

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF  
HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

**PRIVACY THRESHOLD ANALYSIS (PTA)**

**Application for Rural Capacity Building for  
Community Development and Affordable  
Housing NOFA**

**Office of Community Planning and  
Development (CPD), Office of Policy  
Development and Coordination (OPDC)**

Instruction & Template

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## PRIVACY THRESHOLD ANALYSIS (PTA)

The PTA is a compliance form developed by the Privacy Branch to identify the use of Personally Identifiable Information (PII) across the Department. The PTA is the first step in the PII verification process, which focuses on these areas of inquiry:

- Purpose for the information,
- Type of information,
- Sensitivity of the information,
- Use of the information,
- And the risk to the information.

Please use the attached form to determine whether a Privacy and Civil Liberties Impact Assessment (PCLIA) is required under the E-Government Act of 2002 or a System of Record Notice (SORN) is required under the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended.

Please complete this form and send it to your program Privacy Liaison Officer (PLO). If you have no program Privacy Liaison Officer, please send the PTA to the HUD Privacy Branch:

John Bravacos, Senior Agency Official for Privacy  
Privacy Branch  
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

[privacy@hud.gov](mailto:privacy@hud.gov)

Upon receipt from your program PLO, the HUD Privacy Branch will review this form. If a PCLIA or SORN is required, the HUD Privacy Branch will send you a copy of the PCLIA and SORN templates to complete and return.

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**SUMMARY INFORMATION**

<b>Project or Program Name:</b>	<b>Rural Capacity Building for Community Planning and Development Program (RCB)</b>		
<b>Program:</b>	<input type="text"/>		
<b>CSAM Name (if applicable):</b>	<b>Not Applicable</b>	<b>CSAM Number (if applicable):</b>	<b>Not Applicable</b>
<b>Type of Project or Program:</b>	<input type="text"/>	<b>Project or status:</b>	<input type="text"/>
<b>Date first developed:</b>	<b>October 17, 2012</b>	<b>Pilot launch date:</b>	
<b>Date of last PTA update:</b>	<b>September 16, 2015</b>	<b>Pilot end date:</b>	Click here to enter a date.
<b>ATO Status (if applicable)</b>	<input type="text"/>	<b>ATO expiration date (if applicable):</b>	Click here to enter a date.

**PROJECT OR PROGRAM MANAGER**

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**INFORMATION SYSTEM SECURITY OFFICER (ISSO) (IF APPLICABLE)**

<b>Name:</b>	Click here to enter text.		
<b>Phone:</b>	Click here to enter text.	<b>Email:</b>	Click here to enter text.

## SPECIFIC PTA QUESTIONS

<b>1. Reason for submitting the PTA:</b>		
<p>The Rural Capacity Building for Community Development and Affordable Housing (RCB) program and the funding made available have been authorized by the Annual Appropriations Acts each year since FY 2012. The RCB program enhances the capacity and ability of rural housing development organizations, Community Development Corporations (CDCs), Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs), local governments, and Indian tribes (eligible beneficiaries) to carry out affordable housing and community development activities in rural areas for the benefit of low- and moderate-income families and persons. The RCB program achieves this by funding National Organizations with expertise in rural housing and rural community development who work directly to build the capacity of eligible beneficiaries. Applicants to the RCB program are required to submit certain information as part of their application for assistance, and as part of the requirements as a grantee.</p>		

<p><b>2. Does this system employ the following technologies?</b></p> <p><i>If you are using these technologies and want coverage under the respective PIA for that technology, please stop here and contact the HUD Privacy Branch for further guidance.</i></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Social Media</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Web portal<sup>2</sup> (e.g., SharePoint)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Contact Lists</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public website (e.g. A website operated by HUD, contractor, or other organization on behalf of the HUD)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> None of these</p>
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<p><b>3. From whom does the Project or Program collect, maintain, use, or disseminate information?</b></p> <p><i>Please check all that apply.</i></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> This program collects no personally identifiable information<sup>3</sup></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Members of the public</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> HUD employees/contractors (list programs):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Contractors working on behalf of HUD</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Employees of other federal agencies</p>
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<sup>2</sup> Informational and collaboration-based portals in operation at HUD and its programs that collect, use, maintain, and share limited personally identifiable information (PII) about individuals who are “members” of the portal or “potential members” who seek to gain access to the portal.

