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real time. That's how we get immediate insight into threats. Agencies need to detect threats faster and start to predict when and how they will occur." The report, available through the top link below, examines the state of cyber security in federal, state and local government agencies, and identifies steps to help these organizations see better security outcomes.

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