Cybersecurity

Cybersecurity and proper technology use are paramount concerns for all manner of business and governmental entities. Organizations which maintain large stores of personally identifiable information (PII), such as social security numbers, financial information, personnel records, and the like are at significant risk of security breaches, internet scams, and ransomware (a type of malicious software designed to block access to a computer system until a sum of money is paid) threats.

In response to member requests and concerns, VLCT is launching new assistance including guidance, resources, training, and support for members.

This webpage includes links to online resources as well as announcements of assistance and training offered by VLCT and VLCT PACIF. Follow the links for internal and external resources available to assist municipalities, both small and large, develop and improve upon their security measures. You don't need special training or expertise to take steps today! Check out our resources section on this page (below) for more information.1-800-649-7915 or email us at info@vlct.org [1].

We will continue to develop and share resources in the coming weeks and months. Members, please feel free to contact us if you have ideas about how VLCT can assist with your technology efforts. Contact us at 1-800-649-7915 or email info@vlct.org [1].

Cybersecurity Vendors - Security Audits

Recently, VLCT has compiled a list of several IT service providers and security firms interested in offering cybersecurity audits to local governments, this is not an exhaustive list. You may find that list in the resources section below. Please note, VLCT has not vetted these organizations, and we do not endorse any particular business entity at this time. IT & Cybersecurity Vendors [2]

To help members select and evaluate technology providers, we have provided links to external resources on vetting security and IT service providers, questions to ask when selecting a provider, how to conduct an internal technology assessment, and audit checklists to get you started.

If you are a vendor and would like to be included on future updates please contact VLCT.

Cybersecurity Technology Assessment - Coming Soon

We want to develop resources and services that will be most useful to members. To do so, we need to collect information about members' technology systems, current security, software applications, processes and policies. We will be sending a technology assessment questionnaire to municipal officials in the coming weeks. We will also post a copy of the survey link on this page. If you'd like to make sure you are on the list, please contact macsurveys@vlct.org [3].

Links
[1] mailto:info@vlct.org
[2] https://www.vlct.org/resource/it-cybersecurity-vendors
[3] mailto:macsurveys@vlct.org