**5 REASONS WHY CYBERATTACKS POSE A REAL THREAT TO GOVERNMENT**

1. **The Risk Is Constantly Growing.**
   - In a 2016 Governing Institute survey of 103 state elected and appointed officials, 72% said their state’s current level of cyber risk is moderate to high.

2. **The Threat Is Constantly Evolving.**
   - In the 2016 Governing Institute survey, 94% of respondents agreed hackers are getting smarter!

3. **Budgets & The Economy Take A Big Hit.**
   - The Ponemon Institute’s 2015 Cost of Data Breach Study found the average total cost of a data breach increased from 2013 to 2015 by $3.79 million.

4. **Hackers Want Public Sector Data.**
   - Of all cyberattacks in 2015, 1/3 were aimed at government, making it third on the list of most breached industries (following health care and education).

5. **Threats Are Increasingly Targeted.**
   - A survey of 500 security leaders from countries around the world found that 53% have experienced an increase in cyberattacks against critical infrastructure since 2014.

For more information, download the “Guide to Cybersecurity as Risk Management: The Role of Elected Officials” at: [www.cgi.com/cyber-guide](http://www.cgi.com/cyber-guide)

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