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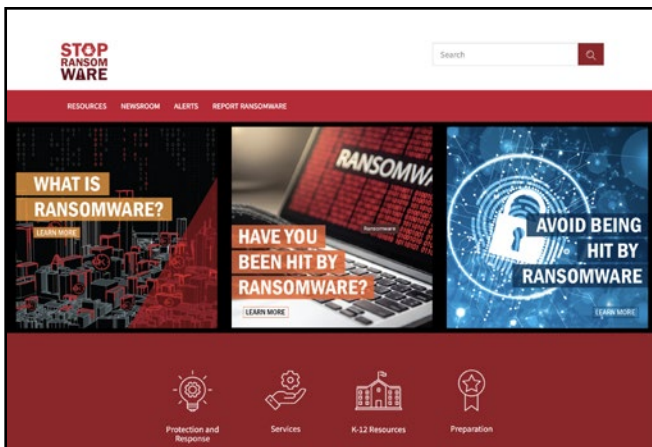
CISA's CSET Releases Ransomware Readiness Tool

The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) released a new module in its Cyber Security Evaluation Tool Set (CSET). The Ransomware Readiness Assessment (RRA) is a self-assessment that allows organizations to assess how well they are equipped to defend against a ransomware attack based on a tiered set of practices.

Federal Cybersecurity Response

President Biden issued an executive order on May 12 aimed to strengthen the federal government's response to and prevention of cybersecurity threats. The Executive Order on Improving the Nation's Cybersecurity was issued on the heels of a ransomware attack on a company operating a pipeline and outlines requirements for federal agencies as well as contractors doing business with the federal government.

Additionally, the White House has created a ransomware task force targeting ransomware attacks. The interagency task force is examining offensive and defensive methods of countering these types of breaches. CISA will unveil a new website, cisa.gov/stopransomware, as a hub for ransomware guidance.

Research Region

Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) Loans in Pennsylvania

PENNSYLVANIA

LOAN COUNT: 179,088
NET DOLLARS: $9,958,345,781

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