

## **FDIC reports Phishing Alert (posted 10/25/06)**

The FDIC (Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation) has received reports by businesses and consumers of a phishing e-mail that has the appearance of being sent from the FDIC. This phishing e-mail, similar to that sent on September 29th, appears to be from FDIC and asks recipients to click on a hyperlink titled "Take the Corrective Action-Implement the LinkBank system." The fraudulent e-mails, which are purportedly from "Russell A. Rau, Assistant Inspector General for Audits", typically, include a subject line that states: "Compliance Examination for [recipient's name inserted]."

This is a new variation scam that includes a new and more dangerous hyperlink. When accessed, the hyperlink downloads an executable file to your computer. FDIC is currently analyzing the executable file; however, it is likely installing a key logger or similar piece of malicious software. DO NOT click on the link provided in the phishing e-mail.

This e-mail is a fraudulent attempt to obtain personal information from consumers. Consumers should NOT attempt to access the link provided in the body of the e-mail and, under any circumstances, not to provide any personal financial information through this media.

The FDIC is attempting to identify the source of the e-mails and disrupt the transmission. Until this is achieved, consumers are asked to report similar attempts to obtain this information to the FDIC by sending information to [alert@fdic.gov](mailto:alert@fdic.gov).

Please also see our Loss Prevention Recommendations on the Scam Alert page of our website.