

Supporting Statement - Part A

Title of information collection: Personal Identity Verification for Routine and Intermittent Access to NASA Facilities, Sites, and Information Systems

OMB control number: 2700-0158

Type of information collection: Renewal of information collection.

Abstract: Homeland Security Presidential Directive 12 (HSPD-12) established a mandatory requirement for a Government-wide identity verification standard. In compliance with HSPD-12, NIST Federal Information Processing Standard 201, and OMB policy memorandum M-05-24/ Implementation of Homeland Security Presidential Directive 12, NASA developed the Identity Management System (IdMAX) to manage identities, credentials, and access. IdMAX is an integrated enterprise environment that enables NASA to collect and process information from members of the public, covered by the Paperwork Reduction Act, who are seeking access to NASA sites, facilities, and systems for a time period greater than 30 days in a calendar year, and for all foreign national visitors regardless of their affiliation time. The information is used to validate identity and issue secure, reliable credentials.

1. Explain the circumstances that make the collection of information necessary.

Homeland Security Presidential Directive (HSPD)-12 establishes the requirement for a mandatory Government-wide standard for secure and reliable forms of identification for Federal employees and contractors. As directed by HSPD-12, the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Federal Information Processing Standard (FIPS) 201: Personal Identity Verification of Federal Employees and Contractors and associated NIST publications establish standards and requirements for the identity verification of federal employees and contractors and for Personal Identity Verification (PIV) identity credentials to be issued. OMB policy memorandum M-05-24: Implementation of Homeland Security Presidential Directive 12 requires federal agencies to deploy products and operational systems to issue identity credentials meeting the FIPS 201.

In response to this Directive, as well as NIST and OMB guidance, NASA developed the Identity Management and Account Exchange System (IdMAX). This system manages identities, credentials, and access in an integrated, enterprise environment, to ensure that people have the access they need to further the mission of NASA, without putting NASA assets at risk.

Identity Management deals with three major facets of a person:

- basic details about the person's identity, such as name and date of birth
- the affiliation that the person has with NASA, such as civil servant or contractor
- the knowledge we have about the person based on investigations and records checks

Credential Management deals with the management of items that allow physical access, like door keys and badges, as well as items that allow access to IT systems, like userIDs/passwords and tokens.

Credential Management seeks to ensure that credentials are:

- issued to the proper person
- not tampered with or used by someone they do not belong to
- properly revoked and disposed of when no longer valid

Access Management seeks to ensure that:

- People are properly authorized to access particular NASA assets
- Changes to a person's affiliation, or the knowledge we have about that person, result in a re-assessment of appropriate access
- Access is removed when a person leaves NASA

NOTE: NASA is one of the 24 federal agencies that is not using General Services Administration's HSPD-12 compliant system. NASA determined it was more cost effective to meet HSPD-12 requirements through an independent approach (see response #4.)

2. Indicate how, by whom, and for what purpose the information is to be used.

NASA Office of Chief Information Officer and the NASA Office of Protective Services manages the collection of information from members of the public requiring access to NASA facilities and/or IT resources to include NASA contractors and grantees requiring access for 30 or more days. Information is also collected from foreign nationals seeking access to NASA facilities and/or IT resources regardless of their affiliation time.

The information collected is used for background investigation processes, establishing levels of confidence and user risk, and controlling access to NASA/federally owned/leased facilities and IT resources.

Information is collected either in person or remotely utilizing a secure information collection website. The data is utilized to create an "identity" in the IdMAX system and is affiliated with a NASA agreement (contract, grant, MOU, etc.). The identity is then approved by a NASA Affiliation Sponsor and forwarded to the applicable NASA Center Security Office for processing.

Security Office Enrollment Officials at NASA Centers collect information and documents to include demographic data, biometrics during enrollment, a photograph/digital image, and valid identity documents per NIST/FIPS requirements.

3. Describe whether, and to what extent, the collection of information involves the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g. permitting electronic submission of responses, and the basis for the decision for adopting this means of collection.

Impacted members of the public can submit information via NASA's secure information collection website (all information collected except the documents that must be presented face-to-face in accordance with FIP 201, NIST, etc.)

Information collected is stored, secured, and maintained electronically. Hard copies of select information, required for identity vetting, presented by the member of the public is scanned by the NASA enrollment official to include birth certificate, current driver's license or other state photo identity cards issued by Department of Motor Vehicles (or equivalent), U.S. passport, a foreign government-issued passport, Native American Tribal Photo ID.

