

## **CYBERSECURITY PLANNING COMMITTEE**

245 Fallbrook Blvd-Hearing Room 031A

Lincoln, Nebraska

Friday, August 11, 2023, 1 p.m.

### **MINUTES**

#### **ROLL CALL, MEETING NOTICE, OPEN MEETING ACT INFORMATION**

Roll call was taken. A quorum was not present to conduct official business. The meeting proceeded with informational and discussion.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Approval of the June 8, 2023 meeting minutes was tabled until next meeting.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

#### **PROJECT PROPOSAL SCORING AND RANKING and DISCUSSION ON PROJECTS PARTIAL AWARDS**

Mr. Wright reported that there is just one more project to be scored. The plan is to have the selection done by the end of August. The Cybersecurity Planning Committee will be the first to be notified prior to the notification. In addition, all applications will be notification regarding their applications. The recommendations will be posted on the website. There were approximately 80 projects submitted. It was recommended that the notification letter should explain that the project has passed the Nebraska criteria to be part of the state's plan which will need to be approved by Federal SISA and FEMA.

#### **PLAN SUBMISSION TO CISA**

Mr. Wright just returned from the NASTD (National Association of State Telecommunications Directors) National conference. At the conference, he met some of the SICA and FEMA federal staff. He was able to go through the plan and get their recommendations. Nebraska still needs to submit the matrix information which was omitted. The changes should be completed by next week. The Planning Committee will have an opportunity to review the plan before it is submitted. By the end of August, we should be winding up the 2022 funding cycle.

Discussion followed regarding a public comment period for local feedback. It was agreed to have a special meeting to document comments on the recommendations. This could be a virtual meeting to get consensus and committee's approval. The Plan is good for years 1 and 2 but may need to be revised for years 3 and 4.

It was also suggested to do a news story or news release on the funded projects to get the word out about the Cybersecurity funding source.

Mr. Pospisil informed the committee that the Department of Energy is also going to have funding opportunities for cybersecurity initiative in utilities, especially for towns, municipalities, and public power districts.

The NOFO for 2023 was released on Monday.

Mr. Wright will be in contact with members regarding their availability for a virtual meeting to vote on the state's plan.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, Mr. Wright adjourned the meeting at 1:36 p.m.