sensitivity of the information.
- 7.6 Use secure delivery methods with tracking for media transport.

Media Transport

- 7.7 Use strong encryption to safeguard sensitive information stored on digital media during transport outside controlled areas.
- 7.8 Enclose sensitive hard copy information in opaque, sealed envelopes or containers.
- 7.9 Maintain accountability and restrict transport activities to authorized personnel.

- 7.10 Document activities associated with the transport of system media.
- 7.11 Inform Organizational Users of their responsibilities and provide them with necessary tools and training to protect assets during transport.

Media Sanitization

- 7.12 Sanitize digital and non-digital media per NIST SP 800-88 Revision 1 before disposal or reuse.
- 7.13 Require Data Custodians and Data Owners to document and verify sanitization and disposal actions.

Media Use

- 7.14 Implement physical and logical security controls to protect the confidentiality and integrity of Entity data storage media throughout their lifecycle.

8.0 RESPONSIBILITIES:

- 8.1 Heads of Entities must establish procedures to ensure compliance with this policy.
- 8.2 The Chief Information Security Officer (CISO), Executive Branch, is responsible for maintaining this policy.

9.0 ENFORCEMENT:

- 9.1 Non-compliance with this policy may result in disciplinary action, including termination of employment for severe violations.
- 9.2 Written approval from the Kansas Information Security Office (KISO) is required for any exception to this policy.

10.0 CANCELLATION: This policy cancels and supersedes all previous versions.

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[DRAFT] Policy XXXX-P

1.0 TITLE: Mobile Device Policy

2.0 PURPOSE: This policy establishes specific security requirements for mobile devices.

3.0 SCOPE: This policy applies to all mobile devices owned or leased by the Entity.

4.0 ORGANIZATIONS AFFECTED: This policy applies to all State of Kansas branches, boards, commissions, departments, divisions, Entities, and third parties involved in processing, transmitting, or providing business capabilities on behalf of Kansas state government, hereafter referred to as Entities.

5.0 REFERENCES:

5.1 National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Cybersecurity Framework (CSF) 2.0, as amended

5.2 NIST Special Publication (SP) 800-53 Revision 5, as amended

6.0 DEFINITIONS:

6.1 Mobile Devices: Portable computing devices that (1) have a small form factor easily carried by a single individual, (2) operate without a physical connection (e.g., wirelessly transmit or receive information), (3) possess local, nonremovable or removable data storage, and (4) include a self-contained power source. Examples include smartphones, tablets, and e-readers.

6.2 Mobile Device Management: The administration of mobile devices such as smartphones, tablets, and laptops, typically implemented through a third-party product with management features for mobile devices.

7.0 POLICY: This policy governs mobile device security. Entities may impose supplemental restrictions through specific policies, but such policies must not contradict the provisions outlined here.

Entities must:

Mobile Device Hardening

7.1 Enforce encryption of data at rest.

- 7.2 Remove or render information inaccessible from mobile devices after no more than 10 incorrect authentication attempts.
- 7.3 Configure mobile devices to automatically lock after being idle for no more than 10 minutes.
- 7.4 Centralize control of mobile devices through MDM or another centralized management solution.

Mobile Device Approved Application Stores

- 7.5 Establish, document, and communicate a list of approved applications stores through which mobile devices may obtain approved applications.

Mobile Device Approved Applications

- 7.6 Establish, document, and communicate a list of approved applications for installation and use on mobile devices used for Entity business purposes.
- 7.7 Develop an application validation process to test for device, operating system, and application compatibility issues.
- 7.8 Prohibit non-approved applications from being installed on Entity-owned mobile devices or used for Entity business purposes, regardless of device ownership.

Mobile Device Application Management

- 7.9 Maintain all mobile applications used for Entity business at the latest vendor-supported levels.
- 7.10 Implement security-related updates and upgrades for all Entity-owned devices as part of their change management processes.

Mobile Device Approved Cloud Services

- 7.11 Establish, document, and communicate a list of approved cloud services for use with mobile devices for Entity business purposes.
- 7.12 Prohibit the use of personal cloud services, including email and file storage, for Entity business purposes.
- 7.13 Prohibit the use of personal email accounts, personal storage accounts, and other personal cloud services for Entity business purposes.

Mobile Device Backup

- 7.14 Establish mechanisms and requirements to back up mobile devices to mitigate the risk of losing Entity information.
- 7.15 Prohibit backing up Entity information to personal computers, personal storage devices, and personal cloud services.

Mobile Device Security Awareness Training

- 7.16 Provide training and awareness activities for mobile device users on threats and recommended security practices, incorporating them into the Entity's security and awareness training.

8.0 RESPONSIBILITIES:

- 8.1 Heads of Entities must establish procedures to ensure compliance with this policy.
- 8.2 The Chief Information Security Officer (CISO), Executive Branch, is responsible for maintaining this policy.

9.0 ENFORCEMENT:

- 9.1 Non-compliance with this policy may result in disciplinary action, including termination of employment for severe violations.
- 9.2 Written approval from the Kansas Information Security Office (KISO) is required for any exception to this policy.

10.0 CANCELLATION: This policy cancels and supersedes all previous versions.

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[DRAFT] Policy XXXX-P

- 1.0 TITLE:** Software Usage Restrictions Policy
- 2.0 PURPOSE:** This policy establishes software usage and non-standard software restrictions.
- 3.0 SCOPE:** This policy applies to software installed on Entity IT Assets.
- 4.0 ORGANIZATIONS AFFECTED:** This policy applies to all State of Kansas branches, boards, commissions, departments, divisions, Entities, and third parties involved in processing, transmitting, or providing business capabilities on behalf of Kansas state government, hereafter referred to as Entities.
- 5.0 REFERENCES:**
- 5.1 National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Cybersecurity Framework (CSF) 2.0, as amended
 - 5.2 NIST Special Publication (SP) 800-53 Revision 5, as amended
- 6.0 DEFINITIONS:**
- 6.1 IT Asset: As defined in the **IT Asset Management Policy**
 - 6.2 Organizational Users or Users: As defined in the **Personnel Security Policy**.
 - 6.3 Non-Standard Software: Software not included in the Entity's officially approved suite of applications, including any software that has not undergone the formal approval process or does not conform to the Entity's standard software lists.
- 7.0 POLICY:** This policy governs software usage restrictions for all Entities. Entities may impose supplemental restrictions through specific policies, but these must not contradict the provisions outlined here.
- Entities must:
- Software Usage Restrictions
- 7.1 Inform Users of acceptable and unacceptable practices related to the installation and use of software, including open-source software, ensuring all licensing agreements and copyright laws are observed.

- 7.2 Implement controls to ensure Users comply with copyright laws and license agreements when using software.
- 7.3 Track the use of software and associated documentation protected by quantity licenses to control copying and distribution.
- 7.4 Control and document the use of peer-to-peer file sharing technology to prevent unauthorized distribution, display, performance, or reproduction of copyrighted work.

Non-Standard Software

- 7.5 Establish policies governing software installation by Users, identifying permitted and prohibited actions.
- 7.6 Permit software installations that include updates and security patches to existing software and downloads from Entity-approved app stores.
- 7.7 Prohibit software installations that include software with unknown or suspect origins or software deemed potentially malicious by the Entity.
- 7.8 Monitor compliance with this policy and, where technically feasible, implement automated controls to restrict Users from installing unauthorized software.
- 7.9 Ensure installed software programs are free of malicious code to the greatest extent possible.

8.0 RESPONSIBILITIES:

- 8.1 Heads of Entities must establish procedures to ensure compliance with this policy.
- 8.2 The Chief Information Security Officer (CISO), Executive Branch, is responsible for maintaining this policy.

9.0 ENFORCEMENT:

- 9.1 Non-compliance with this policy may result in disciplinary action, including termination of employment for severe violations.
- 9.2 Written approval from the Kansas Information Security Office (KISO) is required for any exception to this policy.

