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MEDIA ALERT

Phishing scam targeting Washington businesses

OLYMPIA – July 25, 2017 – The Washington Department of Revenue is warning businesses to be aware of an email phishing scam targeting Washington state businesses.

The scammers are sending emails that appear to come from Revenue and provide them with instructions to renew their business license using alternate links to the “My DOR” business licensing system.

Businesses are encouraged to be on the lookout for this, and other similar scams, and never click on an unusual link in an email.

To avoid falling victim to this scam, businesses should:

- Confirm the sender’s email address is cms@dor.wa.gov.
- Verify the expiration date on their business license document.
- Visit the My DOR website directly at <http://secure.dor.wa.gov> and log in to review their license status.

More information about this scam is available on the DOR website at www.dor.wa.gov/blsphishingscam.

If a business is unsure about an email correspondence with the Department of Revenue or has questions related to this scam, they are asked to call 1-800-451-7985.

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About Revenue

The Department of Revenue is Washington state’s primary tax agency, nationally recognized for innovation and quality customer service. Revenue administers nearly 60 categories of taxes that help fund education, social services, health care, corrections, public safety, natural resource conservation and other important services counted on by Washington residents.