SCAM: Fradulent Purchase Order Email Activity

Notice to Suppliers

We want to alert you to an active email scam involving purchase orders and request for product quotations that purport to originate from The University of Akron, but are, in fact, fraudulent. While the university cannot prevent this illegal activity, we have alerted law enforcement.

We can share some common traits or themes of these fraudulent emails that may help reduce risk to your company in becoming a financial victim of this scam:

- The email message is poorly written, with misspellings and awkward sentence structure.
- The senders' email address or website link are not authentic to The University Akron.
- The message requests shipment of product to non-PSU addresses.
- The message may include an attachment that is designed to look like a purchase order, may include a logo or other graphic, and a signature that may look legitimate.

If you believe that you have received a fraudulent email that appears to be from The University of Akron, you may forward it, via email, to Purchasing purchasing@uakron.edu to verify its legitimacy before responding to the email or filling the order. You may also contact by phone (330) 972-7340, Monday through Friday, 8:00am-4:30pm.

If you have received confirmation that the email is fraudulent, you may also file a complaint directly with the IC3 (The Internet Crime Complaint Center). The IC3 is a partnership between the FBI and NW3C (National White Collar Crime Center).

The Department Purchasing and The University of Akron value our partnership with you and appreciate the very important role you play in providing goods and services to our faculty, students, and staff in support of their academic and research endeavors. Please know that we are assisting to the fullest extent we are able by reporting all fraudulent emails to the appropriate personnel.

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