1. **General Information**

1.1. CIPSEA Protection Plan for NORC AmeriSpeak

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1.4. General Description/Purpose: What is the function/purpose of the NORC AmeriSpeak Service? **[Provide a short, high-level description of the function/purpose of the service.]**

NORC'S AmeriSpeak Panel provides a scientific sample of pre-recruited U.S. households that have agreed to participate in public opinion and other surveys. Since its founding by NORC at the University of Chicago in 2015, AmeriSpeak has conducted more than 250 surveys; been cited by dozens of media outlets; and has become the primary survey partner of the nation's preeminent news service, *The Associated Press*. AmeriSpeak randomly identifies Americans, including the country's hardest-to-reach populations, and recruits them to provide their opinions and insights on a wide range of topics critical to our clients. The outcome is a truly representative picture of America and, thus, more accurate research results.

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2. NORC ENVIRONMENT

[Provide a narrative consistent with the graphic that clearly lists and describes each component.]

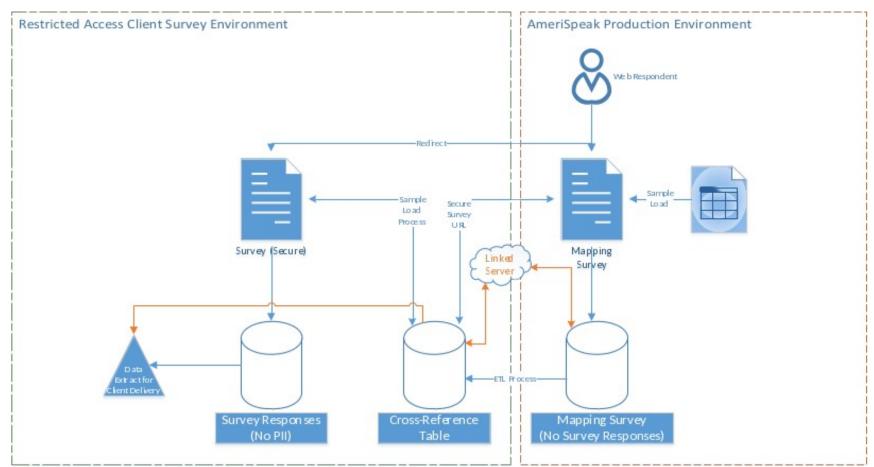
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Secure Survey - Solution Design



Notations:

- + Separate secure environment will house client survey and associated survey response data.
- + Cross-reference table houses mapping details between environments and is only accessible by secure service account and approved DBA resource.

3. PROTECTIONS

Provide a thorough description of how all of the protections are being implemented or planned to be implemented. The description for each protection contains: 1) the protection number and description; 2) how the protection is being implemented or planned to be implemented; and 3) any scoping guidance that has been applied (e.g., compensating mitigations(s) in place due to implementation constraints in lieu of the stated requirement). If the protection is not applicable to the NORC AmeriSpeak service, provide rationale.

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3.1. Logical/Physical Access Control

3.1.1.		document), processes acting on	l processed to authorized users (as behalf of authorized users, and
	_	Planned to be Implemented ned implementation details. If	☐ Not Applicable "Not Applicable," provide
•	prior to access being granted Microsoft Active Directory ar users access and processes ac Microsoft Active Directory b	per project basis. Users must be a to the user. The used to restrict access to all infecting on behalf of the authorized perfore allowing accessing to any in NORC domain to access the system.	ormation systems. Authorized users are validated against information system data.
3.1.2.	Limit system access to the ty in Section 1.5 of this docume	-	that authorized users (as defined
	_	Planned to be Implemented ned implementation details. If	☐ Not Applicable "Not Applicable," provide
•	Access is limited by job funct appropriate access to perform	tion. Interviewer, supervisors and their job functions.	l administrators are given
3.1.3.	Control the flow of CIPSEA	Information in accordance with a	approved authorizations.
	-	Planned to be Implemented ned implementation details. If	☐ Not Applicable "Not Applicable," provide
•	All data is kept within the Am	nerispeak system boundary.	
3.1.4.	Separate the duties of individ	duals to reduce the risk of malevo	lent activity without collusion.
	nplemented cent implementation or plant	Planned to be Implemented ned implementation details. If '	

3.1.9. Provide system use warning banners.

rationale.

 Individuals are assigned one permission for one job function. Developers are not given administrator privileges.
3.1.5. Employ the principle of least privilege, including for specific security functions and privileged accounts.
☐ Implemented ☐ Planned to be Implemented ☐ Not Applicable Current implementation or planned implementation details. If "Not Applicable," provide rationale.
 All users with escalated privileges go through a separate approval process. They are given a separate account to perform their security and privileged function from.
3.1.6. Use non-privileged accounts or roles when accessing nonsecurity functions.
☐ Implemented ☐ Planned to be Implemented ☐ Not Applicable Current implementation or planned implementation details. If "Not Applicable," provide rationale.
 All users with escalated privileges go through a separate approval process. They are given a separate account to perform their security and privileged function from.
3.1.7. Prevent non-privileged users from executing privileged functions and audit the execution of such functions.
☐ Implemented ☐ Planned to be Implemented ☐ Not Applicable Current implementation or planned implementation details. If "Not Applicable," provide rationale.
• Administrative function are limited to the IT departments. Non-privileged users are not granted administrative privileges.
3.1.8. Limit unsuccessful logon attempts.
☐ Implemented ☐ Planned to be Implemented ☐ Not Applicable Current implementation or planned implementation details. If "Not Applicable," provide rationale.
 Unsuccessful logons are limited by Active Directory policy. Accounts are locked after 3 unsuccessful logons.

