



Joint Communiqué

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**TO: Purchasing Authority Contacts (PACs)
Procurement and Contracting Officers (PCOs)
State Contracting Advisory Network (SCAN) Members
Information Technology Community
Agency Information Officers**

RE: Kaspersky Anti-Virus Software

On July 12, 2017, the California Cyber Security Integration Center (Cal CSIC) issued a Cybersecurity Advisory stating the United States General Services Administration has removed Kaspersky Lab from two lists of approved vendors used by government agencies to purchase technology equipment.

Consistent with this federal action and in order to protect the integrity and security of the state's information systems and assets, the Department of General Services (DGS), in partnership with the California Department of Technology (CDT), requires all State Departments to immediately discontinue the use of Kaspersky Labs cybersecurity and information technology products and suspend all procurement activities of these products until further notice.

DGS and CDT strongly urge that the Judicial and Legislative branches, along with Constitutional Officers, comply with this bulletin and confirm their current status with CDT.

In addition, Kaspersky Lab products will be removed from all statewide leveraged procurement vehicles until further notice.

For questions regarding this notification, please contact:

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