Cybersecurity Controls Over Critical Systems

Department of the Secretary of State



Information Systems Audit Report

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Auditor's Transmittal

The Honorable Josh Stein, Governor
The Honorable Phil Berger, President Pro Tempore
The Honorable Destin Hall, Speaker of the House
Honorable Members of the North Carolina General Assembly
The Honorable Elaine F. Marshall, Secretary of State

To all:

In accordance with law, the Office of the State Auditor conducted an Information Systems Audit Report, Cybersecurity Controls Over Critical Systems, on the North Carolina Secretary of State. The objective of the audit was to determine whether the North Carolina Secretary of State performed selected cybersecurity control activities in compliance with the Statewide Information Security Manual. Our audit report discloses findings, as well as recommendations, for the North Carolina Secretary of State to improve its information systems security.

To protect state interests and data, the findings and recommendations of this report are confidential. The North Carolina Secretary of State is not required to disclose security features of its electronic data processing systems, information technology systems, or telecommunications networks.

I'd like to thank North Carolina Secretary of State leadership and staff for working with our office as we conducted this audit.

Respectfully submitted,



Dave Boliek
State Auditor

This audit was conducted in 2,304 hours at an approximate cost of $355,538.