	Planned to be Implemented Not Applicable planned implementation details. If "Not Applicable," provide
	ers are implemented on all servers and applications. er page. This is a shared banner screen for all our systems. It cannot be
THIS IS A PRIVATE COMP	UTER SYSTEM!
the use of our computers and may	NORC use only. Unauthorized use is prohibited. NORC routinely monitors record the results of our monitoring for legal or disciplinary action. By these terms. If you are not authorized to use this system, exit immediately.
which includes (1) this computer, ((4) all devices and storage media at of these systems or unauthorized a is a violation of Federal Law and su	mation Systems and Data for the U.S. Government and other agencies, 2) this computer network, (3) all computers connected to this network, and tached to this network or to a computer on this network. Unauthorized use ccess to data to which you have not been granted explicit authority to utilize bject to criminal and civil penalties including fines and imprisonment ystems indicates consent to monitoring and recording.
3.1.10. Use session lock with of inactivity.	pattern-hiding displays to prevent access and viewing of data after period
	Planned to be Implemented Not Applicable planned implementation details. If "Not Applicable," provide
<u>-</u>	emented by Active Directory policy at 15 minutes. coassword to unlock the session. The password is display as dots on the
3.1.11. Terminate (automatica	ally) a user session after a defined condition.
rationale.	Planned to be Implemented Not Applicable planned implementation details. If "Not Applicable," provide inate at log off and after a defined inactivity.
3.1.12. Monitor and control re	emote access sessions.
rationale.All remote access sess	Planned to be Implemented Not Applicable planned implementation details. If "Not Applicable," provide ions are logged by the Juniper VPN concentrator. ollected by SIEM tool for reporting and alerting.

3.1.13. Remote access to CIPSEA protected information (e.g. sampling frame) is not permitted as p the DAA. For all other remote access, NORC employs cryptographic mechanisms to protect the confidentiality of remote access sessions.	
• Juniper VPN concentrator encryption standards meets the FIPS 140-2 standard.	
3.1.14. Route remote access via managed access control points.	
 • All remote access is routed through a pair of Juniper VPN concentrators. There is no other remote access allowed into the network. 	
3.1.15. Authorize remote execution of privileged commands and remote access to security-relevant information.	
 Users must authenticate into the remote access system with their regular user account. Their privilege account does not have access to login into the VPN remote access system. After the log into the VPN with their regular account with their two factor authentication, they use a separate privilege account to execute privilege commands. 	
3.1.16. Authorize wireless access prior to allowing such connections. FIPS 140-2 standards are employed to the extent practicable.	
☐ Planned to be Implemented ☐ Not Applicable Current implementation or planned implementation details. If "Not Applicable," provide rationale.	
 The wireless device must be joined to NORC domain and user must have an Active Directo account before the user is allowed to connect to the wireless. The wireless network uses the encryption settings according to the FIPS 140-2 standard. 	ry
3.1.17. Protect wireless access using authentication and encryption. FIPS 140-2 standards are employed to the extent practicable.	
☐ Implemented ☐ Planned to be Implemented ☐ Not Applicable Current implementation or planned implementation details. If "Not Applicable," provide rationale.	
 All users must authenticate to access the NORC network over the wireless network. 	

• The wireless device must be joined to NORC domain and user must have an Active Directory account before the user is allowed to connect to the wireless.

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• The wireless network uses the encryption settings according to the FIPS 140-2 standard.

3.1.18. Control connection of mobile devices.
☐ Implemented ☐ Planned to be Implemented ☐ Not Applicable Current implementation or planned implementation details. If "Not Applicable," provide rationale.
• The Amerispeak and CIPSEA protected information cannot be accessed by a mobile device.
3.1.19. Encrypt all information on mobile devices/portable storage/media and mobile computing platforms in accordance with FIPS 140-2 to extent practicable.
☐ Implemented ☐ Planned to be Implemented ☐ Not Applicable Current implementation or planned implementation details. If "Not Applicable," provide rationale.
• The Amerispeak and CIPSEA protected information cannot be accessed by a mobile device.
3.1.20. All information will be processed on NORC enterprise IT assets.
 ✓ Implemented ✓ Planned to be Implemented ✓ Not Applicable Current implementation or planned implementation details. If "Not Applicable," provide rationale. • All systems are run on NORC hardware administrated by NORC personnel.
3.1.21. Minimize the use of portable storage devices.
 ✓ Implemented ☐ Planned to be Implemented ☐ Not Applicable Current implementation or planned implementation details. If "Not Applicable," provide rationale. NORC disables USB drives on all data collection systems. For systems that require their USB drive enabled, they have their portable storage devices automatically encrypted by the full disk encryption WinMagic software installed on the device. The device can only be read by machine with the same WinMagic software.
3.1.22. CIPSEA Information is not posted or processed on publicly accessible systems.
☐ Implemented ☐ Planned to be Implemented ☐ Not Applicable Current implementation or planned implementation details. If "Not Applicable," provide rationale.

• All CIPSEA information is processed on NORC private network which is not accessible from the Internet. The CIPSEA is not posted on any publicly accessible systems.

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3.2. Awareness and Training

3.2.1. Ensure that managers, systems administrators, and users of organizational systems are made aware of the security risks associated with their activities and of the applicable policies, standards, and procedures related to the security of those systems.
☐ Planned to be Implemented ☐ Not Applicable Current implementation or planned implementation details. If "Not Applicable," provide rationale.
 All NORC employees and contractors must complete annual Security Awareness training.
3.2.2. Ensure that organizational personnel are adequately trained to carry out their assigned information security-related duties and responsibilities.
☐ Implemented ☐ Planned to be Implemented ☐ Not Applicable Current implementation or planned implementation details. If "Not Applicable," provide rationale.
 All NORC employees and contractors must complete annual Security Awareness training.
3.2.3. Provide security awareness training on recognizing and reporting potential indicators of inside threat.
☐ Planned to be Implemented ☐ Not Applicable Current implementation or planned implementation details. If "Not Applicable," provide rationale.
3.3. Audit and Accountability
3.3.1. Create and retain system audit logs and records to the extent needed to enable the monitoring, analysis, investigation, and reporting of unlawful or unauthorized system activity.
☐ Planned to be Implemented ☐ Not Applicable Current implementation or planned implementation details. If "Not Applicable," provide rationale.

• System logs are maintained online for 9 months.

