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Subject: Scam email claiming to come from Stanislaus County sent to Vendors

To whom it may concern,

You or your staff may have received a message claiming to come from Stanislaus County as a part of a "phishing" scam. The emails that we have seen over the past couple days come from an email address at "stancounty.us". That is not an official domain of Stanislaus County. Emails you receive from Stanislaus County employees will typically appear as username@stancounty.com addresses.

The fraudulent email attempts to scare vendors and claims that the money is owed to Stanislaus County. The examples that we have seen to date, though, indicate that the vendor has not fulfilled the obligations of some contract and payments made to date must be returned to Stanislaus County. Messages may vary.

If you are doing business with Stanislaus County and receive an email with a similar claim, do not respond to the email directly. Instead, contact your County representative directly, by phone or email to discuss the issue.

For your reference, sample of the "phishing" e-mail is attached.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kashmir Gill".

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Stanislaus County Auditor-Controller

Attachment

alain boudreault

Inbox - Aceqc 9:20 AM

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Claim about the low-quality services. Contract#06759.

To: xxxxx

Claim about the low-quality services. Contract #06759.

On February 17, 2020, we have signed an agreement #06759 between Stanislaus County and your company. According to the contract, we had to make a payment of \$8,000 after contract signing and \$4,000 after all written obligations will be completed. First part of the award was sent immediately, which is approved by the documents.

Despite the fact you have got all details regarding our task, your employees were not able to fulfill requirements submitted by paragraphs 4.5, 4.6 and 4.7 of the above agreement. In this regard, based on paragraph 8.4 of the Agreement (Rights and Obligations of the Parties) we terminate the agreement unilaterally and demand to return the full payment amount. Otherwise, we have already prepared a legal case and ready to file it.

Here you can find all the necessary documents (a copy of the contract, a copy of the payment receipt and proofs of your incompetence):

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1MkazjaOJA1vi7jDw4z6GO4ZoAbJ6pCTU>

Looking forward to your reply.

Regards,
James Barrows,
Chief accountant's assistant
Stanislaus County.