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- **White House, executives discuss economic incentives for cybersecurity**

BY JILL R. AITORO

The Obama administration is considering providing economic incentives to companies that follow good cybersecurity practices to encourage the private sector to cooperate with the federal government in protecting the computer systems that support major U.S. industries, said a security expert who met with the president and Cabinet officials on Wednesday.

Full story: http://www.nextgov.com/nextgov/ng_20100715_4890.php?oref=rss?zone=itsecurity

- **Inspector general says tax e-file system is not error-free**

BY JILL R. AITORO

Security vulnerabilities in the Internal Revenue Service's electronic tax filing system persist, according to a new report from the inspector general, despite previous claims from the agency that those weaknesses had been fixed.

Full story: http://www.nextgov.com/nextgov/ng_20100719_9825.php?oref=rss?zone=itsecurity

- **Reid presses senators on cybersecurity**

BY CHRIS STROHM, CONGRESSDAILY

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., has urged key senators to reach an agreement quickly on a comprehensive cybersecurity bill that he could take to the floor as early as September, according to some congressional aides.

Full story: http://www.nextgov.com/nextgov/ng_20100716_1875.php?oref=rss?zone=itsecurity

- **Report: IT dashboard plagued by outdated data**

BY ROBERT BRODSKY

A public website the Obama administration launched last year to shine a light on \$80 billion in federal information technology spending contains inaccurate or outdated data on scheduling and performance, according to a watchdog report released on Tuesday.

Full story: http://www.nextgov.com/nextgov/ng_20100720_3374.php?oref=rss?zone=itsecurity

- **Officials defend meaningful use standards as a work in progress**

BY EMILY LONG

Standards that define what constitutes an official electronic health record aren't strict enough to justify the billions of dollars in incentives the government plans to pay physicians and hospitals to install the systems, Republican lawmakers said on Tuesday.

Full story: http://www.nextgov.com/nextgov/ng_20100720_9874.php?oref=rss?zone=itsecurity

- **DHS will establish consolidated intelligence portal**

BY JILL R. AITORO

A bottom-up review of Homeland Security Department operations emphasizes the need for technology to improve information sharing, noting plans to consolidate departmentwide intelligence data into a single computer application that can identify threats more effectively.

Full story: http://www.nextgov.com/nextgov/ng_20100716_2491.php?oref=rss?zone=itsecurity

- **GSA seeks better prices, easier customer interface with IT procurement**

BY EMILY LONG

The General Services Administration expects its information technology portfolio to grow as it launches initiatives to improve pricing and customers' experience, according to the agency's new Federal Acquisition Service chief.

Full story: http://www.nextgov.com/nextgov/ng_20100714_4594.php?oref=rss?zone=itsecurity

- **Health and Human Services' IT rules open up market to newcomers**

BY ALIYA STERNSTEIN

New federal rules that will grant medical practitioners billions of dollars to buy health information technology might make it easier for vendors new to the health IT industry to gain market share in a sector largely dominated by companies that have adhered to stricter standards, health consultants said.

Full story: http://www.nextgov.com/nextgov/ng_20100714_1190.php?oref=rss?zone=itsecurity

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- **Cyber Class for the Working World**

BY EMILY LONG | 7/20/10 | 10:19 A.M. ET

If you're way into cybersecurity and are looking for a career change, a new online degree program aims to prepare you for the technical and policy aspects of fighting cyber threats.

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- **Cyber Ops Resources Revealed?**

BY EMILY LONG | 7/19/10 | 3:26 P.M. ET

Try to find out how much federal government spends on cybersecurity per year and you likely won't get a straight answer. The typical explanation is this: Cybersecurity spending is spread across a variety of federal agencies and funding pulled from a number of different categories of appropriations.

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- **Password Practices**

BY ALLAN HOLMES | 7/16/10 | 5:15 P.M. ET

Cybersecurity in government has been a punching bag for years. Most experts agree it's pretty bad -- scary bad. But when it comes to passwords, federal managers are more careful than their private sector counterparts.

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