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## **GBQ PARTNERS LLC BECOMES A CIS SECURESUITE MEMBER**

*GBQ Partners LLC Renews Commitment to Implementing the Best Standard Practices for Its Internet Systems*

**Columbus, Ohio, February, 22, 2019** -- GBQ Partners LLC today announced that it has become a CIS SecureSuite<sup>(R)</sup> member. Through this membership, GBQ Partners LLC is further bolstering its cybersecurity defenses by leveraging CIS SecureSuite resources. The CIS Benchmarks<sup>TM</sup>, the consensus-based, internationally recognized security configuration resources, CIS-CAT Pro, and the CIS Controls<sup>TM</sup>, a set of cyber practices developed by global experts, all help to protect an organization against pervasive and dangerous cyber-attacks.

"We are pleased to add our new CIS SecureSuite membership to our already robust cyber defense toolbox," said Doug Davidson, CISA, Director of Information Technology Services. "CIS Benchmarks are recommended as industry-accepted system hardening standards and are used by organizations in meeting compliance requirements for FISMA, PCI, HIPAA, and other security requirements," he added.

"We welcome GBQ Partners LLC as a CIS SecureSuite member, and look forward to collaborating with them to help enhance their cybersecurity posture," said Curtis Dukes, CIS Executive Vice President Security Best Practices & Automation Group.

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CIS experts constantly refine industry-accepted best practice standards, known as CIS Benchmarks, for secure configuration of the most commonly used IT systems and technologies. CIS's SecureSuite membership provides members with tools for measuring information security status and resources for making informed security investment decisions. Members include organizations from virtually every industry sector and every size, ranging from independent consultants to Fortune 500 companies. And with recent upgrades to CIS's CIS-CAT Pro tool, each SecureSuite member now has a dynamic view into their system's conformance with the CIS Benchmarks and how it maps to the CIS Controls over time.

### **About CIS**

CIS® (Center for Internet Security, Inc.) is a forward-thinking, non-profit entity that harnesses the power of a global IT community to safeguard private and public organizations against cyber threats. Our CIS Controls™ and CIS Benchmarks™ are the global standard and recognized best practices for securing IT systems and data against the most pervasive attacks. These proven guidelines are continuously refined and verified by a volunteer, global community of experienced IT professionals. CIS is home to the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center® (MS-ISAC®), the go-to resource for cyber threat prevention, protection, response, and recovery for U.S. State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial government entities. To learn more, visit [CISecurity.org](http://CISecurity.org) or follow us on Twitter: [@CISecurity](https://twitter.com/CISecurity).

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