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Security Policies for Discussion

Information Technology Executive Council

[DRAFT] Policy XXXX-P

- 1.0 TITLE:** Acceptable Use of IT Policy
- 2.0 PURPOSE:** This policy establishes minimum requirements for the acceptable use of IT Resources to protect users and IT Resources. Inappropriate use exposes the State network to risks such as ransomware, viruses, system compromises, data breaches, and legal liabilities. This policy does not cover every possible scenario and does not relieve anyone accessing an IT system from their obligation to exercise good judgment.
- 3.0 SCOPE:** This policy applies to all Organizational Users, contractors, and third-party service providers who access, manage, or maintain IT Resources on behalf of the State of Kansas. It covers all activities related to the use, management, and security of IT Resources, including hardware, software, networks, and data.
- 4.0 ORGANIZATIONS AFFECTED:** This policy applies to all State of Kansas boards, commissions, departments, divisions, Entities, and third parties involved in processing, transmitting, or providing business capabilities on behalf of Kansas state government, hereafter referred to as Entities.
- 5.0 REFERENCES:**
- 5.1 K.S.A. 21-5611
 - 5.2 K.S.A. 21-5839
 - 5.3 K.S.A. 21-6002
 - 5.4 NIST CSF 2.0
- 6.0 DEFINITIONS:**
- 6.1 Information Resources: Information and related resources, such as the internet, personnel, equipment, funds, and IT Assets.
 - 6.2 IT Assets: The hardware, software, data, and other technology components that make up the IT infrastructure of an Entity.
 - 6.3 Organizational Users (Users): As defined in Security and Privacy Awareness Training Policy.
 - 6.4 System Owner: The individual or department responsible for the overall ownership, operation, and security of a particular IT system.

7.0 POLICY: This policy governs security-focused configuration management for all Entities. Entities may impose supplemental restrictions through specific policies, but these must not contradict this policy.

Entities must:

- 7.1 Ensure Organizational Users are individually responsible for appropriate use of IT Resources assigned to them.
- 7.2 Ensure IT Resources are provided for official business purposes. Organizational Users must only access IT Resources necessary for their assigned duties.
- 7.3 Ensure Organizational Users do not attempt to access or provide resources to access restricted portions of the network, operating systems, security software, or administrative applications without prior authorization from the System Owner or delegate.
- 7.4 Prohibit Organizational Users from using IT Resources for illegal or unlawful purposes, including but not limited to copyright infringement, personal gain, libel, slander, fraud, defamation, forgery, impersonation, and spreading malware.
- 7.5 Ensure Organizational Users maintain the security and confidentiality of information, safeguarding login credentials, and securing Restricted-Use Information per ITEC security policies. Unauthorized access, sharing, or disclosure of Restricted-Use Information is prohibited.
- 7.6 Inform Organizational Users that there is no expectation of privacy when using State-issued IT Resources. All usage, including emails, messaging, internet activity, and data storage, may be monitored to ensure policy compliance and security operations.
- 7.7 Ensure Organizational Users return all IT Assets and associated data upon separation from employment or contract termination.
- 7.8 Prohibit Organizational Users from using State-owned licensing keys on personal devices without approval from the CITO or delegate.
- 7.9 Prohibit Organizational Users from storing Entity data on non-State cloud platforms or non-State data storage locations.
- 7.10 Ensure Organizational Users do not use personal devices to access IT Resources unless authorized and secured in compliance with State IT policies.
- 7.11 Inform that violations of this policy by contractors or third-party service providers must result in termination of contracts and/or legal action.

- 7.12 Ensure Organizational Users do not use State IT Resources to engage in personal social media activity. Official communication via social media must comply with applicable policies.
- 7.13 Ensure Organizational Users immediately report any event that threatens the availability, integrity, or confidentiality of IT Resources or data, violates policies, or contravenes applicable laws, to the Kansas Information Security Office (KISO) or Entity Information Security Officer (ISO).

8.0 RESPONSIBILITIES:

- 8.1 Heads of Entities must establish procedures to ensure compliance with this policy.
- 8.2 The Chief Information Security Officer (CISO), Executive Branch, is responsible for maintaining this policy.

9.0 ENFORCEMENT:

- 9.1 Non-compliance with this policy may result in disciplinary action, including termination of employment for severe violations.
- 9.2 Violations must be documented and reported to KISO.
- 9.3 Repeated or serious breaches may result in suspension of IT access or further legal action.
- 9.4 Written approval from the Kansas Information Security Office (KISO) is required for any exception to this policy.

10.0 CANCELLATION: This policy cancels and supersedes all previous versions.

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[DRAFT] Policy XXXX-P

1.0 TITLE: IT Maintenance Security Policy

2.0 PURPOSE: The purpose of this policy is to ensure IT Assets are properly maintained to minimize risks from emerging information security threats and prevent the potential loss of confidentiality, integrity, or availability due to system failures.

3.0 SCOPE: This policy applies to all Organizational Users, contractors, and third-party service providers who manage or maintain IT Assets on behalf of the State of Kansas. It covers all maintenance-related activities to ensure the proper function and security of IT Assets.

4.0 ORGANIZATIONS AFFECTED: This policy applies to all State of Kansas boards, commissions, departments, divisions, Entities, and third parties involved in processing, transmitting, or providing business capabilities on behalf of Kansas state government, hereafter referred to as Entities.

5.0 REFERENCES:

5.1 NIST SP 800-53 R5

5.2 NIST CSF 2.0

6.0 DEFINITIONS:

6.1 IT Assets: Hardware, software, data, and other technology components that make up the IT infrastructure of an Entity.

6.2 Nonlocal Maintenance: Maintenance activities conducted by individuals communicating through a network, either an external network (e.g., the Internet) or an internal network.

7.0 POLICY: This policy governs maintenance activities for IT Assets by all Entities. Entities may implement supplemental restrictions through specific policies, but these must not contradict this policy.

Entities must:

Controlled Maintenance

7.1 Schedule, document, and review records of maintenance, repair, and replacement on system components according to manufacturer or vendor specifications and/or Entity requirements.

- 7.2 Approve and monitor all maintenance activities, whether performed on-site or remotely, and whether the system or components are serviced on-site or removed to another location.
- 7.3 Explicitly approve the removal of systems or system components from Entity facilities for off-site maintenance, repair, or replacement.
- 7.4 Sanitize equipment to remove Restricted-Use Information from associated media before removal from Entity facilities for off-site maintenance, repair, or replacement.
- 7.5 Verify that all potentially impacted controls are functioning properly following maintenance, repair, or replacement activities.
- 7.6 Include the following information in maintenance records:
 - 7.6.1 Date and time of maintenance.
 - 7.6.2 Description of maintenance performed.
 - 7.6.3 Names of individuals or groups performing maintenance.
 - 7.6.4 Name of escort.
 - 7.6.5 System components or equipment that is removed or replaced.
- 7.7 Ensure all maintenance activities must be logged and audited regularly to verify compliance with this policy.
- 7.8 Maintenance logs must be reviewed periodically by designated personnel to identify unauthorized activities or inconsistencies.
- 7.9 Ensure maintenance activities must be coordinated with the Entity's risk management and/or change management processes to identify, assess, and mitigate potential risks to system integrity and security.
- 7.10 Establish communication protocols for reporting incidents or issues that arise during or following maintenance activities.

Maintenance Tools

- 7.11 Approve, control, and monitor the use of system maintenance tools.
- 7.12 Review previously approved system maintenance tools at least annually.
- 7.13 Inspect maintenance tools used by personnel for unauthorized modifications and ensure the latest software updates and patches are installed.

