



U.S. Department of the Interior PRIVACY THRESHOLD ANALYSIS

The DI-4012 Privacy Threshold Analysis (PTA) form helps Department of the Interior (DOI) Privacy Officials determine whether a new or revised Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA) is required in accordance with the E-Government Act, OMB policy, and the [DOI PIA Guide](#), and identify other related compliance requirements for the collection, maintenance, storage, use, processing, sharing or disposal of personally identifiable information (PII) and any activities that may have privacy implications or otherwise impact individual privacy. See the [DOI PTA Guide](#) for guidance on completing the PTA. PTAs must be completed and submitted to the appropriate [Bureau/Office Associate Privacy Officer](#) for review and compliance determination. [Bureau/Office Associate Privacy Officers](#) are responsible for overseeing and managing PTAs for their organizations.

Section 1. General Information

Question	
A. Project, Program or System Name: <i>Provide the name for the project, program or system for the PTA, which may be an IT system, a project title, program area, information collection, or other technology.</i>	The William T. Pecora Award
B. Bureau or Office: <i>Enter the bureau or office for the project, program or system.</i>	USGS
C. Program or Office: <i>Provide the name of the program or office within the bureau/office.</i>	National Land Imaging Program, Core Science Systems Mission Area
D. Project/Program Manager or System Owner: <i>Enter the name, title, phone number, and email address of the Program Manager or System Owner.</i>	Sarah (Sally) Cook, Executive Secretary, cell 571.443.7885, scook@usgs.gov
E. Routing Information: <i>Indicate whether this is a new or updated PTA and enter the date the PTA was completed and submitted to the APO for privacy determination.</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New PTA <input type="checkbox"/> Updated PTA Date of Submission:

Section 2. Project, Program or System Summary

Question	Response
<p>A. General description of the project, program or system. <i>Please provide a description of the project or program, including any background information to help understand the project, program or system. If this is an updated PTA, please describe the changes that triggered the update to this PTA. Please also indicate if the PTA is being updated as part of its annual review.</i></p>	<p>The William T. Pecora Award is presented annually to individuals and teams using satellite or aerial remote sensing that make outstanding contributions toward understanding the Earth’s surface, educating the next generation of scientists, informing decision-makers or supporting natural or human-induced disaster response.</p>
<p>B. What is the technology or format used for the Project, Program or System? <i>Select all types of technology or sources that apply for the PII that will be collected from or maintained on individuals, including methods such as a paper or electronic form or survey, website collection, social media, or interviews over the phone or in person.</i></p>	<p> <input type="checkbox"/> IT System <input type="checkbox"/> New Project or Program <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Web Form, Survey or Information Collection <input type="checkbox"/> Third-Party Website <input type="checkbox"/> Social Media Application <input type="checkbox"/> SharePoint <input type="checkbox"/> Mobile Application <input type="checkbox"/> Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) <input type="checkbox"/> Paper-based Collection <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <i>Describe.</i> </p>
<p>C. Does this project, program or system involve a form, survey or information collection? <i>If this project, program or system uses a form, survey, or other information collection, select “Yes” and describe the specific method or format used. Include titles and numbers or other identifying information.</i></p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes. For the Pecora Awards annual call for nominations, nominators are asked to submit a package containing contact information, a summary statement and supplementary materials including published papers, letter of endorsement, etc.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>D. Is Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval required for the collection? <i>OMB approval is required for certain collections of information from ten or more members of the public under the Paperwork Reduction Act.</i></p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes. This collection is currently being reviewed for renewal; the OMB Control number is 1028-0101, exp. 4/30/24</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p>

Section 3. Personally Identifiable Information

Question	Response
<p>A. What categories of individuals does the Project, Program or System collect, maintain, store, use, process, disseminate or dispose of PII? Please select all that apply. <i>Indicate whether the project, program or system collects, contains, uses or disseminates PII information about members of the general public, Federal employees, contractors, or volunteers; or if the system does not contain any information that is identifiable to individuals (e.g., statistical, geographic, financial).</i></p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Federal employees <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contractors <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Members of the public <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <i>Describe.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> This project, program or system does not collect, maintain or process PII</p>
<p>B. What specific information about individuals will be created, collected, used, processed, maintained or disseminated? <i>Describe all the types of information about individuals that will be created, collected, used, processed, maintained, or disseminated. Include any new information that may be created, such as an analysis or report. Describe the purpose of that collection or use of information.</i></p>	<p>Name and Business Contact Information of both the nominator and nominee, along with the nominee’s list of notable accomplishments, published papers, and letters of endorsement as deemed appropriate by the nominator.</p>
<p>C. Is information retrieved by a unique identifier assigned to the individual? <i>Describe how information is retrieved for the project, program or system.</i></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>D. Is the information covered by a System of Records Notice (SORN)? <i>The Privacy Act requires that agencies publish a SORN in the Federal Register upon the establishment of a new, or modification of an existing, system of records. For new SORNS being developed, select “Yes” and provide a detailed explanation. For existing systems of records, identify the applicable government-wide, DOI, or bureau SORN(s) that covers the system of records with the SORN identifier and Federal Register citation.</i></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No. Nominations are maintained as a consolidated record for the award year.</p>