3.3.2.	Ensure that the actions of individual system users can be uniquely traced to those users so they can be held accountable for their actions.
	proplemented Planned to be Implemented Not Applicable rent implementation or planned implementation details. If "Not Applicable," provide male.
	 All access to unstructured data and databases are logged. Varonis DatAdvantage tools tracks all access to unstructured data. Idera diagnostics are used to log all activities on SQL databases SecureVue SIEM tools collects all server event logs.
3.3.3.	Review and update logged events.
	nplemented Planned to be Implemented Not Applicable rent implementation or planned implementation details. If "Not Applicable," provide male.
•	Logged events are continuously monitored using a SIEM tool SecureVue. Alerts are sent to appropriate personnel.
3.3.4.	Alert in the event of an audit logging process failure.
	planned to be Implemented Not Applicable rent implementation or planned implementation details. If "Not Applicable," provide male. SecureVue is set to alert the Engineering team if there are any log failures.
3.3.5.	Correlate audit record review, analysis, and reporting processes for investigation and response to indications of unlawful, unauthorized, suspicious, or unusual activity.
	nplemented Planned to be Implemented Not Applicable rent implementation or planned implementation details. If "Not Applicable," provide male.
•	NORC uses a combination of alerts and schedule reports to identify unlawful, unauthorized and suspicious activity.
3.3.6.	Provide audit record reduction and report generation to support on-demand analysis and reporting.
	planned to be Implemented Not Applicable rent implementation or planned implementation details. If "Not Applicable," provide male. SecureVue supports automated alerts and regular scheduled reports.

3.3.7.		that compares and synchronizes it that compares and synchronizes it time stamps for audit records	
		Planned to be Implemented nned implementation details. If	☐ Not Applicable "Not Applicable," provide
•	NORC information system external, authoritative time Protocol (NTP) to synchron	systems' clocks are correct and cons must synchronize those internal is source on a defined frequency. No nize the NORC routers with the folion tleast every 15 minutes, but will is sync.	information system clocks with an ORC uses the Network Time llowing (external) NIST
3.3.8.	Protect audit information a deletion.	nd audit logging tools from unauth	norized access, modification, and
		Planned to be Implemented nned implementation details. If	
•	described in NORC (AC-3) Least Privilege.	nted using access controls based up SOP IT-02, Access Enforcement audit tools on a specific information that component.	and NORC (AC-6) SOP IT-04,
3.3.9.	Limit management of audit	t logging functionality to a subset o	of privileged users.
		Planned to be Implemented nned implementation details. If	☐ Not Applicable "Not Applicable," provide
•	Access to audit records and to system administrators of	audit tools on a specific information that component.	on system component is restricted
3.4. A	udit and Accountability		
3.4.1.		eline configurations and inventorie are, firmware, and documentation)	•
		Planned to be Implemented nned implementation details. If	Not Applicable "Not Applicable," provide

	system is built. Maintaining the baseline configuration involves creating new baselines as the information system changes over time. NORC establishes baseline configurations for its information systems related components including the consideration of communications and connectivity related aspects of its systems. The baseline configuration of the information system is consistent with the organization's enterprise architecture.
3.4.2.	Establish and enforce security configuration settings for information technology products employed in organizational systems.
	plemented Planned to be Implemented Not Applicable ent implementation or planned implementation details. If "Not Applicable," provide nale. The baseline configuration is a documented, up-to-date specification to which the information system is built. Maintaining the baseline configuration involves creating new baselines as the information system changes over time. NORC establishes baseline configurations for its information systems related components including the consideration of communications and connectivity related aspects of its systems. The baseline configuration of the information system is consistent with the organization's enterprise architecture.
∑ In	Track, review, approve or disapprove, and log changes to organizational systems. plemented Planned to be Implemented Not Applicable ent implementation or planned implementation details. If "Not Applicable," provide nale. NORC monitors and controls changes to the configuration settings in accordance with organizational policies and procedures. NORC hardware, firmware, software, and configuration changes must be approved by one of the following: • ISO Director • IT Functional Director o Director of Administrative Systems o Director of IT Project Services o IT Director, Information Security Officer • Network Team Manager • Server Team Manager • IT Information Security Manager
	Analyze the security impact of changes prior to implementation. plemented Planned to be Implemented Not Applicable ent implementation or planned implementation details. If "Not Applicable," provide nale. The NORC ISO Group analyzes major information system changes to determine potential security impacts prior to change implementation. As part of the configuration change control

procedures outlined in IT-94, Security Configuration Settings standard operating procedures (SOP), at the time of initial analysis of a change request, the NORC IT Change Control Group

The baseline configuration is a documented, up-to-date specification to which the information

(IT CCG) determines whether the proposed change will alter the security posture of the Information System. **3.4.5.** Define, document, approve, and enforce physical and logical access restrictions associated with changes to organizational systems. | Implemented Planned to be Implemented Not Applicable Current implementation or planned implementation details. If "Not Applicable," provide rationale. NORC defines, documents, approves, and enforces physical and logical access restrictions associated with changes to the information system using a variety of methods. Physical access to information system equipment and locations is restricted. Logical access to information system administration software and resources is also restricted. These restrictions allow only authorized personnel to conduct approved changes on NORC information systems. NORC policy restricts system administrators from performing changes impacting primary services during core availability hours unless in a defined maintenance window or in emergency circumstances. The core availability hours are established by the NORC Infrastructure, Security, and Operations (ISO) with guidance from NORC management. Changes affecting users must be conducted outside of these availability hours. NORC policy also requires that major changes to the information system follow the change management process as outlined in IT-94 Security Configuration Settings (CM-3) and Change Control Process. This process provides oversight to information system changes. NORC restricts authorized physical access to information system resources in a variety of ways. NORC servers and network equipment must be placed in secure locations, specifically within a designated Zayo data center, within NORC's server racks. Network equipment is either maintained in the aforementioned locations or in separate locked cages as needed. Physical access to these locations is restricted to only those personnel requiring access to complete their assigned duties. Further information may be found in NORC's Physical and Environmental Controls SOPs. **3.4.6.** Employ the principle of least functionality by configuring organizational systems to provide only essential capabilities. | Implemented Planned to be Implemented Not Applicable

Unneeded functionality, program execution, and network access on Windows assets are
disabled using Active Directory (AD) Group Policy. Group Policy objects are configured using
industry best practices, NIST guidelines, and Center for Internet Security Baselines. Group
Policies are reviewed regularly. NORC systems run local stateful packet filtering firewalls
which are configured with a default "deny-all" policy. Ports are only opened on the local
firewall if there is an explicit application/business need.

