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Biden Signs Executive Order to Bolster Federal Government's Cybersecurity



PRESIDENTIAL EXECUTIVE ORDER ON STRENGTHENING THE CYBERSECURITY OF FEDERAL NETWORKS AND CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

As the East Coast suffered from the effects of a ransomware attack on a major petroleum pipeline, President Biden signed an executive order on Wednesday that placed strict new standards on the cybersecurity of any software sold to the federal government.

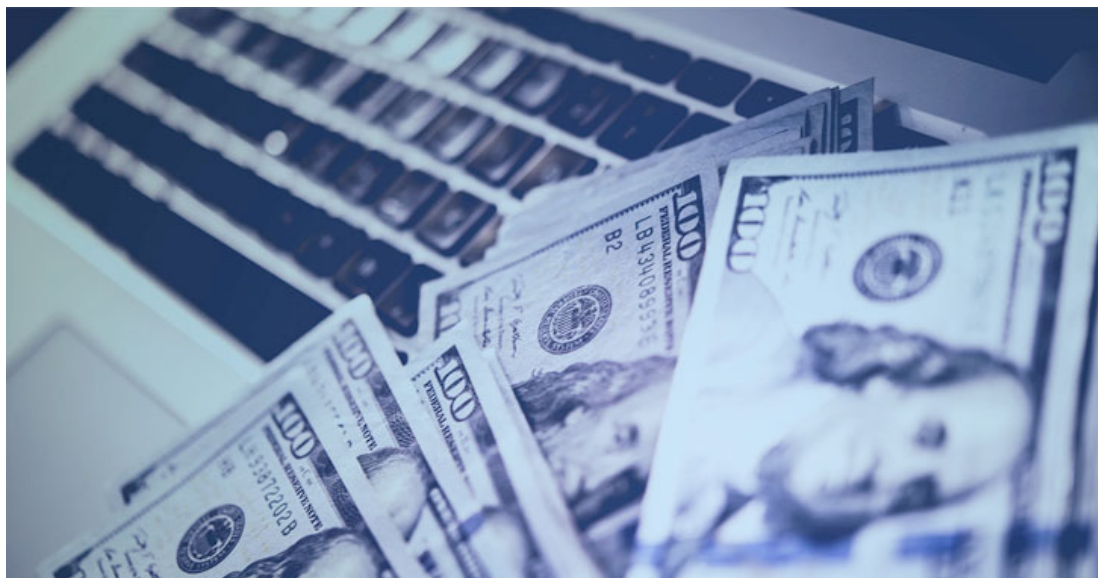
The move is part of a broad effort to strengthen the United States' defenses by encouraging private companies to practice better cybersecurity or risk being locked out of federal contracts.

For the first time, the United States will require all software purchased by the federal government to meet, within six months, a series of new cybersecurity standards.

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Colonial Pipeline Paid Nearly \$5 Million in Ransom to Cybercriminals



Colonial Pipeline on Thursday restored operations to its entire pipeline system nearly a week following a ransomware infection targeting its IT systems

The U.S. Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) doesn't condone paying a ransom to criminal actors, as doing so may embolden adversaries to target more organizations and encourage other cybercriminals to engage in the distribution of ransomware.

But affected entities have often opted to heed to the attackers demands, as it's the quickest way to resume normal function and prevent the risk of data exposure.

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