- 7.14 Check media containing diagnostic and test programs for malicious code before use in systems.
- 7.15 Prevent the removal of maintenance equipment containing Entity information by:
 - 7.15.1 Verifying no Restricted-Use Information is contained on the equipment.
 - 7.15.2 Sanitizing or destroying the equipment.
 - 7.15.3 Retaining the equipment within the facility.
 - 7.15.4 Obtaining a documented exemption from the Kansas Information Security Office (KISO) or Entity Information Security Officer (ISO), authorizing removal of the equipment.

Nonlocal Maintenance

- 7.16 Approve and monitor Nonlocal Maintenance and diagnostic activities.
- 7.17 Allow the use of Nonlocal Maintenance and diagnostic tools only when consistent with ITEC policy and documented in the system security plan.
- 7.18 Employ strong authentication for establishing Nonlocal Maintenance and diagnostic sessions.
 - 7.18.1 Require strong authenticators resistant to replay attacks and employing multi-factor authentication, such as PKI certificates stored on a token protected by a password, passphrase, or biometric.
- 7.19 Maintain records for Nonlocal Maintenance and diagnostic activities.
- 7.20 Terminate sessions and network connections when Nonlocal Maintenance is completed.

Maintenance Personnel

- 7.21 Establish a process for maintenance personnel authorization and maintain a list of authorized maintenance personnel or organizations.
- 7.22 Verify that non-escorted personnel performing maintenance possess required access authorizations.
- 7.23 Designate Entity personnel with required access authorizations and technical competence to supervise the maintenance activities of personnel without the required authorizations.

Timely Maintenance

- 7.24 Obtain maintenance support and/or spare parts for Mission Critical Systems and system components consistent with Entity defined Recovery Time Objectives (RTOs).

Field Maintenance

- 7.25 Restrict or prohibit field maintenance on IT Assets that have been deployed to remote locations.
- 7.26 Maintain records for Field Maintenance and diagnostic activities.

8.0 RESPONSIBILITIES:

- 8.1 Heads of Entities must establish procedures to ensure compliance with this policy
- 8.2 The Chief Information Security Officer (CISO), Executive Branch, is responsible for maintaining this policy.

9.0 ENFORCEMENT:

- 9.1 Non-compliance with this policy may result in disciplinary action, including termination of employment for severe violations.
- 9.2 Written approval from the Kansas Information Security Office (KISO) is required for any exception to this policy.

10.0 CANCELLATION: This policy cancels and supersedes all previous versions.

Information Technology Executive Council

[DRAFT] Policy XXXX-P

- 1.0 TITLE:** Personnel Security Policy
- 2.0 PURPOSE:** The purpose of this policy is to ensure that Executive Branch personnel have the appropriate background, skills, and training to perform their job responsibilities in a competent, professional, and secure manner.
- 3.0 SCOPE:** This policy applies to all Organizational Users, contractors, and third-party service providers involved in managing or accessing Information Systems on behalf of the State of Kansas. It ensures that personnel security standards are followed at all levels of the organization.
- 4.0 ORGANIZATIONS AFFECTED:** This policy applies to all State of Kansas boards, commissions, departments, divisions, Entities, and third parties involved in processing, transmitting, or providing business capabilities on behalf of Kansas state government, hereafter referred to as Entities.
- 5.0 REFERENCES:**
- 5.1 K.S.A. 75-3707e
 - 5.2 K.S.A. 75-7240(b)(2)
 - 5.3 K.S.A. 75-7241
 - 5.4 K.S.A. 75-2949(f)
 - 5.5 NIST CSF 2.0
 - 5.6 NIST SP 800-53 R5
- 6.0 DEFINITIONS:**
- 6.1 Information Systems: Systems used to process, transmit, or store data and information, including hardware, software, networks, and cloud services.
 - 6.2 Organizational Users: As defined in the ITEC Security and Privacy Awareness Training Policy.
- 7.0 POLICY:** This policy governs personnel security standards for all Entities. While Entities may establish supplemental restrictions through their specific policies, these must not contradict the provisions outlined in this policy.

Entities must:

Position Designations

- 7.1 Assign risk designations to all positions based on an evaluation of the duties and responsibilities and the potential impact on information security.
- 7.2 Establish screening criteria for Organizational Users based on position risk.
- 7.3 Review and update position risk designations when recruitment actions occur or when position descriptions are updated.

Personnel Screen

- 7.4 Screen Organizational Users before granting initial access to Information Systems.
- 7.5 Rescreen Organizational Users in accordance with position risk designations or when roles or designations change, or when rescreening is required.

Personnel Termination

- 7.6 Upon termination of Organizational User employment:
 - 7.6.1 Disable login credentials on the same day the Organizational User ends employment.
 - 7.6.2 Terminate or revoke all authenticators and credentials associated with the individual.
 - 7.6.3 Conduct exit interviews that include a discussion of the confidentiality of Restricted-Use Information.
 - 7.6.4 Retrieve all security-related property, including authentication tokens, system manuals, keys, passwords, and identification cards.
 - 7.6.5 Retain access to Entity information and systems previously controlled by the terminated individual.
 - 7.6.6 Monitor for unauthorized access attempts by terminated personnel for a period of 30 days following termination to detect any potential security breaches.

Personnel Transfers

- 7.7 Review and confirm the need for current logical and physical access authorizations when individuals are reassigned or transferred within the Entity.
- 7.8 Initiate additional screening when required by position risk designations.
- 7.9 Modify access authorizations as needed to correspond with the reassignment or transfer.

- 7.10 Notify personnel responsible for logical and physical access administration no less than five (5) business days before the Organizational User's transfer.

Access Agreements

- 7.11 Develop and document access agreements for Information Systems.
- 7.12 Review and update access agreements annually.
- 7.13 Ensure individuals sign appropriate access agreements before being granted access to Information Systems, acknowledging their understanding of the system constraints.
- 7.14 Require re-signing of access agreements when updates are made or at least annually to maintain access.

External Personnel

- 7.15 Establish documented personnel security requirements, including roles and responsibilities, for external providers.
- 7.16 Ensure external providers comply with personnel security policies and procedures.
- 7.17 Ensure that external contractors or vendors complete onboarding procedures, including background checks, security training, signing access agreements, and signing non-disclosure agreements (NDAs), before gaining access to Information Systems.
- 7.18 Require external providers to notify Entity leadership of personnel transfers or terminations of external staff who possess organizational credentials or system privileges, within timeframes defined by ITEC policy.
- 7.19 Ensure that temporary access to Information Systems or facilities by external providers or contractors is limited to the duration of the specific project or need. Temporary access must be immediately revoked upon completion of the work or when no longer required.
- 7.20 Monitor provider compliance with personnel security requirements.

Personnel Sanctions

- 7.21 Implement a formal sanctions process for individuals who fail to comply with established information security and privacy requirements.

Position Descriptions

- 7.22 Incorporate security and privacy roles and responsibilities into position descriptions.

8.0 RESPONSIBILITIES:

8.1 Heads of Entities must establish procedures to ensure compliance with this policy

8.2 The Chief Information Security Officer (CISO), Executive Branch, is responsible for maintaining this policy.

9.0 ENFORCEMENT:

9.1 Non-compliance with this policy may result in disciplinary action, including termination of employment for severe violations.

