

# Cybersecurity Awareness for Transit Agencies Webinar

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# Introduction

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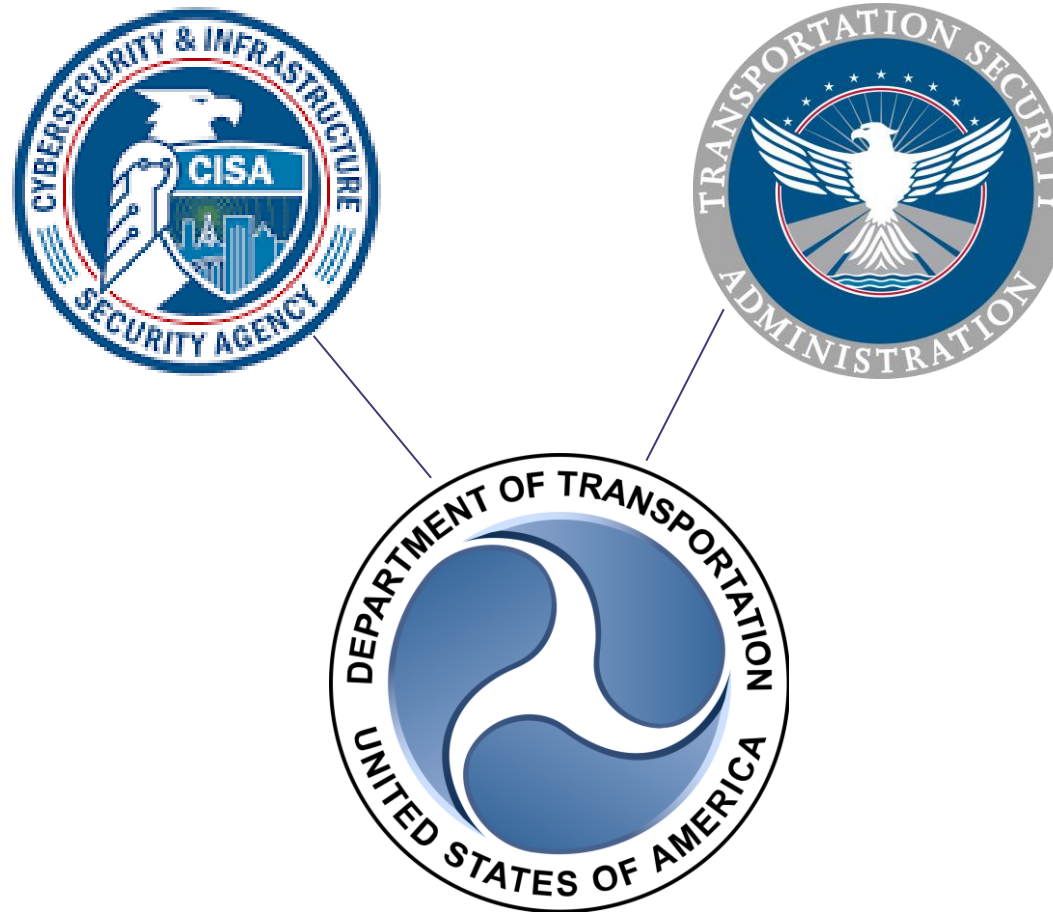
# Cybersecurity Threats to the Transit Industry

- The threat of cyber disruption to critical infrastructure is at an all-time high
- Increasing attacks demonstrate the ability of unauthorized users to access sensitive information and impact critical infrastructure systems





# Federal Coordination on Cybersecurity





# Cybersecurity: DHS Requirements

- Security Directive (SD) 1582-21-01A
  - Applies to the rail entities affected by TSA's Security Training rule
- Information Circular
  - *Non-regulatory like the Security Directive*
- Originally Issued December 31, 2021
- SD Extended on October 24, 2022
- Four actions for passenger and transit rail:
  - Cybersecurity Coordinators
  - Reporting to CISA
  - Incident Response Plan
  - Vulnerability Assessment





# Cybersecurity Review Area for FTA's Triennial Review

- In Fiscal Year (FY) 2022, FTA added the Cybersecurity Section as a review area to the Triennial Review Contractors Manual.
- Review is to ensure that recipients certified in the Transit Award Management System (TrAMS) develop, maintain and execute a written plan for identifying and reducing Cybersecurity risks.





