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**Subject:** Fraudulent E-Mails Claim to Be From ViewPoint Bank Financial Solutions in Association with the FDIC.

**Summary:** *E-mails that fraudulently claim to be from ViewPoint Bank Financial Solutions and the FDIC request that recipients provide highly sensitive personal information, including bank account information.*

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) has become aware of e-mails that appear to be sent from ViewPoint Bank Financial Solutions and the FDIC. The e-mail requests the recipient to register for a "SON - Secure Online Network" code to protect against credit card fraud. The e-mail instructs the recipient to click on a hyperlink to initiate "SON" registration in an attempt to acquire the recipient's personal financial information. These e-mails are fraudulent and were not sent by either ViewPoint Bank or the FDIC. Consumers should NOT access the link provided within the body of these e-mails and should NOT, under any circumstances, provide any personal financial information through this media. The FDIC does not directly contact consumers, nor does the FDIC request personal financial information from consumers.

The fraudulent e-mails describe fictitious relationships between the FDIC and VISA, MasterCard, Yahoo, eBay, Amazon.com, and Half.com. The e-mails claim that consumers will receive a 15 percent discount at various Web sites upon completion of the form. These fraudulent e-mails may be modified over time, reflecting different financial institution names or business relationships.

The FDIC is attempting to identify the source of the fraudulent e-mails and disrupt the transmission. Until this is achieved, consumers should notify the FDIC at [alert@fdic.gov](mailto:alert@fdic.gov) of any similar attempts to obtain personal financial information.

Information about counterfeit items, cyber-fraud incidents and other fraudulent activity may be forwarded to the FDIC's Cyber-Fraud and Financial Crimes Section, 550 17th Street, N.W., Room F-4004, Washington, D.C. 20429, or transmitted electronically to [alert@fdic.gov](mailto:alert@fdic.gov). Information related to federal deposit insurance or consumer issues should be submitted to the FDIC using an online form that can be accessed at <http://www2.fdic.gov/starsmail/index.asp>.