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## **DOI HOSTS CITY INTERAGENCY FORUM ON CYBERCRIME AND SECURITY**

The New York City Department of Investigation (“DOI”) hosted a cybercrime forum yesterday for the City’s Information Technology (“IT”) professionals and managers whose agencies collectively maintain the City’s largest databases. The participants discussed the kinds of vulnerabilities, internal and external, that hackers exploit for criminal purposes and measures to thwart those attacks. The forum featured a presentation by Assistant United States Attorney Michael Bosworth, Co-Chief of the Complex Frauds Unit of the United States Attorney’s Office for the Southern District of New York.

Mr. Bosworth described several kinds of criminal schemes that targeted the computers and data maintained by government agencies and financial institutions. He outlined the applicable federal criminal statutes and the robust efforts underway in investigative agencies and prosecutors’ offices to combat the threats posed by cybercriminals. The participants at the forum shared observations and recommendations to defend the City’s computers against commonly used methods of infiltration. Several sophisticated international criminal schemes, where criminals sought to profit from the theft of data or to damage and disrupt the systems and operations of the victims, were discussed by AUSA Bosworth. Michael Siller, DOI’s First Deputy General Counsel and Inspector General for the City Department of Information Technology and Telecommunications (“DoITT”), joined Mr. Bosworth and reviewed the New York State Penal Law sections on computer crime and applicable provisions of the City’s Conflicts of Interest Law. Attending the session were representatives of DOI, DoITT, the City’s Departments of Finance, Citywide Administrative Services (“DCAS”), Education (“DOE”), Small Business Services (“SBS”), Human Resources Administration (“HRA”), and the Financial Information Services Agency (“FISA”).

DOI Commissioner Rose Gill Hearn said, “DOI has worked successfully with our partners in the United States Attorney’s Office and our City colleagues to expose and stop various financial frauds and criminal schemes that targeted the City’s computers. We were pleased to host this forum for City agencies. I would like to thank United States Attorney Preet Bharara and Assistant United States Attorney Michael Bosworth for sharing their expertise with us and our City colleagues.”

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