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**AGENCY CONTACT MEMORANDUM #2016-0401**

**TO:** Agency IT Leadership, Technical Contacts

**FROM:** Jim Barnhart  
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**SUBJECT:** Desktop Security Upgrade

At the October meeting of the Technology Advisory Council, the Commonwealth Office of Technology (COT) announced the effort to implement an enterprise Public Key Infrastructure (PKI) solution. This initiative is to update currently deployed versions of Entrust software and to also broaden use of the tool to improve the security and integrity of electronic transactions across the Executive Branch agencies.

In the coming months COT will be deploying a new version of the Entrust Security Provider (ESP) software client and Outlook Plug-in to devices supported by COT. For existing Entrust users, this deployment will be a minor software update. However, new users will be prompted to use the Entrust PKI Enrollment Wizard to enroll for an Entrust Digital ID. Instructions on completing the enrollment as well as specific deployment dates will be distributed to agencies through COT Business Relationship Managers.

Individual agencies are responsible for developing operating guidelines to education their employees as to where, when, and what types of data are required to be encrypted.

If you have any questions, please contact your [COT Business Relationship Manager](#).