

Industry & Government Information-Sharing Resources Related to Payments Fraud Updated August 2015

This list provides resources that share information about payments fraud and related risks. The list is not comprehensive, and it does not reflect any endorsement of a given resource. Vendors that specialize in anti-fraud services are not listed individually.

Accredited Standards Committee (ASC) X9

• ASC X9 is a financial industry standards committee whose scope is approved by American National Standards Institute. Standards and guidelines include standards to reduce financial data security risk and vulnerabilities. The ASC X9 website is <u>www.x9.org</u>.

American Bankers Association (ABA) National and State

- The ABA provides a variety of information pertaining to payments fraud and mitigation. The ABA's website address is <u>www.aba.com</u>.
- The ABA has a Center for Payments and Cybersecurity that offers resources to help banks mitigate fraud. The ABA's peer group benchmarking program includes groups that focus on payments fraud. The ABA publishes an ABA Deposit Account Fraud Survey Report that discusses fraud trends and prevention methods.

Anti-Fraud Services Vendors

• Many vendors share information regarding payments fraud via website content, blogs and alerts.

Anti-Phishing Working Group (APWG)

• APWG is a global pan-industrial and law enforcement association focused on eliminating the fraud and identity theft that result from phishing, pharming and email spoofing of all types. The APWG's public website is <u>www.antiphishing.org</u>. The site provides news, white papers, best practice information, and statistics and resources including sponsoring vendors' products and services.

Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (ACFE)

- The ACFE's focus is on fraud and white-collar crime, which includes issues associated with payments fraud. The ACFE website address is <u>www.acfe.com</u> makes available a wide variety of fraud resources including reports, newsletters, and tools. The bi-weekly newsletter is free and available by e-mail subscription.
- The ACFE hosts conferences, seminars and offers online learning tools.
- ACFE has over 150 chapters around the world with approximately 90 chapters in the U.S. Local chapters meet on a periodic basis, e.g., monthly or quarterly. Contact information and website links for local chapters are available on the ACFE's website.

Association for Financial Professionals (AFP)

• The AFP is an association for treasury and finance professionals. The AFP provides a variety of information pertaining to payments including information on payments fraud through its blog, newsletter, magazine articles and its annual *Payments Fraud & Control Survey*. The AFP's website address is <u>www.afponline.org</u>.

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ATM Industry Association (ATMIA)

 ATMIA is a worldwide organization that has several forums such as the security, anti-skimming, and electronic payments forums. Groups meet via tele-conference/seminar. ATMIA groups and committees provide best practice information, training, whitepapers, articles and crime map information. The ATMIA website address is <u>www.atmia.com</u> and the U.S. region URL is <u>www.atmia.com/regions/unitedstates</u>.

Bank Administration Institute (BAI)

• BAI is an education and research organization serving the financial services industry. BAI website address is <u>www.bai.org</u>.

BankInfoSecurity.com

- BankInfoSecurity.com is an online educational portal dedicated to educating the Banking Information Security community. The website address is <u>www.bankinfosecurity.com</u>.
- It conglomerates targeted industry news, editorials on management and regulatory issues, whitepapers, and educational events.

Better Business Bureau (BBB)

- The BBB provides resources for consumers and businesses. BBB website address is <u>www.bbb.org/us</u>.
- The BBB's *News and Events* tab provides *Scam Alerts* and *Warnings*, which provide information related to recent frauds and other marketplace issues. The URL for News is <u>www.bbb.org/council/news-events/</u>.

Bitpipe.com

• Bitpipe provides access to information-technology (IT) vendors' white papers, product information, Webcasts, case studies, and analyst reports. The site offers IT-focused information including information on cyber-security and threats. The site provides RSS feeds. The website address is www.Bitpipe.com.

Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre (CAFC)

Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre is the central agency in Canada that collects information and criminal
intelligence on mass marketing fraud, advance fee frauds, internet fraud and identity theft complaints
that have Canadian content, from North American consumers and/or victims. The CAFC provides
education to the public about specific fraudulent schemes and investigative assistance to law
enforcement agencies by collecting and sharing victim information, statistics and documentation. The
website address is www.antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca.

