



**DATE:** February 4, 2011

**TO:** John Speakman, Chief Program Officer  
Center for Biomedical Informatics and Information Technology, OD  
National Cancer Institute

**FROM:** NIH Privacy Act Officer

**SUBJECT:** Applicability of the Privacy Act: "cancer Biomedical Informatics Grid® (caBIG®)  
Support Service Provider (SSP) Program (NCI)"

I have reviewed the NCI submission to OMB to ensure the goals and objectives of the caBIG® program will be maintained and furthered by the support service provider organizations.

I have determined that the Privacy Act will not apply to this data collection. NCI CBIT collects information from SSP applicants based on eligibility criteria (i.e., technical capabilities, staffing and scalability, geographic coverage (when applicable) and domain expertise in biomedicine). The data collection enables NCI to determine whether the applicants are qualified to enter into license negotiations with NCI to use the caBIG® trademark in connection with their services, become designated as a caBIG® SSP and demonstrate they are in compliance with quality control obligations under the existing license. All applications (which include staffing summaries and resumes) are submitted by email and stored on the secure NCI Confluence wiki. Information provided by applicants is considered commercial confidential information. However, there will be no analysis or publication of the information.

If you have any questions, please contact my office at (301) 402-6201.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karen M. Plá".

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cc: Vivian Horovitch-Kelley, PRA/OMB Project Clearance Liaison