9.2 Written approval from the Kansas Information Security Office (KISO) is required for any exception to this policy.

10.0 CANCELLATION: This policy cancels and supersedes all previous versions.

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[DRAFT] Policy XXXX-P

- 1.0 TITLE:** Physical and Environment Security Policy
- 2.0 PURPOSE:** This policy establishes requirements to ensure that Entities' information assets are protected by physical controls to prevent tampering, damage, theft, or unauthorized physical access.
- 3.0 SCOPE:** This policy applies to all Organizational Users, contractors, and third-party service providers who manage or access IT systems and facilities on behalf of the State of Kansas.
- 4.0 ORGANIZATIONS AFFECTED:** This policy applies to all State of Kansas boards, commissions, departments, divisions, Entities, and third parties involved in processing, transmitting, or providing business capabilities on behalf of Kansas state government, hereafter referred to as Entities.
- 5.0 REFERENCES:**
- 5.1 NIST CSF 2.0
 - 5.2 NIST SP 800-53 R5
- 6.0 DEFINITIONS:**
- 6.1 Controlled Areas: Collective term for Operations and Restricted Access Zones.
 - 6.2 Operations Zone: A general access area where Entity business activities or support services are regularly conducted.
 - 6.3 Restricted Access Zone: An area that requires specific authorization granted by the owner of each restricted zone, including data centers, server rooms, cable cabinets, and communication equipment rooms.
- 7.0 POLICY:** This policy governs physical and environmental security measures for protecting information and information systems. Entities may establish supplemental restrictions, but these must not contradict this policy.
- Entities must:
- Physical Access Authorizations
- 7.1 Develop, approve, and maintain a list of individuals authorized to access Controlled Areas. When hosting is outsourced, ensure vendors maintain similar lists for Restricted Access Zones.

- 7.2 Annually review and approve access lists to Controlled Areas.
- 7.3 Remove access (including from the access list, keys, badges, and combination changes) when it is no longer required or upon termination.
- 7.4 Develop and implement procedures for reporting and responding to physical security breaches or incidents, which must include immediate notification to the appropriate Entity incident response teams.
- 7.5 Implement procedures for issuing, tracking, and auditing physical access credentials, including keys and badges.
 - 7.5.1 Lost or stolen credentials must be reported immediately, and replacement credentials must be issued only after verification of need.

Physical Access Controls

- 7.6 Enforce access authorizations at entry and exit points of Controlled Areas by:
 - 7.6.1 Verifying individual access authorizations before granting access.
 - 7.6.2 Controlling ingress and egress to the facility using physical access control systems, devices, or guards.
- 7.7 Maintain visitor logs for Restricted Access Zones.
- 7.8 Escort visitors and monitor their activity within Restricted Access Zones.
- 7.9 Secure unused IT assets by moving them to designated secure areas if not in use for extended periods.
- 7.10 Change combinations and/or keys annually or when combinations are compromised, or personnel are transferred or terminated.
- 7.11 Annually inventory keys used for securing Restricted-Use Information.
- 7.12 Conduct physical security risk assessments at least annually to identify vulnerabilities and ensure the adequacy of physical controls.
 - 7.12.1 Risk assessments must be documented, and any identified gaps must be addressed through remediation plans.
- 7.13 Ensure that third-party vendors and contractors comply with physical and environmental security requirements. Contracts with external providers must include provisions for physical security compliance.

- 7.14 Ensure that appropriate signage is placed at all entry points to Restricted Access Zones, informing personnel and visitors of access restrictions.

- 7.14.1 Signage must also indicate emergency procedures, such as the location of emergency exits and emergency shutoff controls.

Access Control for Output Devices

- 7.15 Control physical access to output devices like printers, scanners, fax machines, and copiers to prevent unauthorized individuals from accessing output.

- 7.16 Control access to storage locations of output devices.

Monitoring Physical Access

- 7.17 Monitor physical access to public access facilities where IT assets reside to detect and respond to physical security incidents.

- 7.18 Review physical access logs monthly or upon the occurrence of a potential security event.

- 7.19 Coordinate results of reviews with the Entity incident response team.

- 7.20 Audit physical and environmental controls, including access control systems, power systems, fire detection and suppression systems, and other environmental protections, at least annually to ensure they are functioning as intended.

- 7.20.1 Audit results must be documented, and any deficiencies must be promptly addressed.

- 7.21 Conduct a post-incident review after any physical or environmental security incident to identify weaknesses in controls, improve security measures, and document lessons learned.

- 7.21.1 Post-incident review results must be shared with relevant stakeholders and Entity leadership.

Visitor Access Records

- 7.22 Maintain visitor access records for Controlled Areas in compliance with retention requirements. Records must include:

- 7.22.1 Name and organization of the visitor.

- 7.22.2 Visitor's signature.

- 7.22.3 Picture ID verification and initials of the verifying guard or person.

7.22.4 Date of access.

7.22.5 Time of entry and departure.

7.22.6 Purpose of visit.

7.22.7 Name of the person visited.

7.23 Review visitor access records monthly.

7.24 Report any anomalies in visitor access records to security personnel.

Delivery and Removal

7.25 Develop procedures for the delivery and removal of IT assets to and from Entity facilities.

7.26 Authorize, monitor, and control the shipment and removal of equipment from facilities and maintain records of those items.

Power Equipment and Cabling

7.27 Protect power equipment and cabling from damage and destruction.

Emergency Shutoff

7.28 Ensure that data centers have the ability to shut off power in emergency situations.

7.29 Protect emergency shutoff systems from unauthorized activation.

Emergency Power

7.30 Ensure emergency power systems are implemented to provide continuous power and protect against power surges.

Emergency Lighting

7.31 Maintain automatic emergency lighting that activates during power outages and covers emergency exits and evacuation routes.

Fire Protection

7.32 Ensure fire detection and suppression systems are maintained and supported by independent power sources.

Environmental Controls

- 7.33 Maintain temperature and humidity controls within service level agreements (SLA) in data centers.
- 7.34 Monitor and alert facility management and IT personnel in the event of significant temperature changes.
- 7.35 Ensure redundant humidity, ventilation, and air conditioning systems are implemented for continuous operation.

Water Damage Protection

- 7.36 Protect data centers from water damage by providing master shutoff or isolation valves that are accessible, functional, and known to key personnel.

Location of IT Assets

- 7.37 Position IT assets within facilities to minimize damage from physical and environmental hazards and unauthorized access.

Asset Monitoring and Tracking

- 7.38 Implement asset location tracking technologies to monitor the location and movement of unattended IT assets.

Facility Location

- 7.39 Consider physical and environmental hazards when selecting locations for storing, processing, or transferring Restricted-Use Information and Mission Critical Information Systems.

8.0 RESPONSIBILITIES:

- 8.1 Heads of Entities must establish procedures to ensure compliance with this policy
- 8.2 The Chief Information Security Officer (CISO), Executive Branch, is responsible for maintaining this policy.

9.0 ENFORCEMENT:

- 9.1 Non-compliance with this policy may result in disciplinary action, including termination of employment for severe violations.
- 9.2 Written approval from the Kansas Information Security Office (KISO) is required for any exception to this policy.

10.0 CANCELLATION: This policy cancels and supersedes all previous versions.

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[DRAFT] Policy XXXX-P

- 1.0 **TITLE:** Security Awareness Training Policy
- 2.0 **PURPOSE:** The purpose of this policy is to identify and reduce security and privacy risks to Entities by establishing and maintaining an information security awareness program that promotes security-conscious behavior and skills among the workforce to mitigate cybersecurity and privacy risks.
- 3.0 **SCOPE:** This policy applies to all Organizational Users, contractors, and third-party service providers who access or manage IT Assets on behalf of the State of Kansas.
- 4.0 **ORGANIZATIONS AFFECTED:** This policy applies to all State of Kansas boards, commissions, departments, divisions, Entities, and third parties involved in processing, transmitting, or providing business capabilities on behalf of Kansas state government, hereafter referred to as Entities.
- 5.0 **REFERENCES:**
- 5.1 K.S.A. 75-7240(b)
 - 5.2 House Substitute for Senate Bill 291 (2024)
 - 5.3 NIST CSF 2.0
 - 5.4 NIST SP 800-53 R5
- 6.0 **DEFINITIONS:**
- 6.1 Organizational Users or Users: An employee or individual with similar status, such as interns, contractors, volunteers, or individuals from another Entity.
- 7.0 **POLICY:** This policy is the principal governing authority for security and privacy awareness training for all Entities. Entities may impose additional restrictions through Entity-specific policies, but these must not contradict this policy.

