



Prevention TIPS

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Phishing Alert – Email claiming to be from Federal Reserve Bank

Southeast Corporate has received reports that individuals and/or companies have received a fraudulent e-mail that appears to be sent from the Federal Reserve. See sample below. The subject line of the e-mail states: "Wire transfer was canceled." The e-mail includes a link which is almost certainly an executable file containing a virus or other malware. Do not click on the link.

Be aware that phishing e-mails frequently have links to Web pages that host malicious code and software. Do not follow Web links in unsolicited e-mails from unknown parties or from parties with whom you do not normally communicate, or that appear to be known but are suspicious or otherwise unusual.

If malicious code is detected or suspected on a computer, consult with a computer security or anti-virus specialist to remove malicious code or re-install a clean image of the computer system. Always use anti-virus software and ensure that the virus signatures are automatically updated. Ensure that the computer operating system and common software applications security patches are installed and current.

Be alert for different variations of fraudulent e-mails.

Sample Fraudulent E-mail

From: fedwire@federalreserve.gov
To:
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 9:48 AM
Subject: Wire transfer was canceled

The Wire transaction , recently initiated from your checking account (by you or any other person), was cancelled by the Federal Reserve Wire Network.
Please click here to view further information.

If you have questions please contact Steve Jones, Director of Product Support and Training at 800-342-0203 ext. 6870.