

SBA Cyber Awareness Act

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The SBA Cyber Awareness Act works to ensure that the information technology (IT) systems at the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) are protected from cyber criminals by requiring the SBA to:

- Develop a strategy to increase the cybersecurity of the agency's IT systems and report that strategy annually to Congress;
- Develop a supply chain risk management strategy to address the risk of foreign manufactured IT equipment utilized by the agency and report that strategy annually to Congress;
- Identify any recent IT threats or breaches at the agency, as well as any actions taken by the agency to mitigate such threats and breaches, and report that information annually to Congress; and
- Review and report to Congress within one year with a detailed account of any agency IT products that were manufactured by an entity based in the People's Republic of China.

The SBA, which houses vital personal information for small business owners and lenders, must ensure that its systems are safe and this data is protected.

This legislation would require the SBA to be more proactive in protecting data and require greater transparency of threats and breaches that occur.