Single Sign On (SSO) Update

A new version of Single Sign On will be released by the A&M System Office on Friday, May 2, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. During the upgrade, SSO will not be accessible and some users may be automatically logged off until the update has been completed, approximately 15 minutes. The major changes in the release include:

- Password length extended from 15 to 64 characters. As computer hacking techniques become more elaborate, complex passwords that are difficult to programatically decode can help protect against ‘brute-force’ attacks.

- A new section listing Recent Login Activity has been added to the Home tab. When an employee logs in to SSO, they will now see a list of their five most recent logon actions. Each of the actions are now color-coded as a visual cue; the employee may want to look at their full Security Log if any of the actions seem questionable. It is also possible to report a questionable activity from the Recent Login Activity list.

- Questionable logon activity can be reported from the Security Log. A ‘Report Problem’ button has been added to the Security Log which will allow an employee to report questionable logon activity. This feature will email the details about the questionable activity for further research. The “Questionable Log Activity” help page provides more information about the color-coded actions and reporting a problem.

Please be sure to review this login list periodically. More information about the new version can be found at http://bcs.system.tamus.edu/ESI/SsoHome/sso-news/version-4-4-0 online.