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Much to Do About Ransomware: Report Highlights a Path Forward *excerpted from [Government Technology 7/27/22](#)*

Ransomware drew \$400 million of extortion from victims worldwide in 2020 — a price tag that doesn't account for cleanup costs — and costs could hit more than \$265 billion by 2031, according to numbers from the White House and Cybersecurity Ventures, respectively. Despite the U.S.'s heightened attention on the attack type, it's becoming faster and more costly, says a new report from think tank Atlantic Council's GeoTech Center, which cited the figures.

"Things are not going in the right direction," said GeoTech Center distinguished fellow David Bray during a July 26 virtual report launch. "This report, I think, sets the foundation for what things we can do differently."

Attacks are especially targeting local governments, schools, utilities, hospitals and other organizations that cannot easily tolerate any downtime. U.S. Department of Energy Senior Advisor for Cybersecurity Cheri Caddy said criminals expect quick payouts from hitting entities that need to stay available 24/7, and small, municipal and state water and power entities are at risk, due to the vitality of their operations and their limited resources for cyber defense. ([Read complete article.](#))



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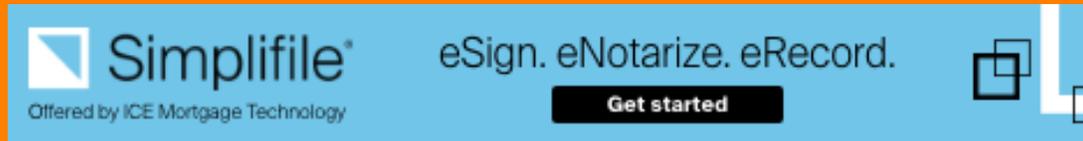
PRIA Local News

We hope many of you attending the upcoming **2022 PRIA Annual Conference** will join the PRIA Local team from Central Florida who are hosting this year's **PRIA Local Breakout session at PRIA 's 2022 Annual Conference** in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida on September 1, 1-1:50 PM. The session will provide first-hand experiences from the local Florida Chapter, other co-chairs in attendance, and the ALTA team. They will focus on why PRIA Local is a simple, effective communication resource you can use in your own community.

If you'd like more information on upcoming PRIA Local meetings, please go to the **PRIA Local page** for more information. In August the **SE Minnesota Chapter** will have a meeting on 8/17/22. You can also find out about all future PRIA Local meetings, PRIA news, and national news/trends in the real property records industry, by signing up on the **PRIA Local LinkedIn** site.

[PRIA Local Challenge](#)

The PRIA Local Challenge continues in 2022. That means that anyone starting or re-starting a **PRIA Local chapter** in their area and holding at least one meeting will receive a **PRIA membership** to a non-member chapter participant. So far in 2022 we have several new Chapters starting in **Northern California**, **Southern California**, **Central Florida**, **Nevada and Vermont** and all will pick recipients for a one-year PRIA membership.

A banner for Simplifile, a digital document management and e-signature platform. The banner features the Simplifile logo on the left, the text "eSign. eNotarize. eRecord." in the center, and a "Get started" button on the right. Below the logo, it says "Offered by ICE Mortgage Technology".

[Is Blockchain the Key to an Efficient eGovernment?](#)

excerpted from [Above the Law](#) 7/25/22

Blockchain is a technology that's transforming the world and revolutionizing how people exchange money, goods, and ideas. There are also many ways it can revolutionize government. Blockchain creates trust between two parties who don't know or trust each other by providing proof of ownership for digital assets in the form of cryptographic keys. This tamper-proof system makes it ideal for managing sensitive data.

eGovernment is the use of electronic communications to provide public services to citizens and businesses. It's a convenient way for government agencies to offer services online, and it can make it easier for citizens to access government services. ([Read complete article.](#))

A banner for Tyler Technologies, a records management company. The banner features the text "BOLD MOVES IN RECORDS MANAGEMENT" on the left, a photo of two people in the center, and the Tyler Technologies logo on the right.

[PRIA's 2022 Annual Conference "Celebrating the Past and Imagining the Future" to be held Virtually and In-Person at Fort Lauderdale Beach, Florida - August 30 - September 1, 2022](#)

PRIA will host the 2022 Annual Conference and celebrate PRIA's 20th Anniversary this month and we hope you will join your colleagues in person at the Westin Ft. Lauderdale Beach Resort.

Of course PRIA is offering a hybrid experience as well, so you can join the Annual Conference from the comfort of your office chair or your living room couch and experience the robust programming you've come to expect from PRIA delivered virtually. Check the [PRIA website](#) for registration information.

[Endpoint Launches Scalable Title Features for Proptech Integration](#)

excerpted from [Housing Wire](#) 8/2/22

First American Financial Corporation's digital closing platform firm, Endpoint, is now offering a suite of integrated title tools specifically designed for proptech companies, investors and and tech-forward real estate organizations looking for a scalable digital closing platform.

