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**Subject:** Invoice Alert

To: BAAF-L members

From: Accounts Payable

Recently a University of Georgia (UGA) department received an invoice from a company known as UST. The invoice included a description of "Telecom Maintenance Agreement" and requested payment of \$425. The invoice looked legitimate and it could easily be paid under the assumption that it was authentic. The UGA department had not procured a service from this vendor and therefore did not pay it.

The Accounts Payable staff researched this vendor and found that the Better Business Bureau has recorded 283 complaints against them. An online search also revealed many scam alerts. At least one other member institution of the University System of Georgia has reported receiving an invalid invoice from this company. Please notify individuals responsible for business transactions within your department/school/college/unit to be aware of this vendor and possible false invoices.

If you have any questions please contact Jennifer Collins at [jfinch@uga.edu](mailto:jfinch@uga.edu).

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