# Eligible Cybersecurity Expenses

While cybersecurity costs are not directly addressed in FTA's authorizing legislation, they are allowable under various FTA programs in areas such as:

- **Operating Assistance**
- **Crime Prevention and Security Projects**
- **State of Good Repair**

Any costs associated with an award, including cybersecurity costs must be:

- Allowable, Reasonable, and Allocable





# Funding Requirements for 5307 Transit Agencies

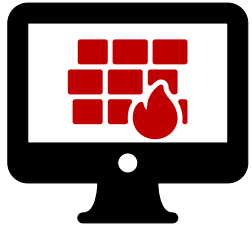
## 1% Security Funding required for 5307 Transit Agencies

Fiscal Year	Number of 5307 Awarded Recipients that Selected Yes to 1% Security Question	Number of 5307 Awarded Recipients	Percent of 5307 Awarded Recipients
2015	268	557	48%
2016	340	688	49%
2017	419	778	54%
2018	427	774	55%
2019	432	754	57%
2020	475	762	62%





# FTA's Cybersecurity Resources



## Cybersecurity Resources for Transit Agencies



<https://bit.ly/3AQQWqe>

The screenshot shows the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) website. The header includes the FTA logo, the text 'Federal Transit Administration', a search bar, and navigation links for 'About', 'Funding', and 'Regulations & Programs'. The main content area is titled 'Cybersecurity Resources for Transit Agencies'. On the left, there is a sidebar menu with links: 'Transit Safety & Oversight', 'COVID-19 Info', 'PTASP Technical Assistance Center', 'Safety Rulemaking', 'Safety Guidance', 'State Safety Oversight Program', 'Drug & Alcohol Program', 'TRACS', 'Bus Safety Program', 'Safety Training', 'Stakeholder Outreach', and 'FAQ'. The main content area features a large image of a train station with a digital overlay, followed by the 'National Cyber Awareness System (NCAS)' section, which states: 'The National Cyber Awareness System (NCAS) alerts provide timely information about current security issues, vulnerabilities, and exploits. Sign up to receive these technical alerts in your inbox or subscribe to our RSS feed.' Below this is an 'Overview' section that explains: 'FTA provides financial support for some grant recipients' cybersecurity activities and supports the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) in promoting enhanced security for transit agencies. Additionally, as a condition of federal assistance, under 49 U.S.C. 5323(v), rail transit operators must certify that they have a process to develop, maintain, and execute a plan for identifying and reducing cybersecurity risks.'





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Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency



# Awareness Month Theme

The 2022 Campaign theme, See Yourself in Cyber, emphasizes that while cybersecurity may seem like a complex subject, ultimately, it's really all about people. This October, we will focus on the “people” part of cybersecurity, providing information and resources to help Americans make smart decisions on the job, at home, at school, and in the future.



In Partnership:  
[StaySafeOnline.org](https://www.staysafeonline.org)



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# Partnership

The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) is the federal lead for Cybersecurity Awareness Month with the National Cybersecurity Alliance (NCA) as co-lead.

**National Cybersecurity Alliance ([staysafeonline.org](https://staysafeonline.org))**



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# Facts

## SOBERING CYBER STATS



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# More Facts

## MILLENNIALS OFTEN FALL VICTIM TO CYBERCRIME

**44%**   
of Millennials have been  
**VICTIMS OF CRIME**  
online in the last year.

**31%**  **OF**  
**MILLENNIALS**  
**SHARE PASSWORDS**  
The most of any age group.

**83%**  of millennials agree that  
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in school and at work is important.