Endpoint said its new solutions include APIs that automatically open title orders, track transaction statuses, exchange documents, and provide title agents and their clients with

custom reporting features and notifications. Endpoint is currently licensed in 36 states and the firm said it plans to be licensed in 43 states by the end of the year. ([Read complete article.](#))

Vermont is Moving into the eRecording Realm

Vermont's State Archivist, Tanya Marshall, recently reached out to PRIA to see if we have any members who might be interested in helping them implement their newly legislated eRecording rules. The Vermont State Archives and Records Administration (VSARA) seeks an innovative, versatile, and service-oriented information professional to provide strategic direction and dynamic leadership in standardizing the recording, management, and accessibility of municipal land records and in supporting Vermont municipal clerks in implementing standards and best practices and transitioning to electronic recording.

The ideal candidate is an experienced recorder and effective change agent who is known for working collaboratively to understand the respective requirements and needs of government and business sectors and for modernizing the recording, management, and accessibility of land records. The ability to travel within the State and manage a flexible schedule are needed for this position. You can find out more about this position [here](#). And you can contact [Tanya Marshall](#) directly at any time.



Former Green Beret, Squawk Box Host to Headline ALTA ONE

The COVID-19 pandemic and recent historical real estate volume presented hurdles as well as growth opportunities for us, our teams and our businesses.

Retired Lt. Col. Scott Mann, former U.S. Army Green Beret, will draw from his heart-pounding Army career to bring Green Beret principles of leadership and rapport-building to show attendees his innovative approach to problem solving. In the Friday Omni Session sponsored by First American, Lt. Col. Mann will provide an outline on how you can form better human relationships, even in high-stakes, low-trust environments.

Meanwhile, during an Omni Session sponsored by the FNF Family of Cos., world-renowned economist and financial expert Marci Rossell, a former CNBC chief economist and co-host of "Squawk Box," will touch on America's current and future role in the global economy, factors responsible for recessions, how Washington influences Wall Street and the markets and the specific forecast for the U.S. economy.

This year, ALTA ONE can give you the courage to lose sight of the shore and swim for new horizons. Attending ALTA ONE in San Diego this October provides you the opportunity to surround yourself with more than 1,000 other title industry leaders to engage, energize and prepare to navigate the voyage ahead.

Register today to snag your Early Bird discount. Don't forget: Through Aug. 12, you can receive \$200 off your registration! No code is needed; the discount is applied automatically during registration. Register at www.alta.org/one.

Notary Cam's eClose Platform Allows Borrowers to Close Anytime *excerpted from Housing Wire 8/1/22*

The pandemic transformed traditional business practices and gave way to a digital

revolution that has impacted every industry. This demand for digital business solutions is here to stay and leaders in the mortgage industry are adapting to the changing needs of borrowers everywhere.

NotaryCam's eClose 360 platform allows borrowers to close anytime from pretty much anywhere. With RON, remote ink notarization (RIN), in-person electronic notarization (IPEN) as well as hybrid and mobile options, lenders have the resources they need to serve diverse borrower situations. ([Read complete article.](#))

ALTA NEWS - Secure Notarization Act Passes in the House of Representatives

excerpted from ALTA Advocacy Update, by Diane Tomb, ALTA CEO, 8/2//22

Recently back in Washington, D.C., some significant news for our industry occurred when the House of Representatives passed H.R. 3962, the SECURE Notarization Act, on July 27. The SECURE Notarization Act passed with a package of other bills by a vote of 336-90.

Several lawmakers were supportive of the SECURE Notarization Act's passage in the press. Both of the bill's champions, Reps. Madeleine Dean (D-PA) and Kelly Armstrong (R-ND) emphasized the importance of increasing access to remote online notarization (RON) and encouraged the Senate to take up the bill.

House Energy and Commerce Chairman Frank Pallone (D-NJ) and Consumer Protection and Commerce Chairwoman Jan Schakowsky (D-IL) applauded the bill's passage and said RON became particularly important during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Additionally, House Energy and Commerce Ranking Member Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R-WA) and Consumer Protection and Commerce Ranking Member Gus Bilirakis (R-FL) commended the passage of the bipartisan legislation and said the SECURE Notarization Act will advance online notarization practices.

We are excited the House of Representatives took this step toward establishing a more modernized notarization system that does not leave anyone behind. The leadership of Reps. Dean and Armstrong cannot be overstated: They have been tireless in their efforts to bring this common-sense legislation forward.

Now, the bill moves on to the Senate, where there will be a final push prior to midterm elections on Nov. 8 and the potential lame duck session afterwards. We will be working with our bill sponsors to leverage all opportunities during those windows to get the SECURE Notarization Act passed and enacted.

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