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PRIVACY THRESHOLD ANALYSIS (PTA)

CONTACT LISTS

**This form is used to determine whether
a Privacy Impact Assessment is required.**

Please use the attached form to determine whether a Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA) is required under the E-Government Act of 2002 and the Homeland Security Act of 2002.

Please complete this form and send it to the DHS Privacy Office:

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Upon receipt, the DHS Privacy Office will review this form. If a PIA is required, the DHS Privacy Office will send you a copy of the Official Privacy Impact Assessment Guide and accompanying Template to complete and return.

A copy of the Guide and Template is available on the DHS Privacy Office website, www.dhs.gov/privacy, on DHSOnline and directly from the DHS Privacy Office via email: pia@dhs.gov, phone: 703-235-0780, and fax: 703-235-0442.



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and may request additional information.

SUMMARY INFORMATION

DATE submitted for review: October 30, 2007

NAME of Project: DHS S&T BAA_SBIR

Name of Component: Science and Technology

Name of Project Manager: Elissa Sobolewski

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TYPE of Project:

Information Technology and/or System*

A Notice of Proposed Rule Making or a Final Rule.

Other: <Please describe the type of project including paper based Privacy Act system of records.>

* The E-Government Act of 2002 defines these terms by reference to the definition sections of Titles 40 and 44 of the United States Code. The following is a summary of those definitions:

- “Information Technology” means any equipment or interconnected system or subsystem of equipment, used in the automatic acquisition, storage, manipulation, management, movement, control, display, switching, interchange, transmission, or reception of data or information. See 40 U.S.C. § 11101(6).

- “Information System” means a discrete set of information resources organized for the collection, processing, maintenance, use, sharing, dissemination, or disposition of information. See: 44. U.S.C. § 3502(8).

Note, for purposes of this form, there is no distinction made between national security systems or technologies/systems managed by contractors. All technologies/systems should be initially reviewed for potential privacy impact.



SPECIFIC QUESTIONS

1. Describe the project and its purpose:

The DHS S&T BAA_SBIR is a web-based system that is used to announce DHS Science and Technology (S&T) Broad Agency Announcement (BAA) and Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) solicitations, allow companies to download solicitation documentation, and allow companies to submit proposals on-line in response to those solicitations. For SBIR solicitations, the system also is used for on-line review and evaluation of proposals. System users include Companies, who submit proposals; Reviewers, who review submitted whitepapers and proposals and evaluate them for possible award, and System Administrators, who administer the system on behalf of S&T program managers.

2. Status of Project:

This is a new development effort.

This an existing project.

Date first developed: September 30, 2005

Date last updated:

<Please provide a general description of the update.>

3. Could the project relate in any way to an individual?*

No.

Yes. Please provide a general description, below.

The system requires that users of the system, Companies, Reviewers, and System Administrators, be registered. Registration involves the collection of limited identifying and contact information for individuals in each of these three categories.

4. What information about individuals could be collected, generated or retained?

As part of the registration and proposal submission process, each Company is required to provide (1) the name, address, and email address of the company's

* Projects can relate to individuals in a number of ways. For example, a project may include a camera for the purpose of watching a physical location. Individuals may walk past the camera and images of those individuals may be recorded. Projects could also relate to individuals in more subtle ways. For example, a project that is focused on detecting radioactivity levels may be sensitive enough to detect whether an individual received chemotherapy.



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president; the name, address, telephone number, FAX number, and email address of an official point of contact within the company; and the name, address, telephone number, FAX number, and email address of the principal investigator who will lead the research effort if the company is awarded a contract. The system maintains a record of the name, address, telephone number, email address, organization, and title of all authorized Reviewers. The system also maintains a record of the email address of all authorized System Administrators.

5. **Is the contact information limited to non-sensitive personally identifiable information? An example of sensitive personally identifiable information is the social security number or date of birth.**

The Contact information is non-sensitive in nature. No Social Security Numbers or Date of Birth are collected.



6. **Has an Authority to Operate from the Chief Information Security Officer been granted to the program or project that the document or database which stores the contact information?**

Yes.

No.

7. **Are program or project user access controls in place governing who may view or access the contact information?**

Yes.

No. The contact information must not be universally accessible.

8. **Is the contact information only being used for the purpose for which it originally was collected, i.e., to contact individuals?**

Yes.

No. Any additional sharing or use will require a separate PIA.

9. **Is there a Certification & Accreditation record within OCIO's FISMA tracking system?**

Unknown.

No.

Yes. Please indicate the determinations for each of the following:

Confidentiality: Low Moderate High Undefined

Integrity: Low Moderate High Undefined

Availability: Low Moderate High Undefined



PRIVACY THRESHOLD REVIEW

(To be Completed by the DHS Privacy Office)

DATE reviewed by the DHS Privacy Office: November 1, 2007

NAME of the DHS Privacy Office Reviewer: Rebecca J. Richards

DESIGNATION:

This is NOT a Privacy Sensitive System – the system contains no Personally Identifiable Information.

This IS a Privacy Sensitive System

- PTA sufficient at this time
- A PIA is required
- National Security System
- Legacy System
- HR System

DHS PRIVACY OFFICE COMMENTS

PIA required. System covered under the DHS Contact List PIA, and DHS/ALL-002 SORN.