Card Payment & Network Providers

Most of these companies provide e-mail alerts pertaining to fraud and related risks. This information
may also be available on their websites (see Visa <u>www.visa.com</u>, MasterCard <u>www.mastercard.com</u>,
PULSE <u>www.pulsenetwork.com</u>, SHAZAM Network <u>www.shazam.net</u>, etc.).

Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB)

 The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau was established by Congress to protect consumers by carrying out federal consumer financial laws. The CFPB is in the process of establishing an Office of Financial Education. That office will coordinate programs relating to financial literacy and consumer education, providing tools that will help families make financial decisions. The CFPB website address is www.consumerfinance.gov.

Credit Union National Association (CUNA) and Regional CU Associations

• CUNA is a credit union trade association. Fraud prevention resources and educational materials as well as links to regional credit union networks/leagues are available on its website at www.cuna.org.

CyberSource

• CyberSource, a merchant services provider, publishes an annual *Online Fraud Report* and provides information about fraud prevention tools. CyberSource website address is <u>www.cybersource.com</u>.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC)

- The FDIC website <u>www.fdic.gov</u> provides financial institution (FI) letters, examiner information, news and other information some of which pertains to payments fraud and risks. Information for financial service organizations and consumers regarding fraud schemes and alerts are:
 - FDIC Quick Links for Consumers and Communities (www.fdic.gov/quicklinks/consumers.html) that lists links to FDIC consumer alerts, identity theft information, financial education, and other resources.

Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council (FFIEC)

- FFIEC is an interagency body. Information such as bulletins and letters are issued by the agencies. FFIEC website address is <u>www.ffiec.gov</u>. The FFIEC hosts several websites where resources can be accessed, such as examiner training, handbooks, educational information for the public, and whitepapers. A few of these resources are listed below:
 - FFIEC InfoBase at <u>http://ithandbook.ffiec.gov/</u>
 - Examiner White papers at <u>www.ffiec.gov/exam/whitepapers.htm</u>
 - o Examiner Education Information Database at <u>www.ffiec.gov/exam/educationalinfobases.htm</u>

Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta Retail Payments Risk Forum

The Retail Payments Risk Forum is housed at the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta. The forum is
designed to bring together expertise residing within the Federal Reserve, financial institutions, other
industry participants, regulators, and law enforcement. The forum facilitates collaboration among these
diverse parties, all of whom share common interests in improved detection and mitigation of emerging
risks and fraud in retail payments systems. The forum accomplishes this by providing resources to
research issues and sponsor dialogue. The forum's website address is <u>www.frbatlanta.org/rprf/</u> and
Take On Payments Blog is <u>http://takeonpayments.frbatlanta.org/</u>.

Federal Reserve Banks (FRB)

 FRB New York makes information about frauds involving the use of a Federal Reserve Bank's name available on its website (see

http://www.newyorkfed.org/banking/frscams.htmlhttp://www.newyorkfed.org/banking/frscams.html). Criminals may invoke the name of the Federal Reserve in an attempt to give legitimacy to otherwise fraudulent transactions, financial instruments, investment opportunities, and fund raising proposals. The *Frauds and Scams* web page provides information about these fraudulent activities and schemes. Individuals may signup to receive e-mail alerts on new warnings or report a fraud using the site tool. *Fraud and Scams* URL is www.newyorkfed.org/banking/frauds_scams.html.

- Federal Reserve Education website (<u>www.federalreserveeducation.org</u>) provides links to instructional materials and tools such as online learning, videos, downloadable content and publications. Topics cover understanding the Federal Reserve, economics and financial education. Financial education materials include topics such as avoiding common frauds and scams, ID theft, and card fraud. Materials are free.
- FRB Minneapolis Payments Information and Outreach Office publishes research on payments-related fraud and mitigation practices of businesses and financial institutions, information on payments fraud liability, and this resource list, see https://www.minneapolisfed.org/about/what-we-do/payments-related fraud and mitigation practices of businesses and financial institutions, information on payments fraud liability, and this resource list, see https://www.minneapolisfed.org/about/what-we-do/payments-information.
- A U.S. payments system that is safe, efficient, and broadly accessible is vital to the U.S. economy, and the Federal Reserve plays an important role in promoting these qualities as a leader, catalyst for change, and provider of payment services to financial institutions and the U.S. Treasury, see www.fedpaymentsimprovement.org.