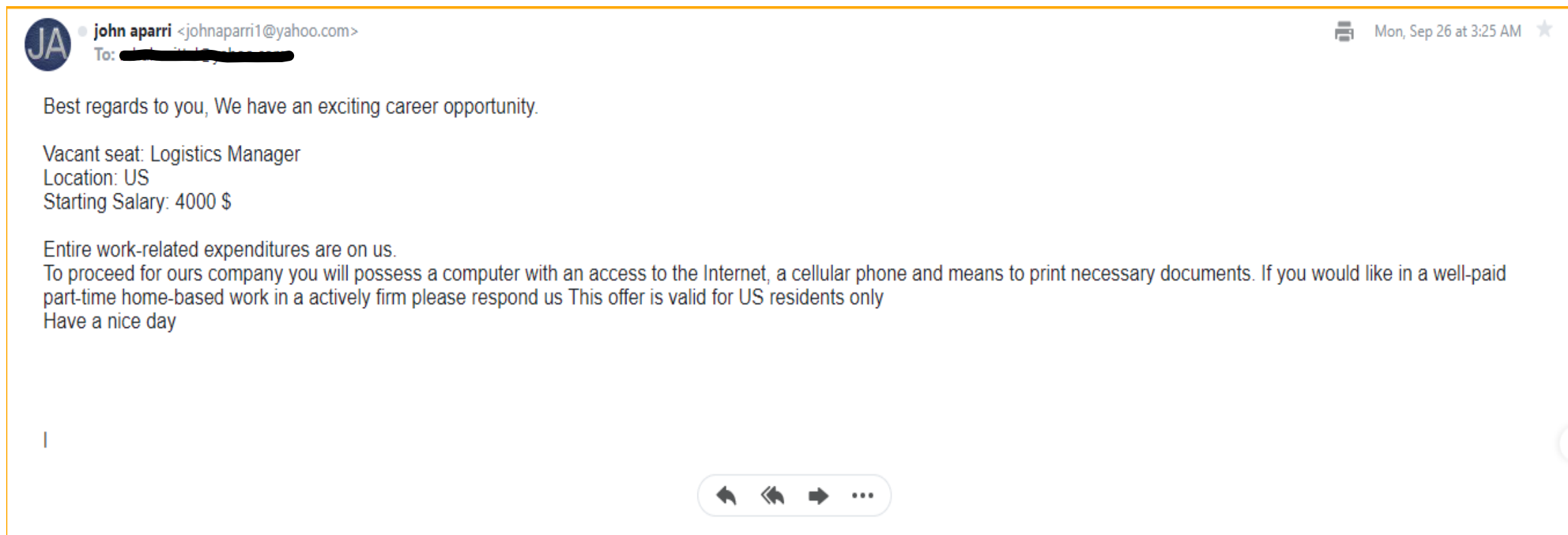
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2. AARP, "Caught in the Scammer's Net: Risk Factors That May Lead to Becoming an Internet Fraud Victim," 2014
3. Norton Cyber Security Insights Report Q1, 2017
4. Ponemon Institute, "2015 Cost of Cyber Crime Study: Global," 2015
5. Facebook
6. Federal Trade Commission, "The Top Frauds of 2017"
7. [staysafeonline.org](https://staysafeonline.org)



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# Example of Phishing





# Another Example of Phishing



noreply@amazon.com

## Account Suspension



From pYa3PWIIKnOHURxHRD0z.981027@emaildl.att-mail.c...

To [REDACTED]

Oct 3 at 6:04 PM ✓



Hello,

We have temporarily placed your Amazon account on hold and canceled any pending orders or subscriptions because we detected unusual activity on it.

To restore your account, you can click the button below and follow on-screen instructions. Once you have provided the required information, we will review it and respond within 24 hours.

You cannot access your account until this process is complete.

If you don't complete account recovery within 3 days, we will lock your Amazon account permanently.

Sincerely,

Customer Service  
Amazon.com

Sign-in to Amazon



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# Social Media Surveys

**First Job Title:**  
**Favorite Food:**  
**Favorite Color:**  
**First Pet's Name:**  
**First Child's Name:**  
**Favorite Restaurant:**  
**Where Are You From:**  
**Favorite Singer/Band:**  
**Mother's Maiden Name:**  
**First Type of Car:**  
**First Job:**  
**Favorite Band:**  
**High School Mascot:**

**STOP  
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YOUR  
PERSONAL  
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TO  
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PASSWORDS  
AND  
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# The Threat is Real

