



# Inside the Vault

**State Agency Edition** 

#### **Cybersecurity Awareness Month**

October is Cybersecurity Awareness Month, an international initiative that educates everyone about online safety and empowers individuals and businesses to protect their data from cybercrime. Even amidst large-scale data breaches and cyberattacks, Cybersecurity Awareness Month reminds everyone that there are simple, effective ways to keep yourself safe online, protect your personal data, and ultimately help secure our world.

The theme of Cybersecurity Awareness Month is Secure Our World! This initiative reminds us that there are simple actions we can take every day to protect ourselves, our families, and businesses from online threats. Cybersecurity Awareness Month focuses on the top four ways to stay safe online:

- <u>Use strong passwords</u> that are long, random, and unique to each account, and use a password manager to generate and save them.
- <u>Turn on multi-factor authentication (MFA)</u> on all accounts that offer it. We need more than a password on our most important accounts, like email, social media, and financial accounts.
- <u>Recognize and report phishing</u>. Be cautious of unsolicited messages asking for personal information. Avoid sharing sensitive information or credentials with unknown sources. Report phishing attempts and delete the messages.

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#### **Upcoming Holiday**

Due to Veterans Day, Treasury, the Federal Reserve, and financial institutions will be closed on Monday, November 11. Customer statements and files will not be produced for November 11 due to the closures. In addition, ACH files sent to KeyBank after the last ACH processing window on Friday, November 8, will not be processed by the bank until Tuesday, November 12, and must have an effective date of November 13 or later.

#### **Interest Rates**

Average Annualized Yield
September 5.30%

Interest Rates
September 1–30

5.30%

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<u>Update software</u>. Ensure your software is up to date and ensure you have the latest security patches and updates on your devices. Enable automatic updates on software, or regularly check for updates if automatic updates are not available.

Learn more about each of these four critical security actions by watching the <u>Secure Our World animated video series</u> online. And for more information about ways to keep you and your family safe online visit <u>www.cisa.gov/cybersecurity-awareness-month</u> and <u>staysafeonline.org/cybersecurity-awareness-month</u>.

#### **Service Spotlight**

**Safekeeping** is a free service that allows agencies to store items of value in Treasury's vaults. Items placed in safekeeping are usually being held to insure performance, cover a liability, or provide some other means of financial protection. Items placed in safekeeping are inventoried, and agencies receive a receipt for each item. Agencies must submit a written request to retrieve items from safekeeping, and items must be picked up in person. If you are interested in safekeeping or have general cash management services questions, contact Customer Solutions at customer.solutions@ost.state.or.us.

#### **New Employee**

Eme Wisniewski recently joined the Finance Division as a Business Analyst supporting our Cash Management Improvement and Renewal Program (CMIRP). Eme previously worked at Oregon Housing & Community Services where she served as a business systems analyst and program lead. Prior to joining the state, Eme worked for more than seven years at Chemeketa Community College—mapping business processes, creating system documentation, and leading continuous improvement initiatives.

#### **Cash Management Forms Update**

Treasury has posted new and updated cash management forms to our <u>website</u>. The C.26 User Registration/Deregistration Request form has been updated to reflect current online banking services and is now a fillable PDF that can be signed electronically. And following the successful launch of our new State Treasury Account Transfer System (STATS) earlier this year, both STATS Account Request and STATS User Request forms are now available online.



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