

STATE OF VERMONT
Agency of Administration

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| POLICY MANUAL IRMAC INFORMATION RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL | ORIGINAL POLICY ADOPTED BY IRMAC | ORIGINAL POLICY NUMBER |
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OTHER AUTHORITY: **IRMAC Resolution**

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POLICY TITLE: **Security for Broadband Access**

POLICY STATEMENT:

- GOVnet provides a secured, authenticated local dial access for approved government and other users.
- Agencies and departments who allow cable modems or DSL connections from other ISP's and also require access to nodes on the government network (159 network), which are behind the firewall, must provide personal firewall software to each user that connects to GOVnet while connected using cable modems or DSL connections referred hereafter as broadband connections.
- In addition to personal firewall software GOVnet may require VPN connectivity.
- The agency/department will not allow access until firewall software is installed and proper security configured.
- When an intrusion through broadband connections affects other agencies and departments, the remote access resources must be immediately disconnected until the problems are resolved.

PURPOSE/COMMENT: The intention of this policy is to reduce risk to government entities by enforcing the implementation of security associated with broadband connection access. Broadband services are typically dedicated connections thereby increasing the risk of hacker activity and intrusions to State owned systems.

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