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OVERVIEW

Threat actors continue to make government agencies – at the federal, state and local levels – one of their most important targets. A series of Presidential Executive Orders and DHS CISA Binding Operational Directives have been issued in response, often with specific cybersecurity control and technology requirements. Government agencies need to address both these pressures, and do it with limited resources, prioritizing their actions based on identified risks and available resources.

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John will evaluate topics and insights discussed at the SANS Government Security Solutions Forum, where top SANS instructors & US Government affairs and industry experts presented guidance on several key security control areas:

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· Achieving Productivity Gains from Automation and Orchestration Tools
· Closing Gaps in Vulnerability, Patch and Configuration Management
· Providing Secure and Safe Access to a Hybrid Office/Remote

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