Cyber Alert: Increased Potential for Phishing Emails During Shutdown

As always, all FEMA employees have a responsibility to be vigilant against attempts to breach our information systems. In light of the government shutdown, please take extra care to watch for phishing emails due to the large quantity of emails that may have been received during the shutdown. There may be instances of some phishing and spam emails targeting the federal government email accounts.

If you receive an email form an unknown sender that invites one to click on a link, open an attachment or provide sensitive information or even a message from a known sender unexpectedly requesting sensitive information, **DO NOT** click on the link, open the attachment, or reply to the email.

If you have any of these or other security related matters please contact the Department of Homeland Security's United States Computer Emergency Readiness Team (US-CERT). US-CERT is the 24-hour operational arm of the Department of Homeland Security's National Cybersecurity and Communications Integration Center (NCCIC). US-CERT can be reached in the following three ways:

1. Fill out a report on-line using the US-CERT Incident Reporting System : https://forms.us-cert.gov/report/
2. Call toll free: (888) 282-0870
3. Send an email: info@us-cert.gov