Current implementation or planned implementation details. If "Not Applicable," provide

3.4.7. Restrict, disable, or prevent the use of nonessential programs, functions, ports, protocols, and services.

Attachment 8 - NORC CIPESA PROTECTION PLAN Last Updated: 08/15/2018 | Implemented Planned to be Implemented Not Applicable Current implementation or planned implementation details. If "Not Applicable," provide rationale. NORC system and network administrators are trained in and adhere to the following guiding principles: 1. NORC must configure systems to provide only essential capabilities as defined by the systems purpose and function. 2. Unneeded functionality, program execution, and network access on Windows assets are disabled using Active Directory (AD) Group Policy. Group Policy objects are configured using industry best practices, NIST guidelines, and Center for Internet Security Baselines. Group Policies are reviewed regularly. NORC systems run local stateful packet filtering firewalls which are configured with a default "deny-all" policy. Ports are only opened on the local firewall if there is an explicit application/business need. **3.4.8.** Apply deny-by-exception (blacklisting) policy to prevent the use of unauthorized software or deny-all, permit-by-exception (whitelisting) policy to allow the execution of authorized software. Planned to be Implemented | Implemented Not Applicable Current implementation or planned implementation details. If "Not Applicable," provide rationale. • NORC configures the default firewall and software execution settings for its information systems to deny-all, allow by exception. **3.4.9.** Control and monitor user-installed software. | Implemented Planned to be Implemented Not Applicable Current implementation or planned implementation details. If "Not Applicable," provide rationale. NORC develops, documents and maintains an inventory of its information systems components that accurately reflects the current information systems' postures and is consistent with the authorization boundary of the system. NORC updates the inventory of information system components as an integral part of

component installations, removals, and information system updates.

3.5. Identification and Authentication

3.5.1. Identify system users, processes acting on behalf of users, and devices.

| Implemented Planned to be Implemented Not Applicable Current implementation or planned implementation details. If "Not Applicable," provide rationale.

The information system uniquely identifies and authenticates users (or processes acting on behalf of users). Users are uniquely identified and authenticated for all accesses in which they are approved.

	access to the information system.
3.5.2.	Authenticate (or verify) the identities of users, processes, or devices, as a prerequisite to allowing access to organizational systems.
	nplemented Planned to be Implemented Not Applicable ent implementation or planned implementation details. If "Not Applicable," provide
•	NORC identifies and authenticates organizational users at the information system level. Prior to accessing the information system, users must authenticate locally. Once they have authenticated locally, users may then access network resources. Network authentication may re-prompt the user for authentication or authenticate using a process acting on behalf of a user. In addition to identifying and authenticating users at the information system level, identification and authentication mechanisms are employed at the application level, when necessary.
3.5.3.	Use multifactor authentication $19F$ for local and network access $20F$ to privileged accounts and for network access to non-privileged accounts.
	NORC utilizes multi-factor authentication only for remote access to the information system and conforms to NIST SP 800-63 level 3 requirements. All NORC remote users logging onto the
3.5.4.	network are required to authenticate with two factors, regardless of privilege status. Employ replay-resistant authentication mechanisms for network access to privileged and non-privileged accounts.
	plemented Planned to be Implemented Not Applicable ent implementation or planned implementation details. If "Not Applicable," provide nale. All password are obfuscated when they are entered into the application. The authentication process is protected by TLS encryption.
3.5.5.	Prevent reuse of identifiers for a defined period.
	plemented Planned to be Implemented Not Applicable ent implementation or planned implementation details. If "Not Applicable," provide nale. NORC does not remove accounts from the system for at least 180 days to avoid reuse of the account.
3.5.6.	Disable identifiers after a defined period of inactivity.
	nplemented Planned to be Implemented Not Applicable ent implementation or planned implementation details. If "Not Applicable," provide

• Each organizational user of the information system is assigned an unique username as a system identifier. The user's unique username will be used system wide to identify the user for all

rationale. User accounts are automatically disabled after 90 days of inactivity. Administrator accounts are automatically disable after 60 days of inactivity. **3.5.7.** Enforce a minimum password complexity and change of characters when new passwords are created. | Implemented Planned to be Implemented Not Applicable Current implementation or planned implementation details. If "Not Applicable," provide rationale. User passwords must be at least 8 characters, must contain upper and lower case, numbers and at least one special character. Passwords must be changed every 90 days. Administrator passwords must be at least 15 character, must contain upper and lower case, numbers and at least one special character. Passwords must be changed every 60 days. **3.5.8.** Prohibit password reuse for a specified number of generations. X Implemented Planned to be Implemented Not Applicable Current implementation or planned implementation details. If "Not Applicable," provide rationale. • Passwords must not be the same as any of the previous 24 passwords. **3.5.9.** Allow temporary password use for system logons with an immediate change to a permanent password. | Implemented Planned to be Implemented Not Applicable Current implementation or planned implementation details. If "Not Applicable," provide rationale. All accounts are setup with temporary passwords. User must change their password after the first login. **3.5.10.** Store and transmit only cryptographically-protected passwords. | Implemented Planned to be Implemented Not Applicable Current implementation or planned implementation details. If "Not Applicable," provide rationale. NORC encrypts passwords in transmission using Kerberos encryption provided with Active Directory (i.e. during log-on etc.). As users type passwords, the characters are hashed to minimize the risk of a replay attack.

3.5.11. Obscure feedback of authentication information.

☐ Implemented ☐ Planned to be Implemented ☐ Not Applicable Current implementation or planned implementation details. If "Not Applicable," provide rationale.

- Passwords are not displayed during logon.
- Feedback on failed logons does not identify the problem only the login failed.