- Yahoo Data Breach (2017) - 3 billion accounts.
- Starwood (Marriott) Data Breach (2018) - 500 million guests.
- Facebook Data Breach (2019) - 533 million users.
- Solarwinds (2020) – 18,000 businesses were affected.
- Colonial Pipeline (2021) – 50 million users.
- Lapsus\$ (2022) - 57 million customer records

<https://www.cisa.gov/stopransomware/resources>



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# Action Steps

This year's campaign goal is to have everyone implement these four action steps to increase online security:

- **Enable Multi-Factor Authentication:** You need more than a password to protect your online accounts, and enabling MFA makes it 99% less likely you will get hacked
- **Use Strong Passwords:** Use passwords that are long, unique, and randomly generated.
- **Recognize and Report Phishing:** If a link looks a little off, think before you click. It could be an attempt to get sensitive information or install malware.
- **Update Your Software:** Don't delay – if you see a software updated notification, act promptly. Better yet, turn on automatic updates.



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# Enable Multi-Factor Authentication

- If you can do just one thing to protect your online valuables, set up Multi-factor Authentication.
- It goes by many names: Two Factor Authentication. Multifactor Authentication. Two Step Factor Authentication. MFA. 2FA. They all mean the same thing: opting-into an extra step when trusted websites and applications ask you to confirm you're really who you say you are.
  - Visit CISA's Multi-Factor Authentication resources for more information
    - <https://www.cisa.gov/mfa>





# Multi-Factor Authentication

- Type 1: Something Only the User Knows
  - Password
  - Pattern
  - Picture
  - PIN
- Type 2: Something only the user holds
  - Token
  - Public Key Token
- Type 3: Something only the user is or does
  - Morphological Biometrics
  - Behavior Biometrics





# Use Strong Passwords

- Creating strong passwords is an easy way to improve your cybersecurity. Strong passwords include one uppercase letter, one lowercase letter, at least one number and 11 or more characters. Be sure to use different passwords for different accounts.
- Use password managers to generate and remember different, complex passwords for each of your accounts. A password manager will encrypt passwords securing them for you!
- Put cybersecurity first by protecting the information stored on devices. Much of a user's personal information is stored either on their computer, smartphone, tablet or possibly someone else's system.





# Password Managers

- One password to rule them all.
- Generates random passwords which makes it harder to guess.
- Simple access to multiple accounts.
- Can be used over multiple devices.
- Passwords are encrypted from malicious activity.



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# Recognize and Report Phishing

- Have you ever seen a link that looks a little off? It looks like something you've seen before, but it says you need to change or enter a password. Or maybe it asks you to verify personal information.
- It's likely a phishing scheme: a link or webpage that looks legitimate, but it's a trick designed by bad actors to have you reveal your passwords, social security number, credit card numbers, or other sensitive information. Once they have that information, they can use it on legitimate sites.





# Don't Wait -Update your software

- Bad actors are always looking for software flaws to exploit and network defenders work diligently to find and fix them before it happens.
- But our network defenders can't do it alone. They rely on all of us to do our part as well.
- So, turn on automatic updates for all your devices, keep your systems and software up-to-date and updates are available, don't procrastinate. Take a moment and make the update.





# Things We Can

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# Transportation Sector Security

- CISA non-regulatory and TSA determine the requirements for this sector.
- TSA Surface Transportation Cybersecurity Toolkit  
<https://www.tsa.gov/for-industry/surface-transportation-cybersecurity-toolkit>
- Autonomous Ground Vehicles Security Guide  
<http://www.cisa.gov/publication/autonomous-ground-vehicle-security-guide-transportation-systems-sector>
- Modern Vehicle Cybersecurity from NHTSA  
<https://www.nhtsa.gov/technology-innovation/vehicle-cybersecurity>
- Cyber Incident Reporting for Critical Infrastructure Act of 2022 (CIRCIA)
  - <https://www.cisa.gov/circia>