Entities must:

Information Security and Privacy Training

- 7.1 Provide onboarding security awareness training to all new Organizational Users before granting access to IT Assets. The training must include at a minimum:
 - 7.1.1 Entity security and privacy policies, standards, and procedures.

- 7.1.2 Authentication credential security and management.
- 7.1.3 Social media acceptable use.
- 7.1.4 Social engineering awareness.
- 7.1.5 Artificial intelligence (AI) and associated threats.
- 7.1.6 Acceptable Use of Information Technology.
- 7.1.7 Physical security measures.
- 7.1.8 Risks and best practices associated with mobile device usage.
- 7.1.9 Multifactor authentication (MFA).
- 7.1.10 Incident response.
- 7.1.11 Regulatory compliance requirements.
- 7.2 Reassess security awareness and privacy training needs when Organizational Users change roles.
- 7.3 Provide annual security awareness training to all Organizational Users. The training must include at a minimum:
 - 7.3.1 Entity security and privacy policies, standards, and procedures.
 - 7.3.2 Authentication credential security and management.
 - 7.3.3 Social media acceptable use.
 - 7.3.4 Social engineering awareness.
 - 7.3.5 Artificial intelligence (AI) and associated threats.
 - 7.3.6 Acceptable Use of Information Technology.
 - 7.3.7 Physical security measures.
 - 7.3.8 Risks and best practices associated with mobile device usage.
 - 7.3.9 Multifactor authentication (MFA).
 - 7.3.10 Incident response.
 - 7.3.11 Regulatory compliance requirements.

- 7.4 Employ techniques to enhance security and privacy awareness.
- 7.5 Update training and awareness content annually or more frequently as needed.
- 7.6 Incorporate lessons learned from internal or external security or privacy incidents into training and awareness techniques.
- 7.7 Provide practical exercises in training that simulate events and incidents.
- 7.8 Provide training on recognizing and reporting indicators of insider threat.
- 7.9 Provide training on recognizing and reporting instances of social engineering.

Simulations

- 7.10 Conduct regular phishing and/or social engineering simulations to assess Organizational Users' awareness and response to such threats.
 - 7.10.1 The results of these simulations must be used to enhance training content and address identified weaknesses.

Role-Based Training

- 7.11 Provide role-based security training for all Organizational Users assigned specific information security and/or privacy roles, responsibilities, or duties.
- 7.12 Provide specific training for telework users before permitting telework and annually thereafter.
- 7.13 Update role-based training content annually or as needed, incorporating lessons learned from internal or external incidents.
- 7.14 Ensure that temporary workers, interns, and contract personnel receive security awareness training tailored to their role and access level.

Training Records

- 7.15 Document and monitor all information security and privacy training activities, including role-based training.
- 7.16 Retain individual training records in accordance with records retention schedules.
- 7.17 Third-party service providers must participate in security awareness training programs as specified by the Entity.
- 7.18 Vendors and contractors must provide documentation of their training compliance, which must be retained according to records retention schedules.

Training Feedback and Effectiveness

- 7.19 Track the effectiveness of training programs through metrics such as completion rates, simulation performance, and post-training incident rates.
- 7.20 Provide feedback and training results and metrics to senior Entity management and Entity Information Security Officer (ISO) quarterly.

8.0 **RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- 8.1 Heads of Entities must establish procedures to ensure compliance with this policy
- 8.2 The Chief Information Security Officer (CISO), Executive Branch, is responsible for maintaining this policy.

9.0 **ENFORCEMENT:**

- 9.1 Non-compliance with this policy may result in disciplinary action, including termination of employment for severe violations.
- 9.2 Written approval from the Kansas Information Security Office (KISO) is required for any exception to this policy.

10.0 **CANCELLATION:** This policy cancels and supersedes all previous versions.

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[DRAFT] Agreement XXXX-A

Network Privilege Access Agreement

Purpose

This Network Privileged Access Agreement ("Agreement") establishes terms for authorized privileged access to the network resources, systems, and data of <Agency Name>. By signing this Agreement, you acknowledge the responsibility, security measures, and protocols associated with privileged access and agree to abide by the outlined requirements.

Scope

This Agreement applies to all Organizational Users granted privileged access to include administrative or elevated rights that permit significant control over network systems, applications, and data.

By initialing each section below, I acknowledge the following responsibilities:

_____ **1. Protection of Credentials:** I understand that elevated access privileges come with additional levels of risk and responsibility. I agree to protect the authentication credentials entrusted to me from unauthorized disclosure. I will not share my login information under any circumstances and will use the account(s) only as authorized in compliance with applicable laws, policies, and procedures.

_____ **2. Compliance with Law, Policy, and Consequences:** I understand the improper or inappropriate use of my elevated privileges account violates information security policies and may also violate federal and state laws. I acknowledge that any such violations may result in the removal of my access privileges, disciplinary actions including termination, civil penalties, or criminal prosecution.

_____ **3. Confidential Information Protection and Non-Disclosure:** I will protect all confidential information I have access to through my elevated privileges and will not disclose or provide such information to any individual or entity without proper authorization.

_____ **4. Legitimate Use of Access:** I will only access systems, records, and data for legitimate, work-related purposes and will not use the data or systems for personal or commercial use.

_____ **5. Prohibition on Stored Credentials:** I will not utilize stored credential features, such as saving passwords in browsers or other unauthorized systems, for any account, elevated or standard.

_____ **6. Use of Assigned Accounts Only:** I will log in only with the accounts specifically assigned to me. I will not access systems using built-in or service accounts unless prior authorization and documentation have been provided.

_____ **7. No Casual Web Browsing:** I will not use my privileged account for casual web browsing or non-work-related activities.

_____ **8. Authorization for Permission Elevation:** I will not elevate permissions for myself or others, nor will I create local or Active Directory accounts without explicit authorization and proper documentation of that authorization.

_____ **9. Monitoring and Auditing:** I understand use of my elevated privilege account is subject to monitoring and auditing to ensure compliance with policies and procedures. I consent to such monitoring and auditing activities.

_____ **10. Periodic Review:** I understand that I may be required to review and re-certify this agreement periodically, particularly in response to changes in applicable laws, policies, or job responsibilities.

_____ **11. Mobile and Remote Access:** I will only access <AGENCY ACRONYM> systems using authorized devices and through secure, encrypted connections (e.g., VPN) in accordance with <AGENCY ACRONYM>'s remote access policies. I will ensure that any device used for remote access complies with all applicable security standards.

_____ **12. Termination of Access:** I understand that my elevated access privileges will be revoked immediately upon termination of my employment, reassignment, or any change in my role that no longer requires such privileges.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and understood this agreement and the associated responsibilities. I further acknowledge that failure to comply with this agreement may result in disciplinary action, civil penalties, and referral to law enforcement authorities.

I agree to take all reasonable measures necessary to protect the security of <Agency Name>'s IT assets and to comply with all applicable laws, policies, and procedures.

