

**GISB EDM Subcommittee**  
**Sandia Action Plan - Proposed Responses**  
**Sandia Item 7.1.1 – Protection of the TPA**  
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Sandia Concern: Since the Trading Partner Agreement (TPA) lays out which trading partner will perform what function and how Internet EDM will be accomplished (including such items as user names and passwords), the TPA should be protected from unauthorized exposure.

Sandia Recommendation: Each trading partner should protect the TPA as a proprietary company document.

Proposed GISB Response: The EDM Committee will ask the Contracts Committee to add the following note to the face of the TPA:

Recognizing that this Trading Partner Agreement (TPA) is a confidential document whose revelation could jeopardize the commerce and communication that is conducted between the parties to this agreement, the parties should take at least the same amount of care to secure this TPA as would be taken with any other proprietary, internal or contractual document.