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**OMB Reinforces Strict Adherence to Safeguard Standards**

WASHINGTON – Today, the Office of Management and Budget continued its efforts to ensure agencies protect sensitive data – including names, Social Security numbers, and addresses.

In a memo to the heads of departments and agencies, Deputy Director for Management Clay Johnson provided a checklist for protection of “remote” information. OMB will be coordinating with the Inspector Generals to ensure compliance with these standards.

“Strict adherence to safeguard standards is critical to protecting sensitive data,” said Deputy Director Johnson.

“The intent of this checklist is to compensate for the protections offered by physical security controls when information is removed from, or accessed from outside the agency location,” Johnson wrote in his memo.

**Background**

The Federal Information Security Management Act was put in place to ensure agencies meet consistent standards for security requirements for information and information systems. The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) defines these standards, and OMB oversees implementation of these standards across the agencies.

Link to Memo: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/memoranda/fy2006/m06-16.pdf>

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