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# Resources

- NIST Risk Management Framework SP 800-37 Rev 2  
<https://csrc.nist.gov/publications/detail/sp/800-37/rev-2/final>
- NIST 800-53 Rev 5 (Control Catalog)  
<https://csrc.nist.gov/projects/risk-management>
- Cloud Security Technical Reference Architecture  
<https://www.cisa.gov/cloud-security-technical-reference-architecture>
- State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program  
<https://www.cisa.gov/cybergrants>
- Cybersecurity and Physical Security Convergence Action Guide  
[cisa.gov/publication/cybersecurity-and-physical-security-convergence](https://www.cisa.gov/publication/cybersecurity-and-physical-security-convergence)
- Insider Threat Mitigation  
[cisa.gov/insider-threat-mitigation](https://www.cisa.gov/insider-threat-mitigation)
- Cyber Resource Hub  
[cisa.gov/cyber-resource-hub](https://www.cisa.gov/cyber-resource-hub)
- Cyber Hygiene Services  
[cisa.gov/cyber-hygiene-services](https://www.cisa.gov/cyber-hygiene-services)
- Cybersecurity Advisors  
[cisa.gov/csa](https://www.cisa.gov/csa)
- Protective Security Advisors  
[cisa.gov/protective-security-advisors](https://www.cisa.gov/protective-security-advisors)
- CISA Tabletop Exercises Packages  
[cisa.gov/cisa-tabletop-exercises-packages](https://www.cisa.gov/cisa-tabletop-exercises-packages)
- For more information or to seek additional help, contact us at [Central@cisa.gov](mailto:Central@cisa.gov)



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# Website and Resources

For complete information and resources on Cybersecurity Awareness Month, go to: [www.cisa.gov/cybersecurity-awareness-month](https://www.cisa.gov/cybersecurity-awareness-month)



The screenshot displays the official website of the Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA). At the top, a navigation bar includes links for REPORT, SUBSCRIBE, CONTACT, and SITE MAP, along with a search bar and buttons for [cisa.gov/uscert](https://cisa.gov/uscert), Report Cyber Issue, and Subscribe to Alerts. The main header features the CISA logo and the text "CYBERSECURITY & INFRASTRUCTURE SECURITY AGENCY". Below this, a horizontal menu lists various services: CYBERSECURITY, INFRASTRUCTURE SECURITY, EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS, NATIONAL RISK MANAGEMENT, ABOUT CISA, and MEDIA. A prominent red banner with the text "SHIELDS UP" and a blue shield icon with an upward arrow is displayed. To the right of the banner is a "LEARN MORE" button with a right arrow. Below the banner, three resource cards are visible: "CISA STRATEGIC PLAN" featuring a cityscape illustration, "STATE AND LOCAL CYBERSECURITY GRANT PROGRAM" with a blue background and white text, and "SEE YOURSELF IN CYBER" with a globe illustration and a "SAVE THE DATE OCT 4 2022" banner.

An official website of the United States government Here's how you know

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## • Preparedness Activities

- Cybersecurity Assessments
  - Cyber Hygiene Services
  - Risk and Resilience-based Assessments
- Cybersecurity Training and Awareness
- Cyber Exercises and “Playbooks”
- National Cyber Awareness System
- Vulnerability Notes Database
- Information Products and Recommended Practices



## • Response Assistance

- Remote Assistance
- Incident Coordination
- Threat intelligence and information sharing
- Malware Analysis

## • Cybersecurity Advisors

- Incident response coordination
- Cyber assessments
- Workshops
- Working group collaboration
- Advisory assistance
- Public Private Partnership Development



**Contact CISA to report a cyber incident**

Call 1-888-282-0870 | email [report@cisa.dhs.gov](mailto:report@cisa.dhs.gov) | visit <https://www.cisa.gov>



# Report a Cyber Issue

- CISA provides secure means for constituents and partners to report incidents, phishing attempts, malware, and vulnerabilities.

**[www.cisa.gov/report](https://www.cisa.gov/report)**

- If you have experienced an actual incident that requires a criminal investigation, contact FBI 24x7 CyWatch: (855) 292-3937 or