Federal Reserve Board of Governors (BOG)

- Federal Reserve Board and Bank Supervision promulgate payment policies and regulations that govern payments, supervise and regulate banking system and financial markets. The BOG provides regulatory guidance, e.g., SR letters, FFIEC guidance and handbooks. Information and resources are available from the BOG at www.federalreserve.gov.
- The BOG also provides information for consumers through the *Federal Reserve Consumer Help* at <u>www.federalreserveconsumerhelp.gov</u>. Information, alerts, brochures, and resources on banking related matters are available including materials related to fraud risks and schemes.

Federal Trade Commission (FTC)

- The FTC is a federal government agency with both consumer protection and competition jurisdiction in broad sectors of the economy. The FTC provides educational programs for consumers and businesses. The FTC's main website address is <u>www.ftc.gov</u>. Under *Tips and Advice* the FTC has information for consumers including scam alerts (<u>www.consumer.ftc.gov</u>).
- The FTC hosts the *IdentifyTheft.gov* website, which is a resource for identity theft victims. The site provides checklists about steps consumers can take if they are an ID theft victim. The website address is www.identitytheft.gov.
- FTC's Consumer Sentinel (<u>http://www.ftc.gov/sentinel/index.shtm</u>) is an investigative cyber tool that provides members of the Consumer Sentinel Network with access to millions of consumer complaints. It provides law enforcement members with access to complaints provided directly to the Federal Trade Commission by consumers, as well as providing members with access to complaints shared by data contributors.

Financial Action Task Force (FATF)

• FATF is an inter-governmental body whose purpose is the development and promotion of policies, both at national and international levels, to combat money laundering and terrorist financing. The FATF identifies new threats and researches money laundering and terrorist financing methods. FATF Typologies reports describe and explain the nature of these methods and threats, to increase global awareness and allow for earlier detection. The website address is www.fatf-gafi.org.

Financial Fraud Enforcement Task Force

The task force is improving efforts across the government and with state and local partners to
investigate and prosecute significant financial crimes, ensure just and effective punishment for those
who perpetrate financial crimes, recover proceeds for victims and address financial discrimination in the
lending and financial markets. The FFETF has information on fraud prevention and victim resources. The
FFETF can be found at www.stopfraud.gov.

Financial and Retailers Protection Association (FRPA)

- FRPA is not-for-profit organization dedicated to fighting financial and serious retail property crimes. It focuses on local concerns and looks for global property crime trends to prevent, identify and deter these types of crimes. The FRPA manages information from financial institutions and retailers regarding common investigations concerning financial frauds and serious organized property crimes. FRPA has developed theft-reporting databases for use by its members, while actively looking for crime patterns and trends within the local community and for regional trends. The website address for the FRPA is www.fraudviewer.org.
- FRPA also offer services for citizen victims and training for business groups, such as, law enforcement, financial institutions, retailers, and hotel/motel keepers.

Financial Services Roundtable

- The Financial Services Roundtable (FSR) is an executive forum for the leaders of the financial services industry <u>www.fsround.org</u>.
- **BITS** is a not-for-profit, financial service industry consortium and is the technology policy division of FSR. BITS provides information and fosters collaboration to address emerging issues across financial services, technology, and commerce. The BITS website address is <u>www.bits.org</u>.

FinCEN

- FinCEN's focus is on safeguarding the financial system from the abuses of financial crime, including terrorist financing, money laundering, and other illicit activity. FinCEN's website link is <u>www.fincen.gov</u>.
- SAR Stats and related publications can be found at www.fincen.gov/news_room/.
- Advisories and bulletins are available at <u>www.fincen.gov/news_room/advisory/</u>.

FraudAvengers.org

• <u>www.FraudAvengers.org</u> is a resource to help the public understand, identify, and prevent consumerrelated payments fraud. FraudAvengers.org consists of information from industry experts to educate and motivate individuals and small businesses to take actions that can reduce their personal risk of fraud. Site is sponsored by the Foundation for Payments Fraud Abatement & Activism.

