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In connection with the Federal government's sixty-day, interagency review of federal cybersecurity activities, programs, and plans, and OMB inquiries about state CIO priorities for cybersecurity, NASCIO conducted a poll of state CIOs and CISOs over the last week. CIOs and CISOs were presented with the following list of eighteen common priorities or concerns:

Access Control/Authentication
Comprehensive Security Plan/Policy/Architecture
Coordination with Federal Cyber Initiatives
Data Classification and Protection
Employee Awareness and Training
Escalating Attacks and Network Intrusions/Hacking
Executive Support
Fiscal Resources
Formal Vulnerability Management
Insider Threats
Legacy Applications and Systems
Protecting Critical IT Infrastructure
Protecting Mobile Devices/Laptops
Regulatory Compliance
Risk Assessment
Security Workforce Skills
Web-based Applications
Wireless Security

From the list, the top five state-level priorities for cyber are:

Escalating Attacks and Network Intrusions/Hacking
Data Classification and Protection
Protecting Critical IT Infrastructure
Risk Assessment
Employee Awareness and Training