4. Describe efforts to identify duplication.

The Identity Management and Account Exchange (IdMAX) System is the only NASA system used for managing Identity, Credential, and Access information for NASA civil servants, contractors, and affiliates. IdMAX provides access management (the authorization piece) to over 2,300 NASA applications, provides central authentication (mechanism for the person to log into the app) to over 300 NASA applications, and is the authoritative source of information for nearly all applications that utilize identity data (emergency notification, training, active directory, electronic health records, human resources, etc.). By centralizing all information collected and managing that information within IdMAX, NASA has substantially reduced the number of locations and NASA systems in which personal information for members of the public is stored.

The IdMAX credential management and universal registration client also performs all of the FIPS 201 required functions for a PIV Credential Issuance Facility. This saves NASA approximately \$234 per PIV credential issued over a 5-year period, compared to the GSA shared services cost for PIV issuance. NASA realized a cost savings of approximately \$16,000,000 per five-year lifecycle when NASA began issuing PIV credentials (68,000 issued) compared to the cost of using the GSA shared services.

NASA utilizes Federal investigative systems operated by OPM and DCSA (Personnel Investigations Processing Systems, Central Verification System (e- QIP)) to prevent duplication of investigation and vetting by providing reciprocity to members of the public who have a current investigation already completed by another agency or affiliate.

5. If the collection of information impacts small businesses or other small entities, describe the methods used to minimize burden.

Federal Information Processing Standards 201 has no exemptions or reduction of impact for small entities, therefore Small businesses and other small entities must adhere to HSPD-12 requirements to access federally owned/leased space and IT resources. However, NASA encourages small business to use the Remote Identity Invitation. Doing so reduces the burden associated with small businesses hiring an individual to gather all the information and submit. Small business representatives have expressed their satisfaction with the remote identity process.

6. Describe the consequence to federal program or policy activities if the collection is not conducted or is conducted less frequently, as well as any technical or legal obstacles to reducing burden.

NASA is required to adhere to HSPD 12, as well as NIST, FIPS and OMB requirements. The inability to collect and process this information would prevent members of the public from accessing federally owned/leased space used by NASA.

7. Explain any special circumstances that would cause an information collection to be conducted in an exceptional manner.

NASA does not have any special circumstances associated with this information collection.

8. Provide the date and page number of publication in the Federal Register for the 60-day and 30-day FRNs, soliciting comments on the information collection prior to submission to OMB.

60-day FRN: 90 FR 46267 on 09/25/2025. Comments were not received.

30-day FRN: 91 FR 3738 on 01/28/2026.

9. Explain any decision to provide any payment or gift to respondents, other than remuneration of contractors or grantees.

NASA does not provide any payment or gift to respondents for information collected to comply with Homeland Security Presidential Directive (HSPD)-12 requirements.

10. Describe any assurance of confidentiality provided to respondents and the basis for the assurance in statute, regulation, or agency policy.

NASA's IdMAX system meets the privacy requirements listed in Federal Information Processing Standards Publication 201. This includes the assignment of a senior agency official for privacy in accordance with NASA Policy Directive ([NPD 1382.17](#)), the completion of a comprehensive Privacy Impact Assessment, and a published document containing a listing of all information types collected. The Privacy Impact Assessment is reviewed periodically as a part of the risk management framework process for IdMAX.

NASA incorporates a privacy policy statement link on every page where members of the public are required to enter information in IdMAX. A copy of the privacy statement is also provided to members of the public when enrolling in-person for a credential.

With regards to user privacy information, NASA protects confidentiality to the extent required by law.

The applicable NASA System of Records Notice (SORN) can be viewed at:
http://www.nasa.gov/privacy/nasa_sorn_10SECR.html

11. Provide additional justification for any questions of a sensitive nature, such as sexual behavior and attitudes, religious beliefs, and other matters that are commonly considered private.

NASA does not collect information or ask questions of a sensitive nature associated with IdMAX to meet HSPD-12 requirements. NASA does not collect race and ethnicity information for identity vetting.

12. Provide estimates of the hour burden of the collection of information.

The collection of information takes an average of 10 minutes per respondent depending on the user's requirements (i.e., new enrollment vs. update, etc.).

Annually, we have approximately 25,000 routine users and about 27,000 intermittent users that access, and input identity data into the Identity Management System:

25,000 routine users @ around 10 minutes each = 250,000 minutes

250,000/60 = 4,166 hours annually

27,000 intermittent users @ about 10 minutes each = 270,000 minutes

270,000/60 = 4,500 hours annually

Annual routine user cost: 4,166 hours x approximately \$50/hr. = \$208,350 annual cost

Annual intermittent user cost: 4,500 hours x approximately \$50/hr. = \$225,000 annual cost

Respondent	Number of Responses	Participation Time (minutes)	Burden Hour
Individual/US Citizens (routine)	25,000	10	4,166
Individual/Foreign National (intermittent)	27,000	10	4,500
	52,000		8,666

13. Provide an estimate of the total annual cost burden to respondents or record keepers resulting from the collection of information.