Fraud-Net

 Fraud-Net <u>www.fraudnet.com</u> is a resource for both banking security professionals and the law enforcement community. Fraud-Net provides users with a secure platform on which to post and read alerts about criminal activities affecting FIs. The information is available by geographic regions and further categorized by the type of activity. The system has access security, email alerts, alert and user search and the capability for attachments (photos, images, and documents).

Independent Community Bankers of American (ICBA) (National and State)

- The ICBA provides payments fraud and risk mitigation information to FIs that include education events and materials, community bank surveys, and service provider information. The ICBA's website address is <u>www.icba.org</u> and includes links to state association websites.
- Payments fraud risks and mitigation strategies are frequent topics at meetings and conferences. The ICBA also hosts education webinars and audio conferences on fraud risk topics. Fraud/phishing and spoofing resources for banks and identify theft resources for consumers are also available on the ICBA's website.

Information Sharing and Analysis Centers Council (ISAC Council) & Groups

- ISAC council focus is to advance the physical and cyber security of the critical infrastructures of North America by establishing and maintaining a framework for valuable interaction between and among the ISACs and with government. ISAC council website address is <u>www.isaccouncil.org</u>. See also:
 - Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (MS-ISAC) at <u>www.msisac.org.</u>
 - **Financial Services Information Sharing and Analysis Centers (FS-ISAC)** is an industry forum for collaboration on critical security threats facing the financial services sector, see <u>www.fsisac.com</u>.
 - Payments Processor Information Sharing Council (PPISC) a group formed in early 2010 under the umbrella of the FS-ISAC, provides a forum for sharing information about fraud, threats, vulnerabilities and risk mitigation in the payments industry, see <u>www.ppisc.com</u>.

International Association of Financial Crimes Investigators (IAFCI)

• IAFCI is a non-profit international organization, it provides services and an environment within which information about financial fraud, fraud investigation and fraud prevention methods can be collected and exchanged. Contact information for regional chapters (32 in the U.S.) is available on the IAFCI website at www.iafci.org. Local chapters meet on a periodic basis.

Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3)

- IC3 is a partnership between the FBI, National White Collar Crime Center and the Bureau of Justice Assistance. It serves as a vehicle to receive, develop, and refer criminal complaints regarding cybercrime. IC3 website address is <u>www.ic3.gov</u>.
- The IC3 provides:
 - Victims of cybercrime a reporting mechanism that alerts authorities of suspected criminal or civil violations.
 - A central referral mechanism for complaints involving Internet related crimes for law enforcement and regulatory agencies.

International Organization for Standardization (ISO)

• ISO is an independent, non-governmental membership organization and is the developer of voluntary International Standards. The ISO website is www.iso.org

Looks Too Good To Be True

Looks Too Good To Be True is a consumer education source on Internet fraud prevention. The website is
maintained by a joint federal law enforcement and industry task force and is funded by the U.S. Postal
Inspection Service and the FBI. The website address is www.lookstoogoodtobetrue.com.

Merchants Risk Council (MRC)

MRC is a merchant-led trade association focused on electronic commerce risk and payments. MRC leads
networking, education and advocacy programs focused on making electronic commerce more efficient,
safe and profitable. MRC website address is www.merchantriskcouncil.org.

Microsoft

- Microsoft Security TechCenter URL- <u>http://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/security/default.aspx</u>.
- Malware Protection Center provides threat research and response information on its website at http://www.microsoft.com/security/portal/mmpc/default.aspx.

MyMoney.gov

• The U.S. Financial Literacy and Education Commission sponsor the MyMoney.gov website (<u>www.MyMoney.gov</u>). The site is dedicated to teaching the basics about financial education and includes information and links related to privacy, frauds, and scams.

National Association of Federal Credit Unions (NAFCU)

• NAFCU is a trade association for federal credit unions. It provides information, education and a forum to discuss issues, concerns and trends. NAFCU website address is <u>www.nafcu.org</u>.

National Automated Clearinghouse Association (NACHA) and Regional ACH Associations

- NACHA and regional associations provide alerts, bulletins, training and conferences related to payments fraud. NACHA website address is <u>www.nacha.org</u>.
- NACHA also has a Risk Management Advisory Group.

