

Title: **Federal Government Chief Information Officer (CIO) Panel**
addressing
Critical Security Issues - How to Meet the Challenges

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Abstract:

Several of the Federal Government Chief Information Officers (CIOs) will examine critical security issues and provide insights and strategies for meeting ongoing and future challenges. CIOs are charged with the security of the organization's information. While they have multiple roles and responsibilities, security of information and the telecommunications infrastructure that transports that information is suddenly at the forefront and running a close second to Year 2000 priorities in many organizations.

During the past year, the exploding use of the Internet, coupled with several highly publicized intrusions into major systems, has raised the level of attention concerning the protection of and access to critical information. As these CIOs have learned firsthand, intrusions are costly in terms of the resources required to detect, correct, and protect and the disruption to daily operations.

While intrusion detection and protection are high on the security priority list, there are many other demands that are also extremely important. These include developing and implementing a critical infrastructure plan to meet the requirements of Presidential Decision Directive 63, disaster recovery/emergency response/continuity of operations, risk and vulnerability assessment, and developing and implementing workable plans, policies, and procedures

These CIOs will discuss their major security concerns and short-term and long-term approaches for addressing those concerns as well as give the audience an opportunity to participate.