



COLORADO
Department of Transportation

MEMORANDUM

DATE: JANUARY 20, 2021

TO: COLORADO CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION (CCA)
WESTERN COLORADO CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION (WCCA)

FROM: STEPHEN HARELSON, PE; CDOT CHIEF ENGINEER
JEFF SUDMEIER, CDOT CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER (CFO)

SUBJECT: FRAUD AWARENESS NOTIFICATION

We would like to alert your organization and members about a recent phishing scheme brought to our attention from a diligent contracting vendor doing business with CDOT. We would like to provide you with information that will assist your member companies and their staff as they process transactions with CDOT.

CDOT recently became aware of someone contacting a contractor's business office staff, purporting to be a representative of CDOT's accounting organization (whose name provided in fact does NOT work for CDOT), making inquiries about personnel names, payment processing procedures, and on billing topics. The contractor staff became suspicious of the caller as the conversation went on, ended the call, and alerted our CFO and Chief Engineer immediately. We appreciate the awareness and diligence, and encourage all your members to be aware of these attempts and to contact us anytime there is uncertainty.

In our normal course of business, and with our recent additional process enhancements to vendor information protective measures put in place at CDOT, there are instances where our employees will legitimately reach out to your member companies in order to verify information such as changes to address, authorized points of contact, banking information, or other company information. If you have any reason to suspect an inquiry is not legitimate, please contact our Accounting management listed below to verify.

- CDOT Accounting Controller: Lori Copeland, lori.copeland@state.co.us, 303-757-9659.
- CDOT Deputy Controller: Gina Sanchez, gina.sanchez@state.co.us, 303-757-9660
- CDOT Accounts Payable & General Ledger Manager, DeAnn Espinoza, deann.espinoza@state.co.us, 303-757-9742

In addition to these employees, your members might also have an established relationship with our Regional Business Offices management team located across the State. They are also prepared to help answer and verify any inquiries you might need to verify.

