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TO: All USDA Employees, Contractors, Partners and Volunteers

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SUBJECT: Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 Information Security Awareness (ISA)

The Federal Information Security Management Act of 2002 (FISMA) and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) guidance both require all USDA employees, contractors, partners, and volunteers to complete annual security awareness training. The FY 2016 Information Security Awareness (ISA) course, pre-test and assessment will be available through AgLearn on both desktop and common mobile platforms. This mobile access can facilitate completion, making it easier to meet this training requirement. As in the past, there is a one-time-only pre-test for the course.

All USDA employees, contractors, partners, and volunteers are required to complete the training by March 31, 2016, or by an alternate date as established by your agency, as will be indicated in your AgLearn To-Do List. Network access will be removed for any employee, contractor, partner, or volunteer who has not completed the required training by the deadline, until such time as the training is completed.

Employee, contractor, partner, or volunteer accounts that need to be deactivated due to short, long-term, or permanent absence must be deactivated in the USDA Human Resource (HR) personnel database. Once disabled in the HR personnel database, the change will be reflected in AgLearn. Those personnel changes that are not captured in the HR personnel database can also be deactivated by contacting the agency's AgLearn Administrator. A list of agency-level AgLearn points of contact can be found at <http://www.aglearn.usda.gov/LandingPage/popups/contact.html>. Employees, contractors, partners, or volunteers out of active employment status due to a short, long-term or permanent absence must complete the training upon return to active status.

The following methods of training have been made available for use in special circumstances. Please follow the procedures outlined by your agency regarding whom to contact for assistance with training.

**LEARNERS WITH ACCESSIBILITY NEEDS AND THOSE REVIEWING
COURSEWARE WITH ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY:**

A Portable Document Format (PDF) version of this online content is available for those users with accessibility needs. Please follow your agency procedure to have the ***FY 2016 Information Security Awareness Training (PDF)*** course assigned to your AgLearn To-Do List. This version will present the course content via an online PDF for your review. When you are ready to take the assessment, you can close the PDF course, then launch and complete the assessment. You must complete the assessment with a score of 70% or greater in order to receive credit. Your successful completion will be recorded in the Completed Work section of your AgLearn profile. If you have any difficulty completing this course or assessment, please send an email to the Section 508 group (Angela Williams/Target Center).

LEARNERS WITH SLOW DIAL-UP CONNECTIONS TO THE INTERNET:

An alternate PDF version of this online content is available for your needs. Please contact your supervisor to request that the ***FY 2016 Information Security Awareness Training (PDF)*** course be assigned to your To-Do-List. This version will allow you to access AgLearn to launch and save the PDF on your desktop (or to print it) for your review offline. Then, when you are ready, simply log back into AgLearn and complete the assessment with a score of 70% or greater in order to receive credit. Your successful completion will be recorded in the Completed Work section of your AgLearn profile. You will need to be connected to the Internet to download the PDF and to launch and complete the 10-question assessment.

LEARNERS WITH NO INTERNET ACCESS:

The paper-based version of the course is **only** available to those users with no Internet access to AgLearn. If you are a new employee or do not currently have Internet access, a paper version of the online content is available. Please follow your agency procedures to have the ***FY 2016 Information Security Awareness Training (Paper)*** course added to your AgLearn To-Do List. Follow your agency instructions on how the assessment is to be graded and the completion recorded in AgLearn.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Agriculture Security Operations Center at (202) 720-9265.

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