Office of Information Technology
Policy

Security: Simultaneous Network Connections

Policy:
Computer systems connected to agency networks must not be simultaneously connected to any other network outside of the agency's control, and beyond the scope of normal business, via a modem, another network interface (including wireless connections and connections to DSL or Cable modems) or even a Virtual Private Network (VPN) connection.

Scope:
This policy applies to all entities under the authority of the Office of Information Technology pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 39:15.1, et seq. Agencies in compliance with this policy will prevent employees from establishing network connections that may jeopardize the security of internal networks and network assets

Responsibilities:
Agencies must establish policies and procedures to:

- Provide awareness training to user base in order to prevent exposure through simultaneous connections to untrusted networks.
- Scan agency's premises for rogue wireless access points.
- Ensure all internal/external modem hardware is removed from network-attached desktop computers.
- Prohibit the installation and use of modem hardware in network-attached desktop computers.
- Periodically verify compliance with this policy.

Owner:
OIT Security Office

Effective Date:
July 27, 2009