Annual cost to NASA (as the record keeper) is provided as follows:

The equipment (servers, software, infrastructure) cost for NASA IdMAX was approximately \$2 million, with a life expectancy of 8 years.

\$2 million/8 years = \$250,000 per year.

Support costs for NASA IdMAX system require approximately 5 people (5 FTEs) at an estimated cost of \$100,000 each = \$500,000 annually

14. Provide estimates of annualized costs to the Federal government.

Table 1: Compilation of Costs (Questions 12, 13, and 14)

Cost Category	Hour Burden	Annual Costs
Respondent (routine)	4,166	\$ 208,350
Respondent (intermittent)	4,500	\$ 225,000
Equipment		\$ 250,000
Support (salary)		\$ 500,000

Support (equipment)		\$ 6,000
Total Annual Costs		\$1,189,350

Expenses include the cost of computer support equipment and supplies estimated at approximately \$1,200 annually per FTE -- \$1,200 x 5 FTEs = \$6,000 annually.

15. Explain the reasons for any major program changes or adjustments to burden hours or annualized costs to respondents.

No program changes or adjustments are reported.

16. For collections of information whose results will be published, outline plans for tabulation and publication.

NASA does not tabulate and publish personal information collected from members of the public covered by the PRA.

17. If seeking approval to not display the expiration date for OMB approval of the information collection, explain the reasons that display would be inappropriate.

NASA will display the expiration date for OMB approval of the information collection within the PRA Statement. A sample screen shot is provided below:

NASA Identity Invitation

Login

* Passphrase

* Citizenship

I am a US or Naturalized US Citizen.
 I am a Lawful Permanent US Resident.
 I am NOT a United States Citizen.

* I have read and agree with the Terms of Service
 * I have read and agree with the Paperwork Reduction Act

Sign In

Terms of Service

By accessing and using this information system, you acknowledge and consent to the following: You are accessing a U.S. Government information system, which includes: (1) this computer; (2) this computer network; (3) all computers connected to this network including end user systems; (4) all devices and storage media attached to this network or to any computer on this network; and (5) cloud and remote information services. This information system is provided for U.S. Government-authorized use only. You have no reasonable expectation of privacy regarding any communication transmitted through or data stored on this information system. At any time, and for any lawful purpose, the U.S. Government may monitor, intercept, search, and seize any communication or data transmitted, stored on, or traveling to or from this information system. You are NOT authorized to process classified information on this information system. Unauthorized or improper use of this system may result in suspension or loss of access privileges, disciplinary action, and civil and/or criminal penalties.

Paperwork Reduction Act

This information collection meets the requirements of 44 U.S.C. § 3507, as amended by section 2 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. You do not need to answer these questions unless we display a valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. The OMB control number for this collection is 2700-0158 and expires on 02/28/2026. We estimate that it will take five (5) minutes to read the instructions, gather the facts, and answer the questions. Send only comments regarding the time estimate to: james.p.nicholas@nasa.gov

Privacy Policy

AUTHORITY: 42 U.S.C. 2451, et seq., the National Aeronautics and Space Act of 1958, as amended

PURPOSE: To collect information from persons requesting access to NASA assets and/or resources in order to establish an identity and determine eligibility for access.

ROUTINE USES: Use and disclosure of your records within and outside of NASA may occur in accordance with the NASA Security Records Systems (NASA 105ECR) system of records notice published at <https://www.nasa.gov/content/nasa-privacy-act-system-of-records-notices-105ecr> and as permitted by the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended (5 U.S.C. 552a(b)).

DISCLOSURE: Providing this information is voluntary; however, failure to provide the requested information may result in the denial of access.

Website Owner: Whitney Craig
Curator: Agency Applications Office

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Accessibility

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1-877-677-2123, Option 2 or nasa-esd@mail.nasa.gov

18. Explain any exception to the 5 CFR 1320.9 certification statement.

NASA does not take exception to the certification statements in 5 CFR 1320.9

NASA Office of Protective Services/James Nicholas.

The NASA office conducting or sponsoring this information collection certifies compliance with all provisions listed above. Certifying individual must be a civil service employee.

Name: _____

Title: _____

Email address: _____

Phone number: _____

Date: _____