

Procedures/Standards Update

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TO:

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SUBJECT: CLOUD SECURITY STANDARD

BACKGROUND

The California Department of Technology (CDT) released the Cloud Computing Policy (Technology Letter 14-04 and State Administrative Manual (SAM) Section 4983) which directs all Agencies/state entities to leverage cloud computing when feasible. Cloud computing solutions must also comply with the System and Services Acquisition requirements outlined in SAM Section 5315.1.

The CDT, Office of Information Security has developed the Cloud Security Standard (SIMM 5315-B). This policy provides Agencies/state entities specific direction and additional guidance for cloud computing services acquisitions, and promotes the implementation of state policies contained in the SAM.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Procedures/Standards update is to announce:

- Updated SAM Sections 4983.1 and 5315.1 to include reference to Cloud Security Standard (SIMM 5315-B).
- New SIMM Section 5315-B Cloud Security Standard, which includes minimum cloud security requirements.
- New SIMM 140, Cloud Security Guide, which provides supporting implementation guidance.

REFERENCES

The following reference materials are associated with this procedures/standards update. Statewide Information Management Manual (SIMM) is available on CDT's website located at:

<https://cdt.ca.gov/policy/simm/>. The State Administrative Manual (SAM) is available on the Department of General Services website located at: <http://sam.dgs.ca.gov/>.

- SAM Sections 4983.1 and 5315.1
- SIMM Section 5315-B
- SIMM Section 140

QUESTIONS

Questions regarding this announcement should be directed to the Department of Technology, Office of Information Security at security@state.ca.gov.