Employee Signature: _____

Date: _____

Print Name: _____

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[DRAFT] Policy XXXX-P

- 1.0 TITLE:** Information Security Program Policy
- 2.0 PURPOSE:** This policy defines and establishes roles and responsibilities for managing information security within the Entity. By clearly delineating responsibilities, the Entity ensures effective implementation and maintenance of its information security program in compliance with relevant standards.
- 3.0 SCOPE:** This policy applies to all forms of data and systems, regardless of whether they are hosted internally, externally, or within cloud environments. It encompasses data, applications, networks, and other IT assets or services managed or operated by the State or any of its authorized agents.
- 4.0 ORGANIZATIONS AFFECTED:** This policy applies to all State of Kansas boards, commissions, departments, divisions, Entities, and third parties involved in processing, transmitting, or providing business capabilities on behalf of Kansas state government, hereafter referred to as Entities.
- 5.0 REFERENCES:**
- 5.1 K.S.A. 75-7236
 - 5.2 National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Cybersecurity Framework (CSF) 2.0
 - 5.3 NIST Special Publication (SP) 800-53 Revision 5
- 6.0 DEFINITIONS:**
- 6.1 Information Security Program Plan: A formal document providing an overview of the security requirements for an Entity-wide information security program, describing program management controls and common controls in place or planned for meeting those requirements.
 - 6.2 Plans of Action and Milestones (POA&M): A document identifying tasks to be accomplished, detailing required resources, milestones for meeting tasks, and scheduled completion dates.
- 7.0 POLICY:** This policy is the primary governing authority for information security governance for all Entities. Individual Entities may impose supplemental restrictions via Entity-specific policies, provided they do not contradict this policy.

Entities must:

Information Security Program Plan

- 7.1 Develop and disseminate an Information Security Program Plan that:
 - 7.1.1 Provides an overview of security program requirements and describes program management controls and common controls in place or planned.
 - 7.1.2 Identifies and assigns roles, responsibilities, management commitment, and compliance obligations.
 - 7.1.3 Reflects coordination among entities responsible for information security.
 - 7.1.4 Receives approval from a senior official responsible and accountable for risk to Entity operations (including mission, functions, image, and reputation), assets, individuals, and other Entities.
- 7.2 Review and update the plan annually and following significant security events, audit findings, or changes to state and federal information security requirements.
- 7.3 Protect the plan from unauthorized disclosure and modification.

Information Security Roles and Responsibilities

- 7.4 Assign information security roles and responsibilities that:
 - 7.4.1 Designate personnel to fulfill specific roles and responsibilities as identified in this policy.
 - 7.4.2 Designated individuals must possess the necessary skills and expertise to manage and safeguard the Entity's information systems and data, ensuring the integrity of the Information Security Program.
 - 7.4.3 Document designations formally, review annually, and update as needed to ensure clear and accountable implementation of information security.
- 7.5 Information Security Officer (ISO)
 - 7.5.1 Ensure the ISO is responsible for leading the Entity's information security assurance efforts, which include:
 - 7.5.1.1 Developing and maintaining local Entity information security policies and standards.
 - 7.5.1.2 Identifying and recommending security requirements to limit information risks associated with the Entity's mission and business goals and objectives.

7.5.1.3 Leading, coordinating, and monitoring risk and security assessment activities.

7.5.1.4 Supporting third-party risk management by reviewing agreements, assessing vendors, applications, and services, and recommending risk treatment plans.

7.5.1.5 Liaising with internal and external auditors to manage controls for compliance with federal, state, and contract requirements.

7.6 Chief Information Officer (CIO)

7.6.1 Ensure the CIO oversees the Entity's information technology strategy and ensures that IT resources and infrastructure align with the Entity's mission and regulatory and security requirements, including:

7.6.1.1 Operating and supporting IT systems in compliance with approved security procedures, including IT asset management, malware protection, patch management, and data encryption.

7.6.1.2 Designing, acquiring, implementing, and operating systems in compliance with approved policies and standards.

7.6.1.3 Managing third-party IT service providers.

7.6.1.4 Monitoring the Entity's IT environment to identify, contain, and eliminate unauthorized activities as needed.

7.7 Information Owner

7.7.1 Ensure the Information Owner holds statutory or operational authority over specified information and establishes controls for its generation, collection, processing, dissemination, and disposal. Responsibilities include:

7.7.1.1 Assigning security categorization and protection standards and establishing appropriate use rules.

7.7.1.2 Ensuring compliance with applicable laws, regulations, contractual requirements, and policies for information collection and handling.

7.7.1.3 Providing input to Information System Owners regarding security requirements and controls for relevant systems.

7.8 Information System Owner

7.8.1 Ensure the Information System Owner oversees the procurement, development, integration, modification, or operation and maintenance of an information system, ensuring:

7.8.1.1 Security categorization and criticality are appropriately assigned.

7.8.1.2 The Information System operates in accordance with the System Security Plan and applicable requirements.

7.8.1.3 Sensitive information access is limited to those with a legitimate "need to know" or "need to use";

7.8.1.4 Security considerations are communicated to the Information Owner throughout the system's lifecycle.

Plans of Action and Milestones

7.9 Develop and maintain plans of action and milestones to address remedial information security and supply chain risk management actions.

7.10 POA&Ms must document necessary actions to respond to risks.

7.11 POA&Ms must be reported to Entity management at least quarterly or more frequently based on priority and severity.

7.12 Review POA&Ms for consistency and alignment with the Entity risk management strategy and priorities for risk response actions.

Risk Management Strategy

7.13 Establish and document their risk management strategy, defining risk appetite and tolerance, acceptable risk levels, and risk communication/reporting practices.

Mission and Business Process Definition

7.14 Define and document their mission and business processes, considering information security implications and resulting risks.

7.15 Determine and document information protection and processing needs resulting from the Entity mission and business processes.

7.16 Review and revise processes annually or as needed based on significant changes.

Continuous Monitoring Strategy

7.17 Implement a continuous monitoring strategy to:

7.17.1 Assess compliance with information security requirements.

7.17.2 Assign monitoring responsibilities.

7.17.3 Determine monitoring frequency and reporting metrics.

7.17.4 Periodically report on identified metrics.

Separation of Duties

7.18 Separate duties to minimize security risks for roles and operations that could impact Entity information assets.

7.19 Ensure individuals in governance, compliance, and auditing roles are independent of the functions they audit or assess.

7.20 Restrict access for roles like application developers, system administrators, and database administrators to maintain security.

8.0 RESPONSIBILITIES:

8.1 Heads of Entities must establish procedures to ensure compliance with this policy.

8.2 The Chief Information Security Officer (CISO), Executive Branch, is responsible for maintaining this policy.

9.0 ENFORCEMENT:

9.1 Non-compliance with this policy may result in disciplinary action, including termination of employment for severe violations.

9.2 Written approval from the Kansas Information Security Office (KISO) is required for any exception to this policy.

10.0 CANCELLATION: This policy cancels and supersedes all previous versions.

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[DRAFT] Policy XXXX-P

- 1.0 TITLE:** Information Security Risk Management Policy
- 2.0 PURPOSE:** This policy establishes requirements for identifying, assessing, treating, and monitoring information security risks to Entity operations, information systems, and information.
- 3.0 SCOPE:** The scope of this policy encompasses the processes, procedures, and activities related to identifying, assessing, treating, and monitoring information security risks to all data and information systems managed, processed, stored, or transmitted by Entities. This includes electronic, physical, and network-transmitted data, with an emphasis on addressing emerging threats, vulnerabilities, and compliance with evolving regulatory requirements. The policy applies throughout the entire risk management lifecycle, ensuring a consistent approach to protecting the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of all information assets.
- 4.0 ORGANIZATIONS AFFECTED:** This policy applies to all State of Kansas boards, commissions, departments, divisions, Entities, and third parties involved in processing, transmitting, or providing business capabilities on behalf of Kansas state government, hereafter referred to as Entities.
- 5.0 REFERENCES:**
- 5.1 Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) Publication 199
 - 5.2 National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Cybersecurity Framework (CSF) 2.0
 - 5.3 NIST Special Publication (SP) 800-53 Revision 5
- 6.0 DEFINITIONS:**
- 6.1 Information System: A combination of IT assets organized for the collection, processing, maintenance, use, sharing, dissemination, or disposition of information or data.
 - 6.2 Residual Risk: The portion of risk remaining after controls or countermeasures are applied.
 - 6.3 Risk: The effect of uncertainty on objectives, which can have both positive and negative outcomes.
 - 6.4 Risk Register: A central record of current risks and related information for a given scope or Entity, comprising both accepted risks and risks with a planned mitigation path.
 - 6.5 Risk Tolerance: The level of risk or degree of uncertainty acceptable to an Entity, including examples such as system downtime, patching timeframes for vulnerabilities, and incident reporting timeframes.