**[CyWatch@fbi.gov](mailto:CyWatch@fbi.gov)**

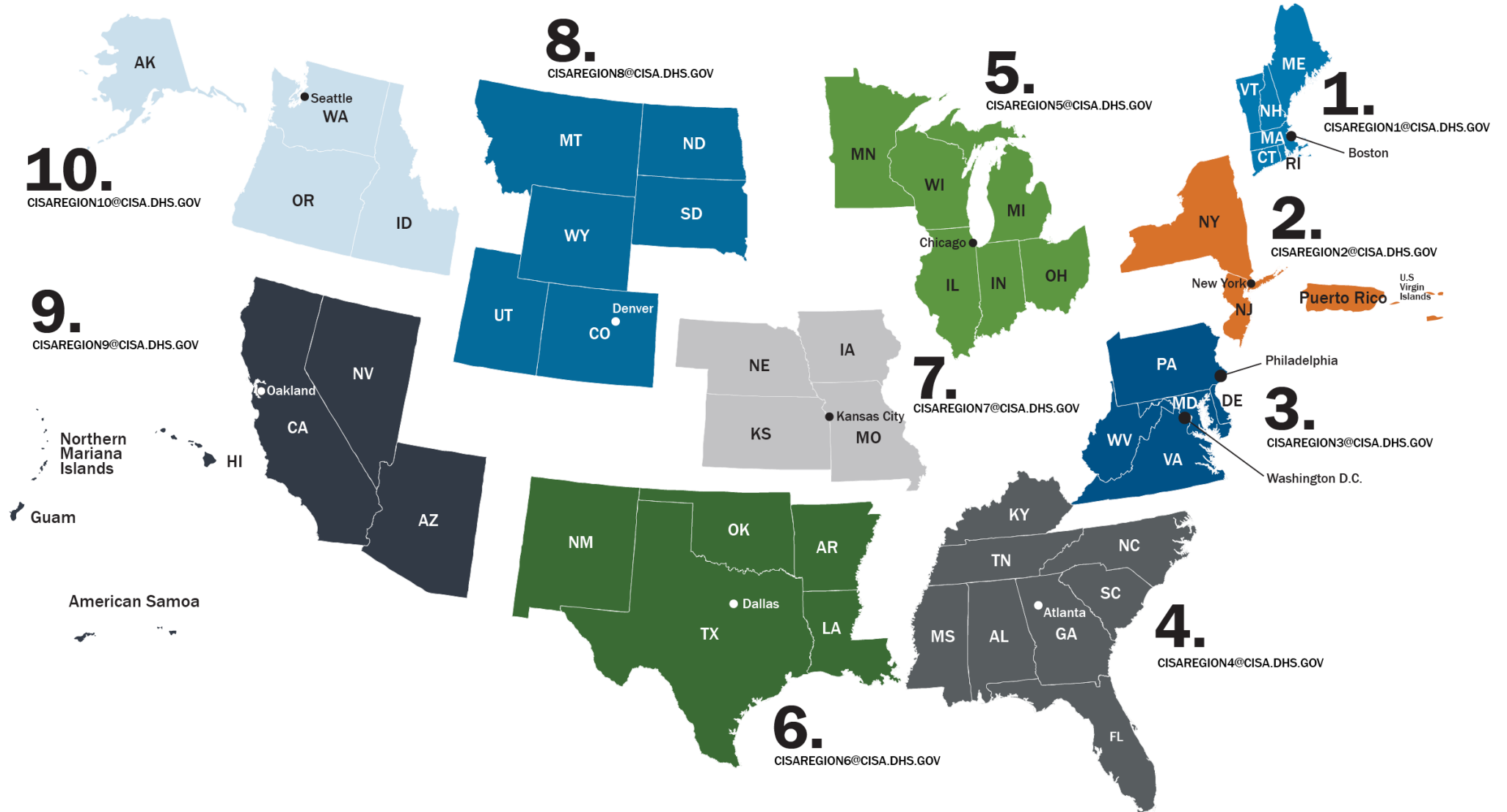


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# CISA Regions

1. Boston, MA
2. New York, NY
3. Philadelphia, PA
4. Atlanta, GA
5. Chicago, IL
6. Dallas, TX
7. Kansas City, MO
8. Denver, CO
9. Oakland, CA
10. Seattle, WA





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CISA URL	<b><u><a href="https://www.cisa.gov">https://www.cisa.gov</a></u></b>
To Report a Cyber Incident to CISA	<b>Call 1-888-282-0870 Email <u><a href="mailto:report@cisa.gov">report@cisa.gov</a></u> visit <u><a href="https://www.cisa.gov">https://www.cisa.gov</a></u></b>





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