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<p>E. Does the Project, Program or System collect or use Social Security Numbers (SSNs)? <i>List the statutory and regulatory authority and Executive Orders that authorizes the collection or use of SSNs to meet an official program mission or goal.</i></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>F. Does this Project, Program or System receive or share PII with any other internal DOI programs or systems? <i>Indicate whether PII will be shared with or from internal organizations within DOI.</i></p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes. Information from the nomination package is shared with the reviewing panel consisting of both DOI/USGS and NASA scientists.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>G. Does this Project, Program or System receive or share PII with any external (non-DOI) partners or systems? <i>Indicate whether PII will be shared with agencies or organizations external to DOI. This could be other federal, state and local government agencies, private sector entities, contractors or other external third parties. For Privacy Act systems, identify the applicable SORN and describe how an accounting of the disclosure is maintained.</i></p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes. Information from the nomination package is shared with the reviewing panel consisting of both DOI/USGS and NASA scientists.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>H. Is this external sharing pursuant to new or existing information sharing agreement (Memorandum of Understanding, Memorandum of Agreement, Letters of Intent, etc.)? <i>Information sharing agreements are generally documented in Memorandums of Understanding, Memorandums of Agreement, Letters of Intent, or other documents, and outline the purpose, roles of the parties, data ownership, authorized uses, policy, scope, standards, procedures, practices, limitations on re-dissemination, and safeguard requirements for the transfer, maintenance and disposal of PII to ensure all parties understand and adhere to the mutually established terms of the agreement.</i></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>

Section 4. PTA Review and Recommendation

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<p>Privacy Compliance Determination: <i>This determination is to be completed by the Associate Privacy Officer (APO). See DOI PTA Guide, DOI PIA Guide, related Federal laws and policies, and Departmental guidance on privacy requirements.</i></p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PTA is sufficient at this time</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA) required</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Adapted PIA required</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> System of Records Notice (SORN) required</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Proposed Rulemaking/Final Rule required</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Computer Matching Notice required</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Computer Matching Agreement required</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Privacy Act Statement required</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Privacy Notice required</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Specialized role-based training required</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Information sharing agreement required</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Further privacy compliance review is required</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Refer for Security Compliance Assessment</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Refer for Information Collection Clearance Review</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Refer for Records Review</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other: <i>Describe.</i></p>
<p>Bureau Associate Privacy Officer Comments: <i>Provide comments or additional guidance on privacy compliance requirements.</i></p>	<p>A PTA is sufficient at this time. This information collection supports the William T. Pecora Award, which is jointly sponsored by DOI and NASA. The Pecora Award is presented annually to individuals or teams by the DOI/NASA Pecora Award Committee. Nomination packages contain business contact information on the nominees and nominators (name, title, employer, business mailing address, business telephone, business fax number, business e-mail address). Other information collected about individuals pertains to their achievements in the field of remote sensing and optional supporting documents such as letters of endorsements and resumes. Nomination guidance clearly states the SSNs and other personal contact information should not be included in packages. Nominations are retrieved and maintained as a record by calendar year. As such, this information collection does not meet the statutory definition of a system of records under the Privacy Act of 1974.</p> <p>The System Owner must ensure access controls are in place to protect the PII collected. Access to PII should be restricted to personnel who require access in the performance of official duties. If new collections of PII</p>

	are initiated, the information collection must be reassessed to ensure the records remain in compliance with Federal privacy regulations and Departmental policies. If PII data is lost or compromised, it must be reported in accordance with procedures in the DOI Privacy Breach Response Plan (Section 5.0 – Reporting a Suspected or Confirmed Breach of PII
Associate Privacy Officer Name:	
Bureau/Office:	United States Geological Survey (USGS)
Date:	March 20, 2024
DOI Privacy Office Comments	