3.6. In	cident Response
3.6.1.	Establish an operational incident-handling capability for organizational systems that includes preparation, detection, analysis, containment, recovery, and user response activities.
	plemented Planned to be Implemented Not Applicable ent implementation or planned implementation details. If "Not Applicable," provide nale.
•	 The incident response life cycle is outlined in NIST SP 800-61 and includes four steps: Preparation, Detection and analysis, Containment, eradication and recovery, and Post incident activity.
	These four steps can be thought of as an unending cycle which defines the incident response program. Figure 2-1 shows this cycle as depicted by NIST in SP 800-61.
•	Incident response controls must be established and applied to all NORC information systems related to security and privacy matters. Incident response procedures must be performed and documented in the system security plan during the Planning & Requirements Definition Phase and carried out during the Operations & Maintenance Phase of the system development life cycle in accordance with the NORC System Development Life Cycle Manual (SDLCM) to ensure that the most cost effective and appropriate measures are employed. Unless otherwise specified, all NORC information systems are required to comply with the procedures in this section.
3.6.2.	Track, document, and report incidents to designated officials and/or authorities both internal and external to the organization.
	plemented Planned to be Implemented Not Applicable ent implementation or planned implementation details. If "Not Applicable," provide nale. NORC coordinates incident handling activities with contingency planning activities. NORC also incorporates lessons learned from ongoing incident handling activities into incident response procedures, training, and testing/exercises, and implements the resulting changes accordingly. Sources used for improving upon prior incident response plans are obtained from different sources including, but not limited to, audit monitoring, network monitoring, and user/administrator reports.
3.6.3.	Test the organizational incident response capability

• NORC conducts testing and/or exercises of its incident response capability for its information systems using a combination of IR events specified above. At a minimum, NORC conducts

Current implementation or planned implementation details. If "Not Applicable," provide

| Implemented

rationale.

Planned to be Implemented Not Applicable

Market Implemented

testing and/or exercises of its incident response capability on an annual basis to determine the incident response effectiveness and gaps in the current IR Plan, then documents the results of the IR test and/or exercise.

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3.7. M	Taintenance		
3.7.1.	Perform maintenance on organi	zational systems.	
Curr	mplemented rent implementation or planned onale.	Planned to be Implemented limplementation details. If	
•	The maintenance procedures made Definition Phase and periodic in Maintenance Phase in accordant NORC schedules, performs, doinformation system components and/or organizational requirements.	naintenance must be performe ce with the SDLCM. cuments, and reviews records in accordance with manufact	d during the Operations & of maintenance and repairs on
3.7.2.	Provide controls on the tools, te maintenance.	echniques, mechanisms, and pe	ersonnel used to conduct system
Curr	rent implementation or planned onale. NORC certifies, controls, and n	nonitors the use of information ins the list of certified tools on any changes must go through media or files containing diag	"Not Applicable," provide n system maintenance tools for an ongoing basis. Maintenance change control process. nostic and test programs for
3.7.3.	Ensure equipment removed for	off-site maintenance is sanitiz	ed of any CIPSEA Information.
Curr ratio	rent implementation or planned onale. Should NORC IT equipment re- control, such equipment will be prior to being released outside o	quire maintenance or repair or sanitized to remove all informof NORC facilities.	"Not Applicable," provide utside NORC organizational nation from the associated media
•	 NORC currently uses BC-Wip data three times. 	oe to sanitize such equipment	media, which overwrites existing
3.7.4.	Check media containing diagnoused in organizational systems.	estic and test programs for mal	icious code before the media are

Planned to be Implemented

Not Applicable

Current implementation or planned implementation details. If "Not Applicable," provide rationale.

• NORC ISO personnel must inspect all maintenance tools carried into a facility by maintenance personnel for obvious improper modifications. This inspection must be made prior to the tools entering the area (room, closet, lab, etc.) containing the information system.

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• NORC personnel scan all media or files containing diagnostic and test programs for malicious code, on an isolated system, before the media or files are used in the information system.

3.7.5.	Require multifactor authentication to establish nonlocal maintenance sessions via external network connections and terminate such connections when nonlocal maintenance is complete.
	planned to be Implemented Not Applicable ent implementation or planned implementation details. If "Not Applicable," provide nale.
•	Users accessing the system from outside the NORC network must use the NORC provided SSI VPN gateway. The SSL VPN requires multifactor authentication to establish a session. All sessions are terminated when a user logs off the SSL VPN.
3.7.6.	Supervise the maintenance activities of maintenance personnel without required access authorization.
	planned to be Implemented Not Applicable ent implementation or planned implementation details. If "Not Applicable," provide nale. Any personnel or organization performing maintenance that is not in the above list must be accompanied by an approved maintenance personnel member at all times.
3.8. M	edia Protection
3.8.1.	Protect (i.e., physically control and securely store) system media containing CIPSEA Information, both paper and digital.
	planned to be Implemented Not Applicable ent implementation or planned implementation details. If "Not Applicable," provide nale. NORC restricts access to digital and non-digital media alike. Only authorized IT Department Staff have access to NORC digital media that contains information form NORC servers. All employees are notified in NORC Policy K7 – Portable Media of what NORC defines as digital portable and non-portable media. Information system media includes both digital media non-digital media.
3.8.2.	Limit access to CIPSEA Information on system media to authorized users (as defined in Section 1.5 of this document).
	pplemented Planned to be Implemented Not Applicable ent implementation or planned implementation details. If "Not Applicable," provide

rationale.

 Access to sensitive areas including all NORC offices and server rooms are controlled and monitored. Only authorized personnel, with appropriate physical security credentials may access these facilities areas without escort.

