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## The FGFOA Free Internet-Based Webinar Series presents

### Cyber Defense for Public Finance Leaders

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2:00 p.m. – 3:40 p.m. EDT

CPE: 2 Hours TB

Field of Study: Cybersecurity

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#### Overview:

#### Securing the Future: Cyber Defense for Public Finance Leaders

Government finance entities face increasing cybersecurity threats, including ransomware attacks and data breaches, which put public resources and sensitive information at risk. Florida's **Local Government Cybersecurity Act (Florida Statute 282.3185)** underscores the importance of cybersecurity measures for local governments, requiring compliance and proactive measures to protect public assets. This webinar will equip finance leaders with actionable insights to navigate these challenges, meet statutory requirements, and safeguard their organizations against evolving cyber threats.

#### Key Focus Areas:

##### Recent Cyber Incidents:

- Review notable ransomware and data breach cases affecting governmental finance systems.
- Learn lessons from real-world examples to strengthen defenses and response plans.

##### Navigating Cybersecurity Requirements:

- Explore the implications of the Local Government Cybersecurity Act and its influence on local government policies.
- Understand how statutory compliance enhances resilience against cyber threats.

##### Building Effective Cyber Defenses:

- Learn best practices for securing financial systems and fostering a culture of security awareness.

##### Interactive Learning:

- Participate in case studies and scenarios to develop practical risk mitigation strategies.

## Learning Objectives

### 1. Understand Key Cybersecurity Requirements:

Gain a clear understanding of the Florida Local Government Cybersecurity Act (F.S. 282.3185) and its impact on public finance entities, including compliance and operational expectations.

### 2. Identify and Address Cybersecurity Threats:

Recognize the unique risks faced by government finance systems and implement effective measures to protect sensitive data and resources.

### 3. Strengthen Leadership in Cyber Defense:

Equip finance leaders with strategies to promote security awareness, align operations with statutory requirements, and effectively respond to cybersecurity incidents.

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#### *System Requirements*

##### *PC-based attendees*

*Required: Windows® 7, Vista, XP or 2003 Server*

##### *Macintosh®-based attendees*

*Required: Mac OS® X 10.4.11 (Tiger®) or newer*

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