EIS Communiqué

Sharing Election Infrastructure News and Resources

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Free Online Cybersecurity Training for State and Local Governments

The Federal Virtual Training Environment (FedVTE) is a free, **online cybersecurity training system that is available to state, local, tribal and territorial (SLTT) and federal government personnel, veterans,** and federal government contractors. Managed by DHS's National Protection and Programs Directorate (NPPD), **FedVTE** is available on demand – 24/7 – to suit the schedules of state and local government election personnel.

FedVTE offers more than 800 hours of training on topics including, but not limited to risk management, malware analysis, surveillance, and ethical hacking. Courses range from beginning to advanced cybersecurity. New and updated courses are added to FedVTE on a rolling basis as they are developed.

NPPD's efforts focus on building a strong cyber workforce that can keep up with evolving technology and increasing cybersecurity risks. NPPD is working with the **Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (MS-ISAC)** to coordinate outreach for the program, as the MS-ISAC is the focal point for cyber threat prevention, protection, response, and recovery for the Nation's SLTT governments.

FedVTE Benefits

FedVTE offers numerous opportunities to excel in cybersecurity protection and risk mitigation work. Benefits include unmatched depth and breadth in coursework and unrivaled instructor excellence. Specifically:

- Diverse courses – More than 300 demonstrations and 3,000 related materials are offered, including online lectures and hands-on virtual labs.
- Certification prep courses – Offerings include Network +, Security +, Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP), Windows Operating Systems Security, and Certified Ethical Hacker.
- Experienced instructors – All courses are taught by proficient cybersecurity subject matter experts.

For more information, visit https://niccs.us-cert.gov/training/federal-virtual-training-environment-fedvte. To register for an account and for more information on current courses, visit https://fedvte.usaleearnign.gov.

EIS Background

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) designated election infrastructure as critical infrastructure on January 6, 2017. The designation created the Election Infrastructure Subsector under the Government Facilities sector, with DHS as its Sector Specific Agency (SSA). The designation set several actions in motion, such as the formation of coordinating councils, coordinated federal support, and the availability of services and tools for the Election Infrastructure Subsector. For more information on the topics of this Communiqué, please contact the EISSA at EISSA@hq.dhs.gov.

Purpose

The EIS Communiqué series will periodically inform subscribers of the myriad of Department of Homeland Security (DHS) services available to the EI community. DHS provides services on a no-cost, voluntary basis to state and local election officials.

Future EIS Communiqués will highlight various services and tools, such as assessments, threat information-sharing programs, network protection, best practices, incident response, and developments at the federal level.

Thank you,

Election Infrastructure SSA

We want to hear from you! Send us your comments on how we may better serve you as well as questions, feedback, and ideas for future Communiqué topics at EISSA@hq.dhs.gov.