<sup>3</sup> HUD defines personal information as “Personally Identifiable Information” or PII, which is any information that permits the identity of an individual to be directly or indirectly inferred, including any information that is linked or linkable to that individual, regardless of whether the individual is a U.S. citizen, lawful permanent resident, visitor to the U.S., or employee or contractor to the Department. “Sensitive PII” is PII, which if lost, compromised, or disclosed without authorization, could result in substantial harm, embarrassment, inconvenience, or unfairness to an individual. For the purposes of this PTA, SPII and PII are treated the same.

	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (e.g. business entity)
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**4. What specific information about individuals is collected, generated or retained?**

Rating Factor 1 of the application requires the applicant to describe their organizational capacity, including a description of their staff. They are asked to:

“Provide an RCB-specific organizational chart and list brief summaries of the roles of key staff that will manage the Rural Capacity Building program grant award and funds; Demonstrate that the applicant has knowledgeable and experienced staff with organizational and management skills adequate for managing federal grants and thus able to successfully manage the RCB program grant upon receipt of the grant award.” The applicant is advised to not include PII in their description: “Other than names and position titles, please do not use any Personally Identifiable Information (PII) and do not include résumés. (See 2 CFR 200.79 and 200.82 for more on PII.)”

<b>4(a) Does the project, program, or system retrieve information from the system about a U.S. Citizen or lawfully admitted permanent resident aliens by a personal identifier?</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No. Please continue to next question. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes. If yes, please list all personal identifiers used:
<b>4(b) Does the project, program, or system have an existing System of Records Notice (SORN) that has already been published in the Federal Register that covers the information collected?</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No. Please continue to next question. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes. If yes, provide the system name and number, and the Federal Register citation(s) for the most recent complete notice and any subsequent notices reflecting amendment to the system
<b>4(c) Has the project, program, or system undergone any significant changes since the SORN?</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No. Please continue to next question. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes. If yes, please describe.
<b>4(d) Does the project, program, or system use Social Security Numbers (SSN)?</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes.
<b>4(e) If yes, please provide the specific legal authority and purpose for the collection of SSNs:</b>	Click here to enter text.
<b>4(f) If yes, please describe the uses of the SSNs within the project, program, or system:</b>	Click here to enter text.
<b>4(g) If this project, program, or system is an information technology/system, does it relate solely to infrastructure?</b>  <i>For example, is the system a Local Area Network (LAN) or Wide Area Network (WAN)?</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No. Please continue to next question. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes. If a log kept of communication traffic, please answer this question.

<b>4(h) If header or payload data<sup>4</sup> is stored in the communication traffic log, please detail the data elements stored.</b>
Click here to enter text.

<b>5. Does this project, program, or system connect, receive, or share PII with any other HUD programs or systems?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> No. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes. If yes, please list: HUD's Disaster Recovery Grant Reporting System (DRGR), for the purpose of communication to organization contacts.
<b>6. Does this project, program, or system connect, receive, or share PII with any external (non-HUD) partners or systems?</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes. If yes, please list: Click here to enter text.
<b>6(a) Is this external sharing pursuant to new or existing information sharing access agreement (MOU, MOA, etc.)?</b>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div> Please describe applicable information sharing governance in place:
<b>7. Does the project, program, or system provide role-based training for personnel who have access in addition to annual privacy training required of all HUD personnel?</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes. If yes, please list:
<b>8. Per NIST SP 800-53 Rev. 4, Appendix J, does the project, program, or system maintain an accounting of disclosures of PII to individuals/agencies who have requested access to their PII?</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No. What steps will be taken to develop and maintain the accounting: The RCB program only collects contact information for grant awards. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes. In what format is the accounting maintained:
<b>9. Is there a FIPS 199 determination?<sup>5</sup></b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unknown.

