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Subject: Cyber Threat Issue Awareness – OASIS Posting

Announcement

Summary: Cyber threat actors are impersonating Northrop Grumman and other company employees via email in order to attempt cyber fraud against your company.

What is happening? Cyber threat actors are impersonating Northrop Grumman and other companies' employees and sending email with fraudulent email domains to Northrop Grumman suppliers. Please remember that Legitimate Northrop Grumman email addresses end with "@ngc.com". Recent fraudulent emails have contained requests for quotes for computer equipment, followed by a request to establish a credit line and/or proceed with the transaction. In this case, the fraudulent actors want the supplier to ship the valuable equipment to them and then attempt to bill Northrop Grumman for equipment never received.

This type of criminal scheme is not the only cyber threat that contractors and suppliers to the US Government face. In June, the <u>FBI released an alert</u> on an anticipated increase in Advanced Persistent Threats (APT) against US cleared defense contractors by using spear phishing or compromise companies' networks. Thus, we all must remain vigilant to protect against all of these threats.

What should I do? Carefully review any requests from Northrop Grumman or other companies with which you do business and request verification of the email by calling us or the other company. Review emails closely to identify:

- Small changes that mimic legitimate email addresses, such as the addition, removal, substitution, or duplication of single characters in the address or hostname (e.g., username@nggc.com or username@ngc-.com)
- Unfamiliar points of contact (names, phone numbers or email addresses)
- Unfamiliar delivery locations
- Unexpectedly large "Urgent" orders

Also, never click on a link or open up an attachment unless you are sure of the sender. Never hesitate to call your point of contact at Northrop Grumman to validate the email.

If you receive any of these fraudulent emails or related activity, please consider reporting this activity to the Northrop Grumman CSOC by sending an email to csoc@ngc.com and attaching the related emails as attachments.