



Commonwealth of Virginia
Officer of the Governor

Executive Directive

Executive Directive 6 (2015)

EXPANDING CYBER-RELATED RISK MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

Importance of the Initiative

One of the primary responsibilities of the Chief Executive Officer of the Commonwealth of Virginia is to protect and safeguard citizen data. In light of ever-increasing cyber security attacks on personal information, sensitive data, and systems, I am committed to expanding our cyber-related risk management activities and strengthening our ability to protect the information entrusted to our care.

I am directing the Secretaries of Technology and Finance and the Commonwealth's Chief Information Officer to take the necessary steps to complete a review of all Commonwealth of Virginia systems and associated data in the following manner:

1. The Virginia Information Technologies Agency (VITA) shall provide an updated inventory of all data and computer systems to the Governor's Office by October 15, 2015. The inventory shall include but not be limited to:
 - a. Determination of sensitivity and criticality of systems and data
 - b. Risk prioritization and scope of systems and data, and
 - c. Development of a risk-based approach to enhance protection of systems and data
2. The Secretary of Technology and VITA shall recommend strategies to strengthen and modernize agencies' cyber-security profiles by October 15, 2015, including:
 - a. Completion of security audits,
 - b. Development of risk mitigation and resilience plans, and
 - c. Plans for remediation with completion dates.
3. VITA shall provide a status report on the execution of the strategies, along with associated plans and actions, to the Governor and the Secretaries of Technology and Finance by October 1, 2016.

These risk-mitigation steps to strengthen our sensitive systems and data cannot be effectively and accurately completed without the cooperation of each executive branch agency. For this reason, I am directing each executive branch agency to assist VITA by providing all requested information required to complete this inventory in a timely manner.

Terence R. McAuliffe, Governor

Attest:

Levar M. Stoney, Secretary of the Commonwealth