

A Note About the "Heartbleed Security Bug"

Naperville – April 16, 2014 – As you may have heard, a new data security risk being referred to as the "Heartbleed Security Bug" is in the news. The Heartbleed Bug is a major security flaw in widely used software that usually protects your personal information. This security vulnerability can expose sensitive information when sent over certain versions of the Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) protocol. This could allow an attacker to see, in clear text, all traffic going to and from an impacted website.

PMA's Governmental Portfolio System ("GPS"), which is our secure online client portal, does not use OpenSSL software and is NOT AFFECTED by the Heartbleed vulnerability. PMA is committed to maintaining client security. Currently, you do not need to change your password for GPS, since it was never at risk from the Heartbleed Bug. As a general best practice, however, it is always a good idea to change your passwords on a regular basis and remember to keep your passwords protected at all times. For questions, contact either your relationship manager or dial (800) 783-4273 for further assistance.

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