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NCHEPM DATA BREACH

WASHINGTON – The National Council of Hispanic Employment Program Managers (NCHEPM) Board of Directors was made aware on May 11, 2022, that the organization was the victim of a data breach. An unauthorized third party was able to access a Listserv file containing the personal and professional contact information of individuals listed as members of the Council from the last 10 years. As a result, Personally Identifiable Information (PII) of nearly 500 NCHEPM members may have been exposed to others.

What personal information could have been accessed?

The personal information that was accessed included linkable PII: first and last names, physical addresses, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses.

Is the security or confidentiality of members' personal information at risk at this time?

The Board of Directors immediately secured the vulnerability to its network, accounts and platforms, ensuring that the PII of NCHEPM Members was no longer accessible. Moreover, the Board began an internal investigation of the matter to develop a better understanding of what had taken place and how. The Board also is reviewing its internal policies and data management protocols, and has implemented enhanced security measures to help prevent this type of incident from recurring in the future.

Why are Members being notified?

The privacy and security of NCHEPM Members' personal and professional information is very important, and the Board of Directors wanted Council Members to know about the possible exposure of their personal information.

Do Members need to take any action?

Members do not need to take any action at this time.

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The NCHEPM advocates for the improvement of Hispanic participation and representation in the Federal Government. For more information about the Council, visit www.nationalcouncilhepm.org.