ELECTION CYBERSECURITY
THE COUNCIL OF STATE GOVERNMENTS
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In 2016 the election systems of 21 states were targeted. While none of the election rolls of those states were affected, the incidents exposed a lack of response protocols and communication strategies for state agencies responsible for information technology and elections. Without a protocol or a communications strategy, valuable time can be lost addressing the breach and communicating the problem to other stakeholders and the public. Equally serious is the impact a chaotic response, with its accompanying confusion, will have on the public’s faith in our election system, the bedrock of our democracy.

CSG is uniquely qualified to help states address this problem. CSG has decades of experience convening forums that foster the exchange of insights and ideas to help state officials shape public policy. CSG also has considerable experience helping states consider public policy options specifically suited to their needs.
CSG Election Cybersecurity Initiative 2018 contd.

- CSG Election Cybersecurity Planning Meeting – January 2018
- CSG Election Cybersecurity Working Group – Remainder of 2018
- CSG will host a pilot consortium at which teams from 8 states will map their election structures and develop incident response communication protocols for election cyber security breaches. The planning and curriculum for the consortium will be developed by the advisory group which will be comprised of experts as well as state and local leaders (e.g., NASTD, NASCIO, NGA, NASS, NASED, FVAP, Legislators, Center for Democracy & Technology etc.). CSG Consortium attendees will participate in facilitated discussions and tabletop exercises involving election and cybersecurity experts and state colleagues to learn about problems surrounding election cyber security, and state solutions and best practices. Peppered throughout the event, each state delegation will meet and work with a skilled facilitator to determine the actions to be taken during a cyber breach, the agencies or offices responsible for those actions and strategies for explaining the breach to the media.
- CSG’s goal is two-fold: we want to help state election officials develop maps and protocols for collaborating on election cyber security and from that effort develop mapping questions that can be used by other states.
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