8-807. Third party cyber risk management.

The State of Nebraska provides a wide range of services utilizing information technology. These numerous and complex services can only be accomplished with the support of third-party vendors, contractors, and service providers. Risks associated with these third parties must be managed by agencies.

The following are the requirements for monitoring and evaluating third-party cyber risk:

(1) Agencies must maintain a list of third-party vendors, the services those third parties provide to the agency, and define the business processes in which they are involved;

(2) A documented cyber risk analysis should be performed prior to the initiation of information technology projects involving third-party participants, except where the third party is already engaged in activities with the agency, in which case the additional services may be added to an existing assessment;

(3) The agency should design and implement additional oversight of third-party relationships involving critical business processes; and

(4) Written contracts must outline the roles and responsibilities of all parties.

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