

Information Services
The City of Lincoln
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Innovative Readiness Training Project Oversight Team
Department of Defense, Manpower & Reserve Affairs

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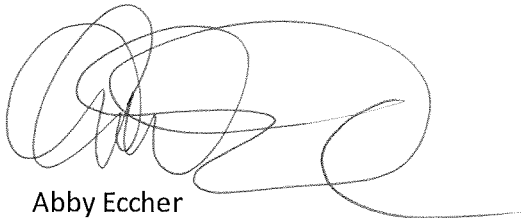
The Information Services Division serves The City of Lincoln and Lancaster County as the in-house provider of technology and professional services. Our growing team of fifty serves over 4000 internal City and County users and provides additional services and tools that are accessible to the public both locally and regionally. IS is joining the Nebraska Army National Guard (NEARNG), the Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD), the Lincoln Electric System (LES), and other entities in our state in the 2023 and 2024 Cyber Tatanka training exercise. The training is designed to assess and strengthen the cyber security posture of government and civilian entities in the State of Nebraska.

Information Services anticipates the following benefits for our participation in this exercise:

- The ability to practice against a cyber-attack in a safe environment with realistic experiences can test our incident response skills and procedures.
- Support knowledge sharing with other Nebraska-based cybersecurity groups and build cooperation and collaboration, further strengthening participants' capabilities.
- Obtain lessons learned to build upon our current response system.
- As a public entity, our goal is to provide a service, not to maximize profit. By partnering with the federal government, we anticipate considerable savings from our Cyber Security budget. This in turn will be passed through to the ratepayers of Lincoln, Nebraska.

As a steward of public data, Information Services continually strives to improve our security capabilities through exercises such as Cyber Tatanka. This training exercise is not an endeavor that Information Services could handle alone but only through a partnership with a state or federal level entity. We look forward to participating, sharing knowledge, and testing and improving our incident response skills and procedures.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Abby Eccher', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Abby Eccher
Chief Information Officer
The City of Lincoln and Lancaster County, Nebraska