



STATE of NEBRASKA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
LINCOLN

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 23-05
Enhancing Broadband Security

WHEREAS, Nebraska recognizes the importance of protecting Nebraskans from national security threats involving telecommunications;

WHEREAS, the Federal Communications Commission has published a Covered List of communications equipment and services per the Secure and Trusted Communications Networks Act of 2019, to prohibit communications equipment deemed to pose an unacceptable risk to national security from being authorized for importation or sale in the United States;

WHEREAS, the Covered List currently includes communications equipment and services produced by Huawei Technologies, ZTE Corporation, Hytera Communications, Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology, and Dahua Technology (and their subsidiaries and affiliates);

WHEREAS, the guidance provided by the National Telecommunications Information Administration for the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment program prohibits any entity or subgrantee (including contractors and subcontractors of subgrantees) from using grant funds to purchase or support any communications equipment and services on the Federal Communications Commission's Covered List;

WHEREAS, such communications equipment and services can be used to commit malicious cyber-enabled actions, including economic and industrial espionage, against Nebraska and its people.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jim Pillen, Governor of the State of Nebraska, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Governor by the Constitution, hereby prohibit the State from awarding any grant funding designated for broadband deployment in Nebraska to any provider using or deploying communications equipment and services developed by organizations on the Federal Communications Commission's Covered List. The State Broadband Office will maintain, publish, and update a list of all such communications equipment and services on the Federal Communications Commission's Covered List for the benefit of providers in Nebraska.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Nebraska to be affixed on this 22nd day of February, 2023.



Attest:

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Jim Pillen, Governor
State of Nebraska

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert B. Evnen", is written over a horizontal line.

Robert B. Evnen, Secretary of State
State of Nebraska