National Check Fraud Center

• The National Check Fraud Center provides education information, alert reports and assistance in investigations related to check fraud. The center's website address is <u>www.ckfraud.org</u>. The National Crime Alert Network, a division of the National Check Fraud Center, is a network of local law enforcement, federal agencies, financial and retail communities who participates in a rapid response notification network, providing "real time" information and intelligence of criminal activity and crimes within a given area which may affect one's business. For information on the crime alert network see http://www.ckfraud.org/network.html.

National Consumer Leagues (NCL)

 NCL website address is <u>www.nclnet.org</u>. NCL Fraud Center provides fraud prevention education for consumers (<u>www.fraud.org</u>).

National Credit Union Association (NCUA)

 The NCUA hosts a Fraud Information Center on its website in an effort to help recognize, prevent, and report fraud (<u>http://www.ncua.gov/Resources/Cnsmrs/Fraud/Pages/default.aspx</u>). NCUA fraud alerts, letters to credit unions and other resources are available through the site.

The National Crime Prevention Council (NCPC)

The NCPC is a nonprofit organization. The NCPC collaborates with government and law enforcement to
prevent crime and promotes crime prevention and personal safety basics. NCPC publishes books, kits of
camera-ready program materials, posters, and informational and policy reports on a variety of crime
prevention subjects. Publications include information on fraud and identity theft and Internet safety,
e.g., *Identity Smart: A Guide for Consumers to Help Protect Against Identity Theft (February 2010).* NCPC
website address is www.ncpc.org. NCPC also hosts the McGruff website for children (www.mcgruff.org).

National Cyber Forensic Training Alliance Foundation (NCFTA)

 NCFTA is a non-profit organization that brings together local, state, and federal/international law enforcement and INTEL entities, private sector companies, and academic institutions to functionally collaborate and develop intelligence on cybercrime threats and methods. NCFTA's website address is <u>www.ncfta.net</u>.

National Cyber Security Alliance (NCSA)

• NCSA's mission is to educate and empower a digital society to use the Internet safely and securely at home, work, and school, protecting the technology individuals' use, the networks they connect to, and our shared digital assets. NCSA hosts the **Stay Safe Online** website (<u>www.staysafeonline.org</u>). The site provides best practice information for students, consumers and businesses.

National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)

- NIST is a non-regulatory federal agency within the U.S. Department of Commerce. Their mission is to
 promote U.S. innovation and industrial competitiveness by advancing measurement science, standards,
 and technology in ways that enhance economic security and improve our quality of life. More
 information can be found at <u>www.nist.gov</u>.
- In support of the executive order, *Improving Critical Infrastructure Cybersecurity* issued in February 2013, NIST has worked with stakeholders to develop a voluntary framework (based on existing standards, guidelines, and practices) for reducing cyber risks to critical infrastructure (see http://www.nist.gov/cyberframework/index.cfm).
- NIST produces Federal Information Processing Standards Publication (FIPS). These are standards and guidelines issued by NIST as Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) for use government-wide (see <u>http://www.nist.gov/itl/fips.cfm</u>).
- NIST's Computer Security Division Resource Center website address is <u>www.csrc.nist.gov</u>.
- National Vulnerabilities database website address is <u>http://nvd.nist.gov/home.cfm.</u>

Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC)

- The OCC charters, regulates, and supervises national banks. It also supervises the federal branches and agencies of foreign banks. The OCC website is <u>www.occ.treas.gov</u>.
- The OCC provides Anti-Fraud Resources for national banks and consumers. Banking resources include
 information regarding counterfeit currency, counterfeit instruments, spoofed bank websites, and links
 to OCC bulletins and alerts related to fraud schemes (see http://www.occ.gov/news-issuances/indexnews-issuances.html). OCC distributes alerts regarding suspicious activity via email subscription
 Consumer resources include information and descriptions of fraud schemes, suspicious checks, sources
 for verifying authenticity, anti-phishing and other related information (see
 http://www.occ.gov/topics/consumer-protection/fraud-resources/index-fraud-resources.html).

OnGuardOnline.gov

- OnGuardOnline.gov is the federal government's website geared to help consumers be safe, secure and responsible online. The site offers information on how to avoid scams, securing your computer, being safe online and protecting kids online. Free publications can also be ordered through this website.
- The Federal Trade Commission manages OnGuardOnline.gov (<u>www.onguardonline.gov</u>), in partnership with 15 other federal agencies. OnGuardOnline.gov is a partner in the Stop Think Connect campaign, led by the Department of Homeland Security, and part of the National Initiative for Cybersecurity Education, led by the National Institute of Standards and Technology.