6.6 Risk Treatment: The process used to modify risk.

7.0 POLICY: This policy serves as the principal governing authority for information security risk management by all Entities. While individual Entities may impose supplemental restrictions through their specific policies, such policies must not contradict the provisions outlined herein.

Entities must:

Security Categorization

7.1 Categorize all Information Systems according to FIPS Publication 199.

7.2 Ensure security categorization decisions receive approval from an Authorizing Official or designee.

Risk Assessment

7.3 Conduct information security risk assessments that:

7.3.1 Identify threats and vulnerabilities to the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of information and Information Systems.

7.3.2 Determine the impact and likelihood of harm from events leading to unauthorized access, use, disclosure, disruption, modification, or destruction of the Information System, and the information the Entity processes, stores, or transmits.

7.3.3 Identify controls in place to reduce the likelihood and impact of threats.

7.3.4 Include recommendations to reduce Residual Risk that exceeds the Entity's established Risk Tolerance.

7.3.5 Risk Treatment options are limited to:

7.3.5.1 Mitigate: Implement controls and safeguards to reduce risk to an acceptable level.

7.3.5.2 Transfer: Offset risk by outsourcing to a third party.

7.3.5.3 Accept: Formally accept low-level risks that do not significantly impact the organization.

7.3.5.4 Avoid: Cease activities or functions that pose significant, unmanageable risks.

7.4 Incorporate results and risk management decisions from mission or business process perspectives with Information System-level risk assessments.

- 7.5 Document risk assessment results in a formal risk assessment report and provide them to Entity leadership and Information System Owners.
- 7.6 Disseminate risk assessment results to authorized personnel on a need-to-know basis.
- 7.7 Review and update information security risk assessments until system decommissioning:
 - 7.7.1 At least once every three (3) years.
 - 7.7.2 Prior to operational implementation and after significant Information System changes.
 - 7.7.3 When conditions arise that impact the security state of the Information System.

Risk Acceptance Criteria

- 7.8 Formally accept risks that cannot be fully mitigated but are determined to fall within an acceptable level of risk tolerance.
- 7.9 Ensure risk acceptance decisions are documented and authorized by a designated senior executive, such as the Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) or an equivalent senior official.
- 7.10 Ensure the following criteria must be met before acceptance:
 - 7.10.1 The risk assessment must clearly outline the nature, impact, and likelihood of the risk.
 - 7.10.2 All reasonably possible mitigation options must be documented and evaluated, and Residual Risks must be identified.
 - 7.10.3 A formal risk acceptance statement must be signed by the designated senior official, acknowledging the potential impact and justification for accepting the risk.
 - 7.10.4 Risk acceptance decisions must be reviewed periodically, at least annually, or whenever there is a significant change in the threat landscape, business environment, or Information System in question.

Incident Response and Risk Treatment

- 7.11 Incorporate any new risks identified during incident response activities into the risk management process.
- 7.12 Ensure when an incident occurs, risk treatment actions must be initiated to assess, document, and address newly identified vulnerabilities or risks. This process includes:

- 7.12.1 Conducting a post-incident risk assessment to identify vulnerabilities, threats, and weaknesses exposed during the incident.
- 7.12.2 Developing and implementing risk treatment plans that mitigate or eliminate newly identified risks.
- 7.12.3 Updating the Risk Register to reflect changes in the risk landscape and any Residual Risks following risk treatment efforts.

Documentation and Retention

- 7.13 Maintain comprehensive records of all risk assessments, risk treatment decisions, and risk acceptance statements. Documentation must include:
 - 7.13.1 Formal risk assessment reports, including identified risks, assessed impact and likelihood, recommended treatments, and Residual Risks.
 - 7.13.2 Risk treatment plans and the status of mitigation efforts.
 - 7.13.3 Risk acceptance statements signed by the designated senior official.
- 7.14 Ensure records must be retained in accordance with applicable federal, state, and organizational record retention policies and laws.
- 7.15 The Entity's Information Security Officer is responsible for ensuring proper documentation.

Risk Register

- 7.16 Document and track all risk management decisions within a central Risk Register managed by the Entity's Information Security Officer.
- 7.17 Review, update, and report the status of risk response activities to Entity leadership semiannually or more frequently, as needed.

Continuous Improvement

- 7.18 Continuously improve their risk management processes to adapt to evolving threats and changing business needs. This includes:
 - 7.18.1 Integrating lessons learned from security incidents, audits, and assessments to enhance the effectiveness of the risk management program.
 - 7.18.2 Conducting periodic reviews and updates of risk management policies, procedures, and controls.

8.0 RESPONSIBILITIES:

8.1 Heads of Entities must establish procedures to ensure compliance with this policy.

8.2 The Chief Information Security Officer (CISO), Executive Branch, is responsible for maintaining this policy.

9.0 ENFORCEMENT:

9.1 Non-compliance with this policy may result in disciplinary action, including termination of employment for severe violations.

9.2 Written approval from the Kansas Information Security Office (KISO) is required for any exception to this policy.

10.0 CANCELLATION: This policy cancels and supersedes all previous versions.

Information Technology Executive Council

[DRAFT] Policy XXXX-P

1.0 **TITLE:** Information Sharing Policy

2.0 PURPOSE: This policy establishes controls and procedures for sharing information within and outside the Entity, ensuring secure handling and compliance with security requirements. The policy aims to protect information assets while promoting collaboration and operational efficiency.

3.0 SCOPE: This policy applies to the handling, processing, and sharing of all data and information systems under the jurisdiction of State of Kansas Entities. It includes data shared internally, externally, or with third-party service providers, regardless of format (electronic, physical, or transmitted).

4.0 ORGANIZATIONS AFFECTED: This policy applies to all State of Kansas boards, commissions, departments, divisions, Entities, and third parties involved in processing, transmitting, or providing business capabilities on behalf of Kansas state government, hereafter referred to as Entities.

5.0 **REFERENCES:**

5.1 National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Cybersecurity Framework (CSF) 2.0

5.2 NIST Special Publication (SP) 800-53 Revision 5

6.0 **DEFINITIONS:**

6.1 Interconnection Security Agreements: A document specifying information security requirements for system interconnections, including security expectations for the impact level of the information exchanged between participating systems.

6.2 Memoranda of Understanding: An intra-agency or interagency agreement between two or more parties that outlines specific terms and a commitment by at least one party to engage in a defined action, including the allocation of resources or binding obligations.

6.3 Non-Disclosure Agreement: A document specifying information, materials, or knowledge that the signatories agree not to release or share with other parties.

7.0 POLICY: This policy serves as the principal governing authority for information sharing by all Entities. Individual Entities may impose supplemental restrictions through specific policies, provided these do not contradict this policy.

Entities must:

Information Sharing Agreements

- 7.1 Specify the business purpose, scope, and limitations of shared information, including obligations for protecting shared information.
- 7.2 Ensure agreements are authorized by the designated Information Owner or an appointed representative.

Shared Services

- 7.3 When sharing data or systems as part of a service, and not otherwise governed by legal requirements, Entities must establish service-level or written agreements that clearly define responsibilities, services, priorities, and performance metrics.

Data Minimization

- 7.4 Limit shared information to what is necessary for the intended purpose, avoiding unnecessary data exposure.
- 7.5 Verify that data is relevant, adequate, and limited to its intended purpose before sharing. Assess the applicability of anonymization, pseudonymization, or data masking.

Secure Sharing Mechanism

- 7.6 Share information using secure and approved methods (e.g., encrypted email, secure file transfer, access-controlled document repositories).
- 7.7 Restrict access to information-sharing platforms (e.g., file-sharing services, collaboration tools) to authorized personnel only.

