You're receiving this email because 1) you're a member of InfraGardNCR, and 2) when you signed up for InfraGard, you chose IT as the primary critical infrastructure sector to which you have ties.

 Our chapter is piloting a new way of encouraging communication among our members:  setting up a listserver function just for specific groups within our chapter.  We're setting up a listserver for any chapter members tied to the IT sector.  The members of the Cyber Special Interest Group (Cyber SIG) are included in this population since cyber and IT issues are often complementary and, with the launch of the listserver, the SIG will cease to exist.

The purpose of this new listserver is for our IT sector members in our chapter to share indicators of compromise and cybersecurity best practices.  This is not a forum for business development or for growing your business interests; rather, this is a tool for IT practitioners to collaborate on technical matters to help safeguard IT assets in any critical infrastructure sector.

You can choose to sign up for this pilot program by registering at [www.epicplatform.com](http://www.epicplatform.com/" \t "_blank).

**How does it work?**

For those who participate, you'll need to complete a short registration process at [www.epicplatform.com](http://www.epicplatform.com/" \t "_blank).

We will verify that you're a member of our chapter and that you're in the IT sector.

Then your email address will be added to the listserver.

Any member of the listserver can send an email to [ITlist1@epicplatform.com](mailto:ITlist1@epicplatform.com" \t "_blank), and all members of the listserver will receive it simultaneously.

The listserver posts will also be archived at [www.epicplatform.com](http://www.epicplatform.com/" \t "_blank) so you can access them later. (If you're in health IT and already participate in our Cyber Health Working Group, you will recognize this model of communication.)

**Why would I want to participate?**

This is a fast and easy way to communicate with your fellow InfraGardNCR members in the IT sector.

You can use the listserver to share IOCs or best practices, or to query your peers for advice in resolving IT and cybersecurity issues.

For example, with our Cyber Health Working Group, we've seen members use the listserver to share initial identification of infection vectors for emerging malware, to query peers about new patterns of spam hitting their company firewalls, to solicit ideas for formulating thumb drive policies, and to discuss when and how third-party vendors are permitted to access internal networks for patching purposes.

Since this is an InfraGard listserver, you know that everyone's been vetted by the same process, which offers more confidence than dealing with random members of the public.

And since it's a pilot effort, you get to help us shape how this tool is offered to InfraGard across the country!

**Is this mandatory or automatic?**

No -- only those who register themselves at [www.epicplatform.com](http://www.epicplatform.com/" \t "_blank) will be added to the listserver.

**What if I have questions or want to share my input?**

You can reach out to either of your InfraGard coordinators (Kara/Amy - see our contact info at the bottom) or to your IT sector leaders - Chris Foulon (christophefoulon@gmail.com), Patty Arcano (parcano@opaqnetworks.com), and former Cyber SIG leaders Mark Tanner ([mtanner@arixmar.com](mailto:mtanner@arixmar.com" \t "_blank)) or Jeff Lolley (jlolley@wsgr.com). We're always interested in finding better ways to help you!

 We hope you opt into this new project, and we look forward to collaborating in this new way!

~ Amy & Kara

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