Open Security Foundation

• Open Security Foundation provides information and statistics on data losses and breaches of personal information. Website sponsored by RiskBased Security at <u>www.datalossdb.org</u>.

PCI Security Standards Council

• The PCI Security Standards Council is responsible for the development, management, education, and awareness of the PCI Security Standards. The website www.pcisecuritystandards.org/ provides more information and access to the standards.

Protect Your Business

Provides information on protecting businesses from business identity theft—the crime of hijacking a business's identity and using that identity to establish lines of credit with banks or retailers. The Colorado Secretary of State sponsors this website (<u>http://www.ProtectYourBusiness.us</u>). Resources include A *Guide to Protecting Your Business and Recovering from Business Identity Theft* published in January 2012.

SANS (SysAdmin, Audit, Network, Security) Institute

- The SANS Institute was established as a cooperative research and education organization. SANS website
 address is <u>www.SANS.org</u>. Resources include research papers, podcasts, webcasts, alerts, and
 newsletters such as *OUCH*! monthly newsletter for computer users, semiweekly *NewsBites* containing
 summary information for the week and weekly @*RISK newsletter on* new attack information and
 vulnerability news. Newsletters are available at http://www.sans.org/newsletters/.
- SANS hosts the Internet Storm Center (ISC), which gathers intrusion detection data on a daily basis, identifies security issues and sites that are used in attacks, and provides data on the types of attacks that are being mounted against computers in various industries and regions around the globe. The ISC is a free service to the Internet community. The ISC makes information available through its website (http://isc.sans.org/), RSS feeds/alerts, daily podcasts and other methods.

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Smart Card Alliance

- The Smart Card Alliance is a not-for-profit, multi-industry association working to stimulate the understanding, adoption, use and widespread application of smart card technology. The Smart Card Alliance's website is www.smartcardalliance.org.
- The Smart Card Alliance hosts **EMV Connection** (<u>www.emv-connection.com</u>) a website to provide education and assist all industry stakeholders with EMV migration.

State Banking Associations

• Check with your local associations regarding fraud alerts, distribution and information sharing opportunities.

Stop Think Connect

 Stop. Think. Connect.[™] is a coordinated message created by a coalition of private companies, nonprofits and government organizations to help all digital citizens stay safer and more secure online. The APWG and NCSA led the effort to find a unified online safety message that could be adopted across public and private sectors. The website (<u>www.stopthinkconnect.org</u>) provides access to their research and education videos.

Symantec

Symantec.cloud is a managed service provider for electronic communications security. Symantec also
provides free information on security issues related to electronic communications including monthly and
annual Intelligence reports and analysis, which are available at <u>www.symanteccloud.com</u> (see Security
Response - Publications). Reports describe online threat activities trends, statistics, and technical
information on methods used related to threats such as viruses, spam, spyware and phishing attacks.

Twin Cities Security Partnership (TCSP)

- TCSP is a public/private partnership dedicated to enhancing security, safety, and the quality of life in the greater Twin Cities area, i.e., greater Minneapolis/St. Paul area. The TCSP meets and collaborates on a regular basis. The TCSP website address is <u>www.securitypartnership.org</u>.
- TCSP is comprised of high-ranking and top-level business, law enforcement, community, and government leaders. The FBI is the "lead organization" for the TCSP, but the TCSP is not an official program of the FBI. When TCSP responds to a crisis, the law enforcement agency is normally in charge.

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

• U. S. Computer Emergency Readiness Team (US-CERT) coordinates defense against and responses to cyber-attacks across the nation. US-CERT's website provides information and access to the National Cyber Alert System, vulnerability resources, alerts and tips, security publications, and a reporting tool. The website address is <u>www.us-cert.gov</u>.

