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Prominent Speakers Announced for Ransomware Event, Hosted Jointly by IDOF Financial Innovation Lab and Boise State's IPC

Boise, Idaho... The Idaho Department of Finance's (IDOF) Financial Innovation Lab (FIL) and Boise State's Institute for Pervasive Cybersecurity (IPC) will host a joint event on ransomware and cybercrime threats on Wednesday, April 24th, at 1:30 p.m. MT at Boise State University's Alumni and Friends Center at 1173 West University Drive, 123A Ballroom A in Boise.

The agenda includes remarks from prominent experts and officials on ransomware, including **Idaho U.S. Attorney Josh Hurwit** and **Chainalysis Chief Technology Officer (CTO) Gurvais Grigg**. This event will provide an overview of ransomware trends, methodologies, prevention strategies, and incident response recommendations in service of protecting government agencies, industry, and the general public. It will also highlight other cybercrime issues and potential career paths for students.

IDOF Securities Bureau Chief John Yaros says, "The IDOF FIL seeks to bring together the finest minds in the financial technology (fintech) space to collaborate on the most pressing issues facing the public and financial industry. Ransomware is an issue that causes tremendous damage to businesses and the public, and we are thankful for our partners at Boise State University, the U.S. Attorney's Office, and Chainalysis, who are working with us to educate the public and identify solutions to this destructive form of cybercrime."

Edward Vasko, Director of Boise State University's Institute for Pervasive Cybersecurity, emphasizes the importance of intentional focus on this topic: "Ransomware and cyber fraud continue to have real financial impact on individuals and organizations throughout Idaho. Through our on-going collaborations, the Idaho Department of Finance and Boise State's Institute for Pervasive Cybersecurity are diligently working to enable, inform, and defend Idahoans from cyber criminals and adversarial nation states. This event represents the continuing outreach and community development that makes the Financial Innovation Lab a critical piece of our cyber ecosystem."

To register for this event, please use the following link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/cybercrime-ransomware-trends-actions-tickets-866675869857>. Space is extremely limited and expected to fill up quickly.

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