Minimization and Need-To-Know Principle

- 7.8 Limit shared information to the minimum necessary to fulfill its intended purpose.
- 7.9 Personnel must access or share information only when required to perform official duties.

Access Controls

- 7.10 Apply the principle of least privilege, ensuring users have access only to necessary information.
- 7.11 Review access rights for shared information annually to ensure appropriateness.
- 7.12 Enforce version control and record retention requirements, ensuring only authorized individuals can modify or delete records.

Monitoring and Logging

- 7.13 Log information-sharing activities where feasible, especially when involving Restricted-Use Information.
- 7.14 Use audit controls to record individual actions on files and records, such as file modification.
- 7.15 Retain audit logs per Entity and State record retention requirements.
- 7.16 Monitor logs to detect unauthorized or inappropriate sharing.

Compliance Obligations

- 7.17 Comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and contractual obligations when sharing information.
- 7.18 Ensure that data-sharing activities align with legal and regulatory requirements, and all agreements must reflect any relevant compliance obligations.
- 7.19 Conduct periodic reviews and audits of all data-sharing agreements to ensure compliance with this policy, applicable laws, and evolving security requirements.
 - 7.19.1 The review process must assess the effectiveness of security controls, adherence to terms of the agreement, and the continuing relevance of the agreement.
 - 7.19.2 Reviews must be conducted at least annually or whenever significant changes to the sharing arrangement, data classification, or regulatory environment occur.

Retention and Disposal

- 7.20 Establish and follow procedures for the retention and secure disposal of shared data.
- 7.21 Ensure data is retained only as long as necessary to fulfill its intended purpose or as required by applicable laws and regulations.
- 7.22 Ensure secure disposal of shared data when no longer needed or upon termination of a data-sharing agreement, using approved methods to prevent unauthorized access or disclosure.
- 7.23 Ensure the Entity's Information Security Officer oversees and verifies compliance with data sharing retention and disposal procedures.

Incident Reporting

- 7.24 Report any unauthorized or inappropriate sharing of information immediately to the Information Security Officer.

7.25 Investigate incidents and implement corrective actions to prevent recurrence.

8.0 RESPONSIBILITIES:

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[DRAFT] Policy XXXX-P

1.0 **TITLE:** Vulnerability Management Policy

2.0 **PURPOSE:** This policy defines the function of vulnerability monitoring, scanning, and management.

3.0 **SCOPE:** This policy applies to the management of vulnerabilities across all IT Assets under the jurisdiction of State of Kansas Entities. It covers the monitoring, detection, assessment, and remediation of vulnerabilities within hardware, software, and firmware.

4.0 **ORGANIZATIONS AFFECTED:** This policy applies to all State of Kansas boards, commissions, departments, divisions, Entities, and third parties involved in processing, transmitting, or providing business capabilities on behalf of Kansas state government, hereafter referred to as Entities.

5.0 **REFERENCES:**

- 5.1 National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Cybersecurity Framework (CSF) 2.0
- 5.2 NIST Special Publication (SP) 800-53 Revision 5
- 5.3 ITEC Critical Vulnerability Patching Policy

6.0 **DEFINITIONS:**

- 6.1 Baseline Configuration: A set of specifications for a system or IT Asset within a system that has been formally reviewed and agreed upon at a given point in time and which can be changed only through change control procedures. It serves as a basis for future builds, releases, and/or changes.
- 6.2 IT Assets: Information technology assets that include hardware, software, and firmware.

7.0 **POLICY:** This policy serves as the principal governing authority for vulnerability management for all State of Kansas Entities. Individual Entities may impose supplemental restrictions through specific policies, provided these do not contradict this policy.

Entities must:

Vulnerability Scanning

- 7.1 Perform authenticated and unauthenticated vulnerability scans of internal and externally exposed IT Assets, with a preference for agent-based scanning when available.

- 7.2 Conduct monthly compliance scans of IT Assets to ensure alignment with applicable Baseline Configurations.
- 7.3 Use vulnerability scanning tools and techniques that facilitate interoperability among tools and automate parts of the vulnerability management process, including:
 - 7.3.1 Enumerating platforms, software flaws, and improper configurations.
 - 7.3.2 Formatting checklists and test procedures.
 - 7.3.3 Measuring the impact of identified vulnerabilities.
- 7.4 Employ scanning tools capable of updating vulnerabilities as new issues are discovered, announced, or new scanning methods are developed.
- 7.5 Analyze reports and results from vulnerability scans and monitoring activities.
- 7.6 Share information obtained from the vulnerability monitoring process and control assessments with the Kansas Information Security Office (KISO) and authorized personnel to help eliminate similar vulnerabilities across other systems.

Patch Management

- 7.7 Regularly monitor for patch releases from vendors and security sources.
- 7.8 Identify applicable patches and classify them based on severity (e.g., critical, high, medium, low) unless already classified.
- 7.9 Test patches in a controlled environment to assess compatibility, functionality, and potential impacts on the production environment.
- 7.10 Install security-relevant software and firmware updates based on risk and in accordance with state and federal requirements, incorporating automated deployment to the extent possible.
- 7.11 Document issues identified during testing and, where feasible, develop solutions before deployment.
- 7.12 Schedule patch deployment to minimize disruptions, considering system criticality and peak business hours.
- 7.13 Maintain records of all patch deployments, including systems affected, time of deployment, and any issues encountered.
- 7.14 Verify successful patch installation through automated or manual checks.

- 7.15 Document and track any systems where patch deployment failed and take remedial actions as necessary.
- 7.16 Submit an exception request to the Chief Information Security Officer for review and approval when vulnerabilities cannot be mitigated.

Prioritization of Vulnerabilities

- 7.17 Prioritize identified vulnerabilities based on risk factors, such as exploitability, business impact, and the criticality of affected systems to operations.
- 7.18 Address high-risk vulnerabilities first to minimize potential harm to operations and ensure the protection of critical assets.
- 7.19 Guide prioritization efforts through risk assessments, considering the severity of potential exploits, operational dependencies, and impact on business continuity.

Communication of Significant Vulnerabilities

- 7.20 Communicate significant vulnerabilities and associated mitigation plans to relevant stakeholders, including system owners, security personnel, and operational leadership.
- 7.21 Ensure communication promotes awareness, coordinated remediation efforts, and alignment with operational and security priorities.
- 7.22 Provide timely notifications that include details on the nature of the vulnerability, associated risks, planned remediation steps, and any required actions by stakeholders.

Integration with Change Management

- 7.23 Integrate vulnerability management activities with established change management processes, especially when patching or updating critical systems.
- 7.24 Minimize operational disruptions by ensuring proper testing and validation of changes.
- 7.25 Ensure changes related to vulnerability mitigation follow Entity documented change management procedures, including risk assessments, approvals, and post-implementation reviews.
- 7.26 Route all critical patching requests through established change control processes.

Monitoring and Reporting

- 7.27 Monitor Entity assets to ensure only vendor-supported software is installed.
- 7.28 Continuously monitor IT Assets for new vulnerabilities and threats.

- 7.29 Generate regular reports on the status of vulnerabilities and remediation efforts.
- 7.30 Document and analyze trends related to vulnerabilities and mitigation across the Entity.
- 7.31 Report significant vulnerabilities and their remediation status to the Chief Information Security Officer.
- 7.32 Document and report any deviations from the standard vulnerability management process to the Kansas Information Security Office (KISO).

Continuous Improvement

- 7.33 Review and update vulnerability management plans, processes, and procedures annually or following a significant change.
- 7.34 Conduct periodic training and awareness programs for staff on vulnerability management practices.
- 7.35 Incorporate lessons learned from past incidents and assessments into ongoing vulnerability management practices.

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