<sup>4</sup> Header: Information that is placed before the actual data. The header normally contains a small number of bytes of control information, which is used to communicate important facts about the data that the message contains and how it is to be interpreted and used. It serves as the communication and control link between protocol elements on different devices.

Payload data: The actual data to be transmitted, often called the payload of the message (metaphorically borrowing a term from the space industry!) Most messages contain some data of one form or another, but some actually contain none: they are used only for control and communication purposes. For example, these may be used to set up or terminate a logical connection before data is sent.

<sup>5</sup> FIPS 199 is the [Federal Information Processing Standard](#) Publication 199, Standards for Security Categorization of Federal Information and Information Systems and is used to establish security categories of information systems.

	<input type="checkbox"/> No. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes. Please indicate the determinations for each of the following:  Confidentiality: <input type="checkbox"/> Low <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> High  Integrity: <input type="checkbox"/> Low <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> High  Availability: <input type="checkbox"/> Low <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> High
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**PRIVACY THRESHOLD ANALYSIS REVIEW**

**(TO BE COMPLETED BY PROGRAM PLO)**

<b>Program Privacy Liaison Reviewer:</b>	Click here to enter text.
<b>Date submitted to Program Privacy Office:</b>	Click here to enter a date.
<b>Date submitted to HUD Privacy Branch:</b>	Click here to enter a date.
<b>Program Privacy Liaison Officer Recommendation:</b>	
<i>Please include recommendation below, including what new privacy compliance documentation is needed.</i>	
Click here to enter text.	

**(TO BE COMPLETED BY THE HUD PRIVACY BRANCH)**

<b>HUD Privacy Branch Reviewer:</b>	Click here to enter text.
<b>Date approved by HUD Privacy Branch:</b>	Click here to enter a date.
<b>PTA Expiration Date:</b>	Click here to enter a date.

**DESIGNATION**

<b>Privacy Sensitive System:</b>	<input type="text"/> If "no" PTA adjudication is complete.
<b>Category of System:</b>	<input type="text"/> If "other" is selected, please describe: Click here to enter text.
<b>Determination:</b>	X <input type="checkbox"/> PTA sufficient at this time.

- Privacy compliance documentation determination in progress.
- New information sharing arrangement is required.
- HUD Policy for Computer-Readable Extracts Containing Sensitive PII applies.
- Privacy Act Statement required.
- Privacy and Civil Liberties Impact Assessment (PCLIA) required.
- System of Records Notice (SORN) required.
- Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) Clearance may be required. Contact your program PRA Officer.
- A Records Schedule may be required. Contact your program Records Officer.

<b>PIA:</b>	<input type="text"/> If covered by existing PCLIA, please list: <a href="#">Click here to enter text.</a>
<b>SORN:</b>	<input type="text"/> If covered by existing SORN, please list: <a href="#">Click here to enter text.</a>
<b>HUD Privacy Branch Comments: This PTA will suffice at this time, however; if there are any changes, an update will be required.</b> <i>Please describe rationale for privacy compliance determination above.</i>	
<a href="#">Click here to enter text.</a>	



**DOCUMENT ENDORSMENT**

DATE REVIEWED:
PRIVACY REVIEWING OFFICIALS NAME:

By signing below, you attest that the content captured in this document is accurate and complete and meet the requirements of applicable federal regulations and HUD internal policies.

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**SYSTEM OWNER**

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**Date**

<< INSERT NAME/TITLE >>  
<< INSERT PROGRAM OFFICE >>

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**John Bravacos**  
**Senior Agency Official for Privacy**  
**Privacy Branch**

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**Date**

**OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION**