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Multiple media outlets have recently reported a growing concern among U.S. Government officials with the use of Kaspersky Lab products on federal, state, and local government systems. In mid-July 2017, the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) removed Kaspersky Lab as an eligible vendor under the Federal Supply Schedules. Additionally, on July 27, 2017, the U.S. House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, requested twenty-two Federal agencies submit documentation to the Committee on "information regarding computers, systems, data, and any other information that may be accessible to Kaspersky Lab." In a press release issued by the Committee, Committee Chair Lamar Smith states, "The Committee is concerned that Kaspersky Lab is susceptible to manipulation by the Russian Government, and that its products could be used as a tool for espionage, sabotage, or other nefarious activities against the United States."

As a homeland security partner in the state of Iowa, your organization plays an important role in protecting the health and safety of the citizens of Iowa and securing our state and nation. It is vitally important that our systems, data, and infrastructure are protected and that we take swift action to mitigate any risk, or potential risk, to them. The Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, in conjunction with the Office of the Chief Information Officer, strongly encourage our partners to review their existing networks and systems and to carefully evaluate which third party products are currently in use.

Should you have any questions about this notice, please contact John Benson at (515) 725-3208 or john.benson@iowa.gov. Thank you for your continued partnership and support in securing the state of Iowa and our nation.