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NOTICE

This is an urgent message. The State of Utah Division of Purchasing was notified today that the below email was sent out to vendors. Neither the Division of Purchasing nor Christopher Hughes sent this email. Do not click on the link and discard the email immediately.

From: Procurement Department [mailto:christopherhughes@utah.gov]
Sent: Thursday, May 3, 2018 12:30 PM
Subject: Bidding Notification

We are notifying all diverse suppliers, service providers, contractors, subcontractor and consultants to validate their contact details with the procurement department (State of Utah)

We will be sending project bids to all vendors we have on file. It is mandatory you verify your contact information you have with us to avoid missing out on the contract bids.

Follow the link <https://bit.ly/2jrndeQ> to view the list of contracts available for bid.

Requesting Department: Procurement
Buyer Phone: (801-538-3254)
Buyer Name: Christopher Hughes
Buyer Email: christopherhughes@utah.gov

Thank you. We look forward to receiving your bids on this project.

Regards,
DAS
Christopher Hughes
Director & Chief Procurement Officer
801-538-3254
3150 State Office Building
Capitol Hill Complex
[450 North State Street](#)
[Salt Lake City, UT 84114](#)
Phone: 801-538-3026
Hours: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm, M-F

In researching this, the State's Security Incident Team believes Christopher's email was "spoofed" by a malicious external source.

The State's Security Incident Team does not see any emails going out from Christopher's email with subject line "Bidding Notification."

Ultimately, nefarious individuals/groups can harvest information from public sources then spoof or fake your information to make it appear they are you.

Following the links, there is first a warning from Bitly (bit.ly) a link management (shortening) utility - noting that the link used has been tagged as malicious (see screen shot 1).

If the link is followed, Google also flags the site as malicious (see screen shot 2) - so most people hopefully will not continue.

On our end there is nothing we can do, as gmail is not utilized to handle the email.

We would like to thank those that brought this issue to our attention.

If you would like to receive bid notifications from the State of Utah, please sign up on the State's eProcurement website, SciQuest. Instructions on how to sign up for SciQuest and how to do business with the State of Utah can be found at the following websites:

<https://purchasing.utah.gov/for-vendors/>

<http://solutions.sciquest.com/apps/Router/SupplierLogin?CustOrg=StateOfUtah>

Thanks,
Christopher Hughes
Director for the Division of Purchasing & General Services