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3.8.3.	Sanitize or destroy system reuse.	media containing CIPSEA Inform	ation before disposal or release for
	nale. All computer storage media sensitive is properly sanitize media includes, but is not lead optical media (CD and DV sanitization prior to disposare quirements, but include: destroying (disintegration, •Media sanitization is performedia being disposed, class under organizational control.	D). Media not containing any sensal. Sanitization methods vary, in a clearing (overwriting or wiping), pulverizing, shredding, incineration or med using several different methors.	"Not Applicable," provide ontain, data categorized as and/or or surplus. Computer storage iskettes, computer hard drives, and sitive data does not require accordance with specific ourging (degaussing), or on, etc.). hods depending on the type of and whether the media will remain at as necessary, including
3.8.4.	Mark media with necessary	CIPSEA Information markings a	nd distribution limitations.
	nale. NORC marks, as applicable removable information systemation systems; handling cavea. •As NORC is not a Govern	ts, and applicable security marking ment Agency, NORC limits media nents that remain in the data cente	"Not Applicable," provide tional policies and procedures, n output indicating the distribution gs (if any) of the information. a marking to only those
3.8.5.	Control access to media co during transport outside of		l maintain accountability for media
	<u>-</u>	Planned to be Implemented nned implementation details. If	Not Applicable "Not Applicable," provide

• CIPSEA data will remain on NORC disk storage array in the NORC datacenters. CIPSEA data will not be copied to tape and sent our Iron Mountain.

3.8.6.		mechanisms to protect the confider ring transport unless otherwise pro	•
		Planned to be Implemented implementation details. If	
•	NORC ISO System Engine utilizing the CommVault b data to LTO-6 magnetic ta	eers protect and control all media voackup and recovery system to writ pe data storage media. CommVau cordance with FIPS 140-2 guidelin	te all manner of organizational lt encrypts all backups with AES-
3.8.7.	Control the use of removal	ole media on system components.	
Curr		Planned to be Implemented implementation details. If	
ratio	NORC restricts the use of p SecureDoc encryption tool NORC has established strice		ser types for portable media.
3.8.8.	Prohibit the use of portable	e storage devices when such device	es have no identifiable owner.
		Planned to be Implemented implementation details. If	
•	NORC has established strice		emedia. When an unidentified ypted corporate device, WinMagic
3.8.9.	Protect the confidentiality compliant encryption solut	<u> </u>	storage locations (e.g. FIPS 140-2
		Planned to be Implemented implementation details. If	
•	CIPSEIA Information will	remain on NORC Disk arrays in the hardware which are FIPS 140-2 co	heir data centers. The data backups ompliant.
3.9.1.	Screen individuals prior to Information.	authorizing access to organization	al systems containing CIPSEA
⊠ In	nplemented	Planned to be Implemented	Not Applicable

Current implementation or planned implementation details. If "Not Applicable," provide rationale.

 NORC HR is responsible for determining the screening and re-screening requirements, conditions and frequencies. They are also responsible for ensuring screening and re-screening are consistent with applicable federal laws, Executive Orders, directives, policies, regulations, standards, guidance, and the criteria established for the risk designation of the assigned position.

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- Personnel screening for an individual prior to access in the information system is the responsibility of the NORC Human Resources (HR) department.
- Re-screening on the organizationally defined frequency is the responsibility of NORC's HR
 department. It is also the responsibility of the Project Director to contact NORC's ISO team
 and authorize the creation of the user account.

3.9.2.	Ensure that organizational systems containing CIPSEA Information are protected during and after personnel actions such as terminations and transfers.
	plemented Planned to be Implemented Not Applicable ent implementation or planned implementation details. If "Not Applicable," provide nale. Employee are required to maintain their confidentiality of all NORC data regardless if they are actively on the project or employed at NORC.
Physic	cal Protection
3.9.3.	Limit physical access to organizational systems, equipment, and the respective operating environments to authorized individuals.
-	plemented Planned to be Implemented Not Applicable ent implementation or planned implementation details. If "Not Applicable," provide nale.
•	All NORC facilities, access to datacenter and all infrastructure is protected by card readers. Only approved personnel are granted access to the datacenter and infrastructure wiring closets.
3.9.4.	Protect and monitor the physical facility and support infrastructure for organizational systems.
	plemented Planned to be Implemented Not Applicable ent implementation or planned implementation details. If "Not Applicable," provide nale.
•	All NORC facilities doors are protected card readers. The facilities are monitored by security cameras. The facilities are wired with fire protection. The Zayo datacenter requires all users to show a valid government id. All doors are controlled

by card readers. The facility has security cameras throughout the facility. The datacenter is

The datacenter has full power protection using batteries and power generators.

equipped with full fire protection.

3.9.5.	Escort visitors and monitor	visitor activity.	
	nale. All official visitors and serdesignated personnel. They out when they leave the facupon entering the facility a	Planned to be Implemented nned implementation details. If vice vendors are required to be escar are required to log in at the recepcility. Appropriate temporary badged in will be collected at their depart or sponsor information or data must	"Not Applicable," provide corted into the facility by tion desk when they arrive and log es may be assigned to visitors ure. Those visitors who may or
3.9.6.	Maintain audit logs of phys	sical access.	
	nale. All Data Center Visitor Acc minimum of 3 years. NORC ISO Engineering, al	Planned to be Implemented nned implementation details. If cess Records must be retained by long with the ISO Director, reviewe which non-NORC personnel have	"Not Applicable," provide NORC ISO Engineering for a vs data center visitor logs on a
3.9.7.	Control and manage physic	cal access devices.	
	nale. All access devices to the da	Planned to be Implemented nned implementation details. If at a center where CIPSEA data is stain all access control card readers, and access control card readers.	"Not Applicable," provide tored is managed by our datacenter
3.9.8.	In accordance with the DA permitted from alternate wo	A, no access to CIPSEA Informatiork sites.	ion (e.g. sampling frame) is
	<mark>nale.</mark> This is a web survey. Resp	Planned to be Implemented nned implementation details. If condents enter their responses over rmation will be accessed remotely	the Internet.
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3.10. Risk Assessment

