

Privacy Act Statement for SBA Form 700 – to be read to disaster victim before information is obtained through interview:

Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. § 552a)

You can request to see or get copies of any personal information that we have in your file, when that file is retrieved by individual identifiers, such as name or social security numbers. Requests for information about another party may be denied unless we have the written permission of the individual to release the information to the requestor or unless the information is subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act.

Under the provisions of the Privacy Act, you are not required to provide your social security number. However, we use social security numbers so distinguish between people with similar or the same name. Failure to provide this number may not affect any right, benefit or privilege to which you are entitled by law, but having the number makes it easier for us to more accurately identify to whom adverse credit information applies and to keep accurate loan records.

The Privacy Act authorizes SBA to make certain “routine uses” of information protected by that Act. One such routine use for SBA’s loan system of records is that when this information indicates a violation or potential violation of law, whether civil, criminal, or administrative in nature, SBA may refer it to the appropriate agency, whether Federal, State, local or foreign, charged with responsibility for or otherwise involved in investigation, prosecution, enforcement or prevention of such violations. Another routine use of personal information is to assist in obtaining credit bureau reports, on the Disaster Loan Applicants and guarantors for purposes of originating, servicing, and liquidating Disaster loans. See, 69 F.R. 58598, 58617 (and as amended from time to time) for additional background and other routine uses.

Note: Any person concerned with the collection, use and disclosure of information under the Privacy Act may contact the Chief, FOI/PA Office, 409 3rd Street, SW, Suite 5900, Washington, DC 20416 or by e-mail at foia@sba.gov for information about the Agency’s procedures relating to the Privacy Act and the Freedom of Information Act.