



# **EMERGENCY ITEM: TEXAS CYBER COMMAND**

**As cybersecurity threats continue to increase in significance and sophistication, Texas must lead the nation in safeguarding critical infrastructure from hackers and hostile foreign actors. China, Iran, Russia, and other foreign enemies could cripple our power, water, and transportation systems with online attacks.**

**As a leader on the national and global stages, Texas is a common target:**

- 8th largest economy in the world
- #1 in oil and gas production in the U.S. and #4 in the world in oil production
- Home to 15 major military installations, including the Army Futures Command headquarters and two of the largest U.S. military installations
- #1 port in the nation at the Port of Laredo and 19 seaports, including the nation's leader in waterborne foreign trade
- World's largest medical complex at the Texas Medical Center
- Most airports of any state, as well as two international airline headquarters and a major hub for a third

**We must protect Texans from emerging threats by deploying cutting-edge capabilities to secure Texas infrastructure.**

**The Texas Cyber Command will be headquartered in San Antonio where it can leverage the expertise and resources of The University of Texas at San Antonio, including surrounding state, local, and federal partners.**

**The Texas Cyber Command will create a robust strategy for the State of Texas to:**

- Anticipate and detect potential cyber threats
- Promote cybersecurity awareness, professional training, and other workforce-oriented measures
- Prepare for cyberattacks through various exercises, pre-attack coordination and planning, and proactive collaboration with critical infrastructure partners
- Defend against, respond effectively to, and mitigate against the effects of cyberattacks when they occur, working across the state and with relevant partners
- Provide subject matter expertise, forensic analysis, and other support to conduct post-attack investigations and recovery efforts

**The Texas Cyber Command will work in partnership and collaborate with all state universities and Regional Security Operation Centers, as well as local, state, and federal agencies to strengthen the state's cybersecurity mission.**