3.10.1. Periodically assess the risk to organizational operations (including mission, functions, image, or reputation), organizational assets, and individuals, resulting from the operation of

organizational systems and Information.	d the associated processing, storage, or transmission of CIPSEA
	Planned to be Implemented Not Applicable nnned implementation details. If "Not Applicable," provide
 NORC conducts an assess 	ment of risk on the information system and the information it nits that includes the likelihood and magnitude of harm, from
 NORC documents risk ass for each information syste 	sessment results in forms provided by the Federal Agencies it serves m, on a project-specific basis, and limited by system boundaries. ms may also require the risk assessment results be documented in
	organizational systems and applications periodically and when new ose systems and applications are identified.
	Planned to be Implemented Not Applicable nnned implementation details. If "Not Applicable," provide
	ulnerabilities in its information systems, in hosted applications and potentially affecting the system or application are identified and
±	be performed on a weekly basis. Application scans are to be
The ISO Team may run ra	ndom, or on-demand system scans when new vulnerabilities are entified that may potentially affect the system.
3.10.3. Remediate vulnerabilities	in accordance with risk assessments.
	Planned to be Implemented Not Applicable nnned implementation details. If "Not Applicable," provide
organizational assessment vulnerability scanning pro within NORC's IT Depart systems (i.e., systemic we	ate vulnerabilities in various timeframes in accordance with an of risk. NORC also shares information obtained from the cess and security control assessments with designated personnel ment to help eliminate similar vulnerabilities in other information aknesses or deficiencies). ritical, High or Medium by the scanning tools must be addressed.
3.11. Security Assessment	
3.11.1. Periodically assess the secare effective in their applies	curity controls in organizational systems to determine if the controls cation.
	Planned to be Implemented Not Applicable

Current implementation or planned implementation details. If "Not Applicable," provide rationale.

NORC has their controls review by external assessors at least annually
3.11.2. Develop and implement plans of action designed to correct deficiencies and reduce or eliminate vulnerabilities in organizational systems.
 ✓ Implemented ✓ Planned to be Implemented ✓ Not Applicable Current implementation or planned implementation details. If "Not Applicable," provide rationale. NORC maintains a list active and completed POAM items from previous assessments.
3.11.3. Monitor security controls on an ongoing basis to ensure the continued effectiveness of the controls.
 ✓ Implemented ✓ Planned to be Implemented ✓ Not Applicable Current implementation or planned implementation details. If "Not Applicable," provide rationale. NORC reviews all security controls at least annually. NORC updates any security control when there is a significant change to the information system.
3.11.4. Develop, document, and periodically update system security plans that describe system boundaries, system environments of operation, how security requirements are implemented, and the relationships with or connections to other systems.
 ✓ Implemented ✓ Planned to be Implemented ✓ Not Applicable Current implementation or planned implementation details. If "Not Applicable," provide rationale. NORC maintains a separate System Security Plan for each project. Each project has a defined security boundary
3.12. System and Communications Protection
3.12.1. Monitor, control, and protect communications (i.e., information transmitted or received by organizational systems) at the external boundaries and key internal boundaries of organizational systems.
☐ Planned to be Implemented ☐ Not Applicable Current implementation or planned implementation details. If "Not Applicable," provide rationale.
 The NORC external boundaries are protected by multiple firewalls. All traffic is logged and monitored. All emails are monitored as they enter the company boundary.

3.12.2. Employ architectural designs, software development to principles that promote effective information security	
☐ Planned to be Implementation or planned implementation detarrationale.	
 The NORC secure information systems environment hand protection of data controls meet the confidentiality associates with the NIST 800-53 framework NORC Management factors information security concimplications as part of every significant business decisions. 	y, integrity and availability standards terns and regulatory compliance
3.12.3. Separate user functionality from system management	functionality.
☐ Planned to be Implementation or planned implementation detarationale.	ented Not Applicable ails. If "Not Applicable," provide
 All administrators are given two accounts. A account. All user functionality is performed a administrator functions are performed with th 	from their regular account. All
3.12.4. Prevent unauthorized and unintended information tran	sfer via shared system resources.
Implemented Planned to be Implementation or planned implementation detarationale.	ented Not Applicable ails. If "Not Applicable," provide
• There are no shared system resources as part o	f this project.
3.12.5. Implement subnetworks for publicly accessible system logically separated from internal networks.	n components that are physically or
☐ Planned to be Implementation or planned implementation detarationale.	
 All web accessible systems are on their own sufirewalls. The public address is protected from internal network is protected by a separate fire All internal servers are not publicly accessible 	the Internet by a firewall. Access to the wall.
3.12.6. Deny network communications traffic by default and a exception (i.e., deny all, permit by exception).	allow network communications traffic by
☐ Implemented ☐ Planned to be Implementation or planned implementation details.	

rationale.

• The firewalls have a default deny all traffic. All traffic must be explicitly permitted.
3.12.7. Prevent remote devices from simultaneously establishing non-remote connections with organizational systems and communicating via some other connection to resources in external networks (i.e., split tunneling).
☐ Planned to be Implemented ☐ Not Applicable Current implementation or planned implementation details. If "Not Applicable," provide rationale.
 NORC remove access does not allow split tunneling. If an application requires split tunneling it must be approved by the Information Security Officer.
3.12.8. Implement cryptographic mechanisms to prevent unauthorized disclosure of CIPSEA Information during transmission unless otherwise protected by alternative physical safeguards.
☐ Planned to be Implemented ☐ Not Applicable Current implementation or planned implementation details. If "Not Applicable," provide rationale.
 All server connections and web access is protected by TLS encryption. All remote access traffic over SSL/TLS.
3.12.9. Terminate network connections associated with communications sessions at the end of the sessions or after a defined period of inactivity.
☐ Planned to be Implemented ☐ Not Applicable Current implementation or planned implementation details. If "Not Applicable," provide rationale.
 All session are terminated at end of the session. Session termination due to inactivity is defined in each application. Most application have a 30 minutes inactivity termination.
3.12.10. Establish and manage cryptographic keys for cryptography employed in organizational systems.
☐ Planned to be Implemented ☐ Not Applicable Current implementation or planned implementation details. If "Not Applicable," provide rationale.
NORC establishes and manages cryptographic keys for required cryptography employed within the information system. NORC follows NIST Special Publications 800-57 and 800-133

guidelines for cryptographic key establishment and management.Specifically NORC requires the following for cryptographic keys:

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 The private key component of the key pair must be kept confidential to ensure its proper use.

