

## NEWSLETTER

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### **CYBER ATTACKS: WHAT ARE THEY AND HOW ARE YOUR CLIENTS AT RISK!!!**

#### ***What Are Cyber Attacks?***

Cyber attacks are computer to computer attacks that undermine the confidentiality, integrity, or availability of a computer or information resident on the system. Cyber attacks and security breaches cost the U.S. economy billions of dollars of direct losses. They shatter innocent lives by fallout from stolen identities. Attacks can ruin businesses and foil military plans with stolen intellectual property. And they may cause downtime and risk stoppage of vital services blocked by catastrophic system failure from weakened critical infrastructure.

#### ***How many of your clients use: email, the internet, ASP systems, or any other online services?***

#### **WHAT IS VULNERABLE TO ATTACK??**

- Business Information - product designs, software code, customer records, sales information, financial statements, etc.
- Personal Information - SSN, credit card numbers, health records, bank account numbers, etc.
- Critical Infrastructure Systems - banking, finance, utility companies, postal and shipping, telecommunications, etc.
- Government - security, military, emergency systems

***Any digital system or data that is valuable or confidential is a potential attack target. Currently over 25 states have passed legislation that spells out the exposures and compliance of these breaches.***

### **CE SEMINAR UPDATE - SAVE THE DATE:**

Apogee will be hosting a Free Continuing Education Seminar in Plymouth Meeting, Pennsylvania on Tuesday March 7, 2006. The subject matter will consist of professional liability and will be sure to incorporate Sarbanes-Oxley, HIPAA, Information Security (California Bill 1386), and other legislation that affect you and your accounts. More details to follow later this month!

### **CSR INCENTIVE PROGRAM**

Our awards contest ended as of December 31, 2005 and we thank all that have competed. The contest was a huge success and we look forward to running another promotion in the near future. The results were overwhelming and \$50 credit card will be mailed in the near future to the winners!

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