U.S. Department of Justice - Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)

- The FBI is the principal investigative arm of the United States Department of Justice. It has the authority and responsibility to investigate specific crimes assigned to it. FBI's website address is <u>www.fbi.gov</u>.
- **Cyber Initiative Resource Fusion Unit (CIRFU)** combines resources and the expertise of law enforcement and the private sector that range from federal agencies, software companies, and Internet Service Providers, to merchants and members of the financial sector. Industry experts from companies, the FBI, postal inspectors, the Federal Trade Commission, and many others are brought together to share information and ideas focused on cyber threats and security breaches.
- Cyber Investigations website address is <u>www.fbi.gov/cyberinvest/cyberhome.htm</u>.
- Safe Surfing Online (SOS) is a website providing education for teachers and students. The site features six grade-specific "islands"— for third- through eighth-grade students—highlighting various aspects of cyber security through games, videos, and other interactive features https://sos.fbi.gov/.

U.S. Department of the Treasury - Bureau of the Public Debt

 The Bureau of the Public Debt and the U.S. Treasury are aware of several fraudulent schemes or scams that involve what are claimed to be securities issued or backed by the Treasury Department or another part of the United States Government. These scams have been directed at banks, charities, companies, and even individuals, by individuals or organizations seeking payment on the fraudulent securities. Information about these scams is available on the Frauds, Phonies, & Scams web page <u>http://www.treasurydirect.gov/instit/statreg/fraud/fraud.htm</u>.

U.S. Department of the Treasury - Office of Critical Infrastructure Protection (CIP) and Compliance Policy

• CIP coordinates the Department's development and implementation of policies regarding protection of the critical infrastructure of the financial services sector, including money laundering, terrorist financing, and identity theft and the sharing of information among FIs and between the private and public sectors, and the sharing of suspicious information pursuant to the Bank Secrecy Act. Information about CIP can be found on www.treasury.gov under the *About - Organization Structure-Offices-Domestic Finance*.

U.S. Department of the Treasury - Office of Terrorism and Financial Intelligence (TFI)

• The Office of Terrorism and Financial Intelligence (TFI) marshals the department's intelligence and enforcement functions with the twin aims of safeguarding the financial system against illicit use and combating rogue nations, terrorist facilitators, money launderers, drug kingpins, and other national security threats. Information about TFI can be found on www.treasury.gov under the About - Organization Structure-Offices.

U.S. Postal Inspection Service (USPIS)

USPIS is the law enforcement agency for the US postal service. USPIS website address is
 https://postalinspectors.uspis.gov/. In addition to investigation and enforcement, the USPIS provides
 alerts, education materials and videos, and posts information on its website about mail fraud schemes.
 Fraud schemes URL is

https://postalinspectors.uspis.gov/investigations/MailFraud/fraudschemes/FraudSchemes.aspx.

U.S. Secret Service (USSS)

- U.S. Secret Service website address is <u>www.secretservice.gov</u>.
- The U.S. Secret Service Extranet, entitled elnformation Network, provides an information-sharing
 platform for the Secret Service and its business partners. E-Information network website address is
 www.einformation.usss.gov. The elnformation provides links to *eLibrary* and *USDollars*. The eLibrary is
 a secure website for law enforcement and qualified financial crime investigators. The library provides a
 collection of resource databases for sharing information on a variety of topics. The USDollars is a secure
 website for qualified financial institutions and law enforcement members to search the Secret Service
 counterfeit note database.

U.S. Secret Service National Network of Electronic Crimes Task Force (ECTF)

U.S. Secret Service National Network of Electronic Crimes Task Force (ECTF) brings together federal, state and local law enforcement, prosecutors, private industry and academia. There are over 20 regional groups. Contact information for regional groups is available from the national site http://www.secretservice.gov/ectf.shtml. The regional groups focus on sharing information and fighting crimes. Groups typically meet on a quarterly basis. Areas of electronic crime fraud within ECTF purview includes, but are not limited to, computer generated counterfeit currency, bank fraud, counterfeit checks, credit card fraud, virus and worm proliferation, access device fraud, telecommunications fraud, internet threats, computer system intrusions and cyber-attacks, phishing/spoofing, terrorism/terrorist financing nexus, and identity theft.

Verizon

• Verizon's resource center provides white papers by industry focusing on information security, e.g., 2015 *Data Breach Investigations Report.* White papers can be accessed through Verizon's business focused website (see www.verizonbusiness.com).