

Final Assessment Report 06-02, March 28, 2006, "GPO Network Vulnerability Assessment"

The GPO Office of the Inspector General (OIG) contracted with a consulting firm that provides network security services to public and private sector enterprises to conduct an assessment of GPO's enterprise network security infrastructure. The assessment was conducted to evaluate the level of network security controls in place to help protect GPO's systems and data from unauthorized access and compromise. The OIG tasked the consultant to perform an external and internal vulnerability assessment of GPO's enterprise network. The external work examined the fortified boundary (perimeter) of GPO's network. The internal assessment examined GPO's network infrastructure and network-attached resources, including hosts, servers, and workstations. The internal assessment also included an examination of wireless communication activity. The OIG issued a sensitive report that found room for improvement and made recommendations to further strengthen existing security controls on GPO's network. GPO management concurred with each of the report's recommendations and has initiated responsive corrective actions.