



## “Phishing” Scam Targets Thrift Savings Plan Participants

Participants, as well as some non-participants, in the Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) are targets of a “phishing” scam involving an unsolicited e-mail with a link to a bogus Web site appearing to be the thrift plan's account-access site.

The bogus site asks for a recipient's social security and TSP personal identification numbers. Entering this information takes the user to another screen where they are asked for financial information, including a credit card number, which can be used to steal an individual's identity.

As long as participants have not responded to this scam e-mail, their accounts have not been compromised. Those who did respond should contact their financial institutions immediately for guidance. They should also call the TSP at (877) 968-3778 and ask to have their account access blocked.

Participants are encouraged not to attempt to access their accounts by clicking links offered in any e-mail. Only by opening a new Internet browser and typing the TSP Web site into the address field can a participant be sure of accessing the authentic thrift plan Web site.

