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**Privacy Threshold Analysis**

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**PRIVACY THRESHOLD ANALYSIS (PTA)**

**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 your component Privacy Office. If you do not have a component Privacy Office, please send the PTA to the DHS Privacy Office:

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Washington, DC 20528  
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Upon receipt from the component Privacy Office, 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](http://www.dhs.gov/privacy), on DHSConnect and directly from the DHS Privacy Office via email: [pia@dhs.gov](mailto:pia@dhs.gov), phone: 703-235-0780.



## PRIVACY THRESHOLD ANALYSIS (PTA)

### SUMMARY INFORMATION

**Date Submitted for Review:** 10/06/2010

**Name of Project:** Technical Assistance Request and Evaluation (TARE)

**System Name in TAFISMA:** N/A

**Name of Component:** National Protection and Programs Directorate

**Name of Project Manager:** Billy Bob Brown, Richard Reed

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**Phone Number for Project Manager:** 202-343-1629, 202-343-1666

**Type of Project:**

- Information Technology and/or System.\*
- A Notice of Proposed Rule Making or a Final Rule.
- Form or other Information Collection.
- Other: <Please describe the type of project including paper based Privacy Act system of records.>

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\* 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 Office of Emergency Communications (OEC), formed under Title XVIII of the Homeland Security Act of 2002, 6 U.S.C. § 101 et seq., as amended, provides emergency communications-related technical assistance at no charge to State, regional, local, and tribal government officials. To receive this technical assistance, stakeholders must submit a request form identifying their priorities. In order for OEC to assess the value of the services it provides through technical assistance, an evaluation form is also requested of those receiving technical assistance.

**2. Status of Project:**

This is a new development effort.

This is an existing project.

Date first developed: 9/2005

Date last updated:

While the project already exists, the associated forms are a new addition to the project.

**3. From whom do you collect, process, or retain information on: (Please check all that apply)**

DHS Employees.

Contractors working on behalf of DHS.

The Public.

The System does not contain any such information.

**4. Do you use or collect Social Security Numbers (SSNs)? (This includes truncated SSNs)**

No.

Yes. Why does the program collect SSNs? Provide the function of the SSN and the legal authority to do so:

<Please provide the function of the SSN and the legal authority to do so.>



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

The following personal information about individuals will be collected: name, title, agency, fax number, and email address.

The Technical Assistance Evaluation Form will collect information about the effectiveness and adequacy of technical assistance services provided to State and local officials for interoperable and operable communications. The Technical Assistance Request Form will collate requests for technical assistance and will be filled out by statewide interoperability coordinators or their designees.

**6. If this project is a technology/system, does it relate solely to infrastructure? [For example, is the system a Local Area Network (LAN) or Wide Area Network (WAN)]?**

No. Please continue to the next question.

Yes. Is there a log kept of communication traffic?

No. Please continue to the next question.

Yes. What type of data is recorded in the log? (Please choose all that apply.)

Header.

Payload Please describe the data that is logged.

<Please list the data elements in the log.>

**7. Does the system connect, receive, or share Personally Identifiable Information with any other DHS systems<sup>1</sup>?**

No.

Yes.

Please list:

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

Unknown.

No.

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<sup>1</sup> PII may be shared, received, or connected to other DHS systems directly, automatically, or by manual processes. Often, these systems are listed as "interconnected systems" in TAFISMA.



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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: October 20, 2010

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

#### Category of System

- IT System.
- National Security System.
- Legacy System.
- HR System.
- Rule.
- Other:

#### Determination

- PTA sufficient at this time.
- Privacy compliance documentation determination in progress.
- PIA is not required at this time.
- PIA is required.
  - System covered by existing PIA: DHS-Wide General Contacts List
  - New PIA is required.
  - PIA update is required.
- SORN not required at this time.
- SORN is required.
  - System covered by existing SORN: [DHS/ALL-002 - Department of Homeland Security \(DHS\) Mailing and Blue Lists System](#)



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New SORN is required.

**DHS PRIVACY OFFICE COMMENTS**