

**Request for Approval under the “Generic Clearance for the Collection of Routine Customer Feedback” (OMB Control Number: 1545-1432)**

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**TITLE OF INFORMATION COLLECTION:** eGain Solve – Secure Messaging Survey

**PURPOSE:**

**BACKGROUND:** The Taxpayer Digital Communications Office (TDC) uses Secure Messaging installations to allow communication between taxpayers and various IRS business units in a secure environment. The Secure Messaging Surveys ask taxpayers and/or their representatives to rate their satisfaction with various aspects of using IRS Secure Messaging. The goal of these surveys is to understand taxpayer's and/or their representative's overall experiences with IRS Secure Messaging and their satisfaction with the digital communication experience. The survey's results will be used to improve the overall taxpayer and/or representative experience. These voluntary surveys will pop up inside the secure messaging application and will take less than 1 minute to complete.

**DESCRIPTION OF RESPONDENTS:**

The intended population is anyone who uses a secure messaging application, so the surveys will be configured to intercept users after they log in to the application. Random sampling will help reduce bias by giving every user an equal chance of receiving a survey invitation.

**TYPE OF COLLECTION:** (Check one)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Customer Comment Card/Complaint Form          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Customer Satisfaction Survey |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Usability Testing (e.g., Website or Software) | <input type="checkbox"/> Small Discussion Group                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Focus Group                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____                            |

**CERTIFICATION:**

I certify the following to be true:

1. The collection is voluntary.
2. The collection is low burden for respondents and low-cost for the Federal Government.
3. The collection is non-controversial and does not raise issues of concern to other federal agencies.
4. The results are not intended to be disseminated to the public.
5. Information gathered will not be used for the purpose of substantially informing influential policy decisions.
6. The collection is targeted to the solicitation of opinions from respondents who have experience with the program or may have experience with the program in the future.

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To assist review, please provide answers to the following question:

**Personally Identifiable Information:**

1. Is personally identifiable information (PII) collected?  Yes  No
2. If Yes, is the information that will be collected included in records that are subject to the Privacy Act of 1974?  Yes  No
3. If Applicable, has a System or Records Notice been published?  Yes  No

**Gifts or Payments:**

Is an incentive (e.g., money or reimbursement of expenses, token of appreciation) provided to participants?  Yes  No

**BURDEN HOURS**

A sampling rate will force the surveys to intercept a small percentage of secure messaging users. The sampling rate will be adjusted to produce a response rate of 15,000 responses per year. For those who opt-in, the time to complete the survey is less than 1 minute.

Category of Respondent	No. of Respondents	Participation Time	Burden
Individuals or households (Secure Messaging users)	15,000	1 minute	15,000 minutes
<b>Totals</b>			<b>250 hours</b>

**Estimated Response Rate:** 15,000

**Total Burden Estimate:** 250 hours

**FEDERAL COST:**

Online Services (OLS) has already procured a survey tool (Medallia), so there is no additional cost for conducting this survey.

**STATISTICAL METHOD:**

**If you are conducting a focus group, survey, or plan to employ statistical methods, please provide answers to the following questions:**

**The selection of your targeted respondents**

1. Do you have a customer list or something similar that defines the universe of potential respondents and do you have a sampling plan for selecting from this universe?  
 Yes  No

If the answer is yes, please provide a description of both below (or attach the sampling plan)? If the answer is no, please provide a description of how you plan to identify your potential group of respondents and how you will select them?

Medallia will be used to control survey distribution by randomly targeting participants upon logging into their Secure Messaging Inbox. Each taxpayer or representative using Secure Messaging has an equal chance of being selected to participate in the survey.

### **Administration of the Instrument**

1. How will you collect the information? (Check all that apply)
  - Web-based or other forms of Social Media
  - Telephone
  - In-person
  - Mail
  - Other, Explain – Microsoft TEAMS or ZOOM for sharing visuals.
2. Will interviewers or facilitators be used?  Yes  No

**Please make sure that all instruments, instructions, and scripts are submitted with the request.**

## **Instructions for completing Request for Approval under the “Generic Clearance for the Collection of Routine Customer Feedback”**

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**TITLE OF INFORMATION COLLECTION:** Provide the name of the collection that is the subject of the request. (e.g. Comment card for soliciting feedback on xxxx)

**PURPOSE:** Provide a brief description of the purpose of this collection and how it will be used. If this is part of a larger study or effort, please include this in your explanation.

**DESCRIPTION OF RESPONDENTS:** Provide a brief description of the targeted group or groups for this collection of information. These groups must have experience with the program.

**TYPE OF COLLECTION:** Check one box. If you are requesting approval of other instruments under the generic, you must complete a form for each instrument.

**CERTIFICATION:** Please read the certification carefully. If you incorrectly certify, the collection will be returned as improperly submitted or it will be disapproved.

**Personally Identifiable Information:** Provide answers to the questions.

**Gifts or Payments:** If you answer yes to the question, please describe the incentive and provide a justification for the amount.

### **BURDEN HOURS:**

**Category of Respondents:** Identify who you expect the respondents to be in terms of the following categories: (1) Individuals or Households; (2) Private Sector; (3) State, local, or tribal governments; or (4) Federal Government. Only one type of respondent can be selected.

**No. of Respondents:** Provide an estimate of the Number of respondents.

**Participation Time:** Provide an estimate of the amount of time required for a respondent to participate (e.g., fill out a survey or participate in a focus group)

**Burden:** Provide the Annual burden hours: Multiply the Number of responses and the participation time and divide by 60.

**FEDERAL COST:** Provide an estimate of the annual cost to the Federal government.

**If you are conducting a focus group, survey, or plan to employ statistical methods, please provide answers to the following questions:**

**The selection of your targeted respondents.** Please provide a description of how you plan to identify your potential group of respondents and how you will select them. If the answer is yes, to the first question, you may provide the sampling plan in an attachment.

**Administration of the Instrument:** Identify how the information will be collected. More than one box may be checked. Indicate whether there will be interviewers (e.g., for surveys) or facilitators (e.g., for focus groups) used.