OPM breach highlights need for better security

The OPM data breach that exposed personal information of nearly four million government workers has highlighted how important robust cybersecurity measures are.

ASHLAND, OHIO, USA, June 10, 2015 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The recent admission by the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) that it suffered a massive breach that exposed the personal information of nearly four million past and present government workers has once again highlighted how important it is for US organizations to implement and maintain robust cybersecurity measures.

Alan Calder, the founder and executive chairman of cybersecurity solutions provider IT Governance, has appealed to CEOs, CIOs and CISOs across the United States:

"The attack on the OPM proves how important it is for all US organizations to implement and maintain robust cyber defenses. US citizens expect federal computer networks to be secure, but the need for strong security is actually much wider. Government agencies aren't the only target: all organizations face a 21st century cyber threat. The problem is that many board members have attitudes to security that are stuck in the 20th century. Better cybersecurity is needed to tackle and manage that threat."

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