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- Keys must meet requirements of FIPS 140-2 compliant algorithms (e.g. RSA) and hashes (e.g. SHA2).
- Proper lifecycle management of keys.
- Proper key backup and recovery procedures.

3.12.11. Employ FIPS-validated cryptography when used to protect the confidentiality of CIPSEA Information.
 ☑ Implemented ☐ Planned to be Implemented ☐ Not Applicable Current implementation or planned implementation details. If "Not Applicable," provide rationale. NORC information systems must implement required cryptographic protections using cryptographic modules that comply with applicable federal laws, Executive Orders, directives, policies, regulations, standards, and guidance. NORC information systems employ FIPS 140-2 validated cryptographic algorithms and modules for the protection of sensitive or valuable data
3.12.12. Prohibit remote activation of collaborative computing devices and provide indication of devices in use to users present at the device.
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3.12.13. Control and monitor the use of mobile code.
 ☑ Implemented ☐ Planned to be Implemented ☐ Not Applicable Current implementation or planned implementation details. If "Not Applicable," provide rationale. NORC defines two categories of mobile code in the information system, Category 1 and Category 2. Mobile code is software obtained from remote systems, transferred across a network, and then downloaded and executed on a local system without explicit installation or

- restrictions defined in Section 4.2 below:
 ActiveX controls
- The following mobile code technologies are examples of acceptable Category 2 technologies.

The following Category 1 mobile code technologies are acceptable given they are with usage

Java applets

execution by the recipient.

- Visual Basic for Applications
- PostScript
- JavaScript, when executing in the browser
- VBScript, when executing in the browser
- Portable Document Format (PDF)
- Flash

3.12.14. Control and monitor the use of Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) technologies.
☐ Planned to be Implemented ☐ Not Applicable Current implementation or planned implementation details. If "Not Applicable," provide rationale.
 NORC authorizes, monitors, and controls the use of Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) within the information system. To achieve this level of control and monitoring over its VoIP systems, NORC establishes usage restrictions and implementation guidance for VoIP technologies based on the potential damage that telephony systems could incur if such systems were used maliciously.
 VOIP is employed only for internal phone communications. Communications are monitored for misuse via reporting and billing information. NORC management also restricts the ability to make long distance calls utilizing filters.
 NORC authorizes, monitors and controls the use of VoIP within the information system. Call detail records are reviewed and charged to their specific projects, publicly accessible phones are configured for internal dialing only, and in order to place international calls, users must obtain approval to be added to a specific dialing group with such permissions.
3.12.15. Protect the authenticity of communications sessions.
☐ Implemented ☐ Planned to be Implemented ☐ Not Applicable Current implementation or planned implementation details. If "Not Applicable," provide
 NORC implements session authenticity for communications where deemed necessary by NORC. Session authenticity is ensured through the use of transmission integrity and confidentiality methods defined NORC SOP IT-26 (SC-8), Transmission Integrity and NORC SOP IT-27 (SC-9), Transmission Confidentiality. Encryption is also used to provide authenticity of communication sessions when required. When encryption is used, it conforms to the requirements of NORC SOP IT-28 (SC-13), Use of Cryptography.
3.12.16. Protect the confidentiality of CIPSEA Information at rest by way of FIPS 140-2 compliant encryption solutions.
☐ Planned to be Implemented ☐ Not Applicable Current implementation or planned implementation details. If "Not Applicable," provide rationale.
Data at rest is stored on encrypted hard drives.

3.13. System and Information Integrity			
3.13.1. Identify,	report, and correct system flaws in a timely manner.		
	d Planned to be Implemented Not Applicable mentation or planned implementation details. If "Not Applicable," provide		
NidN	ORC scans all servers with a SCAP compliance Nessus vulnerability scanner to entify system flaws. NORC reports on these scans on a weekly basis. ORC can scan any server on demand if needed. ORC remediates vulnerabilities within 1 to 30 days depending on the severity.		
3.13.2. Provide p	protection from malicious code at designated locations within organizational systems.		
☐ Implemente Current imple rationale.	d Planned to be Implemented Not Applicable mentation or planned implementation details. If "Not Applicable," provide		
• NOR	C firewalls identifies and blocks malicious code from entering the NORC onment.		
NORNORThe a auton	C has email firewall which scan all emails for malicious code attachments. C runs McAfee EPO antivirus/antimalware software on all workstation and servers. ntivirus software will identify malicious code and remove it from the system natically. C event log monitoring SIEM tool monitors logs for detection of malicious code.		
	system security alerts and advisories and take action in response.		
	C received security alerts and advisories from multiple sources.		
	Microsoft Security Alerts.		
0	SANs alerts		
0	Palo Alto security updates		
0	US-Cert advisories		
0	SearchSecurity		
3.13.4. Update m	nalicious code protection mechanisms when new releases are available.		
Implemente	d Planned to be Implemented Not Applicable mentation or planned implementation details. If "Not Applicable," provide		
rationale.			
• NOR	C systems automatically receive system updates when they are available.		
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0	McAfee EPO antivirus signature updates		

o Barracuda Email firewall receives updates when they are available

3.13.5. Perform periodic scans of organ sources as files are downloaded	nizational systems and real-time scans of files from external l, opened, or executed.
Current implementation or planned rationale.	Planned to be Implemented Not Applicable implementation details. If "Not Applicable," provide files in real-time for malicious software. McAfee also does ile system on a daily basis.
3.13.6. Monitor organizational systems detect attacks and indicators of	s, including inbound and outbound communications traffic, to potential attacks.
Current implementation or planned rationale. • Barracuda Email firewalls n	Planned to be Implemented Not Applicable implementation details. If "Not Applicable," provide monitors all emails as they enter and leave the environment. threats and stops them at the firewall.
3.13.7. Identify unauthorized use of or	ganizational systems.
Current implementation or planned rationale.	Planned to be Implemented Not Applicable implementation details. If "Not Applicable," provide their machines and are not allowed to install unauthorized

4. RECORD OF CHANGES

Date	Description	Made By:
8/15/20	8 Initial completion of Protection plan	C. Armstrong