

Privacy and Civil Liberties Impact Assessment



Addendum to Privacy Impact Assessment

for the

USA Staffing System

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This addendum addresses the Civil Liberties aspect of the USA Staffing Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA) conducted by the Office of Personnel Management (OPM). The Civil Liberties section of the Treasury Privacy and Civil Liberties Impact Assessment template is found in section 4.3(g), 5.1(c) through 5.3(c)

Section 4.3(g) Records describing how individuals exercise First Amendment rights

The [Privacy Act](#) requires that Federal agencies “maintain no record describing how any individual exercises rights guaranteed by the First Amendment unless expressly authorized by statute or by the individual about whom the record is maintained or unless pertinent to and within the scope of an authorized law enforcement activity.” 5 U.S.C. § 552a(e)(7).

1. N/A. USA Staffing does ***not*** maintain information describing how an individual exercises their rights guaranteed by the First Amendment.
2. The system or project ***does*** maintain information describing how an individual exercises their rights guaranteed by the First Amendment. *If you checked this box, please check the box below that explains Treasury’s authorization for collecting this information:*
 - a. The individual about whom the information was collected or maintained expressly authorizes its collection/maintenance. The individual about whom the information was collected or maintained expressly authorized its collection by *[explain here how the individual expressly authorizes collection] (for example, individuals may expressly authorize collection by requesting in writing that Treasury share information with a third party, e.g., their Congressman);*
 - b. The information maintained is pertinent to and within the scope of an authorized law enforcement activity because *[generally discuss here the nature and purpose of the information collected and the law enforcement activity];*
 - c. The following statute expressly authorizes its collection: *[provide here the name of and citation to the statute and the language from that statute that expressly authorizes collection] [your response MUST contain all three if you use a statute as the basis for the collection].*

Section 5.1(c) Collecting information directly from the individual when using it to make adverse determinations about them.

Section 552a(e)(2) of the Privacy Act requires that Federal agencies that maintain records in a system of records are required to collect information to the greatest extent practicable directly from the individual when the information about them may result in adverse determinations about their rights, benefits, and privileges under Federal programs. Agencies may exempt a system of records from this requirement under certain circumstances and if certain conditions are met.

1. The records maintained by this system or project are ***not*** used to make any adverse determinations about individuals.
2. The records maintained by USA Staffing ***are*** used to make adverse determinations about individuals ***and*** *[check all that apply]:*

- a. These records **were** exempted from the Privacy Act provision that requires collection directly from the subject individual to the greatest extent practicable. Exemption of these records is proper because *[explain here why the records were exempted; sample responses are provided in Appendix B of this template]*.
- b. These records were **not** exempted from the requirement to collect information directly from the individual to the greatest extent practicable **and** *[check the relevant box below and provide the information requested]*.
 - i. **All** records used to make an adverse determination are collected directly from the individual about whom the decision is made.
 - ii. A **combination** of records collected from third parties **and** directly from the individual about whom the determination is made are used to make the determination because *[please explain here why third-party data is required to make this determination; e.g., third-party data is required to verify the accuracy of the information provided by the individual seeking a privilege or benefit]*.
 - iii. **None** of the records used to make adverse determinations are collected directly from the individual about whom determinations are made because seeking the information directly from the individual might *[select ALL that apply]*:
 - alert the individual to the fact that their conduct is being observed or investigated;
 - cause the individual to alter or modify their activities to avoid detection;
 - create risks to witnesses or other third parties if the individual is alerted to the fact that their conduct is being observed or investigated;
 - Other: *(please describe here)*.

Section 5.2 Data-Mining

As required by Section 804 of the [Implementing Recommendation of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007](#) (“9-11 Commission Act”), Treasury reports annually to Congress on its data mining activities. For a comprehensive overview of Treasury’s data mining activities, please review the Department’s Annual Privacy Act and Data Mining reports available at: <http://www.treasury.gov/privacy/annual-reports>.

Section 5.2(a) Is the PII maintained in the system used to conduct data-mining?

1. The information maintained in USA Staffing **is not** used to conduct “data-mining” activities as that term is defined in the [9-11 Commission Act](#). Therefore, no privacy or civil liberties issues were identified in responding to this question.
2. The information maintained in this system or by this project **is** used to conduct “data-mining” activities as that term is defined in the [9-11 Commission Act](#). This system is included in Treasury’s annual report to Congress which can be found on the external Treasury privacy website.

- The information maintained in this system or by this project **is** used to conduct “data-mining” activities as that term is defined in the [9-11 Commission Act](#), but this system is not included in Treasury’s annual report to Congress which can be found on the external Treasury privacy website. This system will be added to the next Treasury Data-mining report to Congress.

Section 5.3 Computer Matching

The Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act (CMPPA) of 1988 amended the Privacy Act by imposing additional requirements when Privacy Act systems of records are used in computer matching programs.

Pursuant to the CMPPA, there are two distinct types of matching programs. The first type of matching program involves the computerized comparison of two or more automated federal personnel or payroll systems of records or a system of federal personnel or payroll records with non-federal records. This type of matching program may be conducted for any purpose. The second type of matching program involves the computerized comparison of two or more automated systems of records or a system of records with non-federal records. The purpose of this type of matching program must be for the purpose of eligibility determinations or compliance requirements for applicants, recipients, beneficiaries, participants, or providers of services for payments or in-kind assistance under federal benefit programs, or recouping payments or delinquent debts under such federal benefit programs. *See* 5 U.S.C. § 522a(a)(8). Matching programs must be conducted pursuant to a matching agreement between the source (the agency providing the records) and recipient agency (the agency that receives and uses the records to make determinations). The matching agreement describes the purpose and procedures of the matching **and** establishes protections for matching records.

Section 5.3(a) Records in the system used in a computer matching program

- The PII maintained in the system or by the project **is not** part of a Privacy Act system of records.
- The information maintained in the system or by the project **is** part of a Privacy Act system of records but **is not** used as part of a matching program.
- The information maintained in the system or by the project **is** part of a Privacy Act system of records and **is** used as part of a matching program. [*If whether a Matching Agreement was executed and published as required by the CMPPA/Privacy Act; if no Matching Agreement was executed, please explain here why*]: Explain here.

Section 5.3(b) Is there a matching agreement?

- N/A
- There is a matching agreement in place that contains the information required by Section (o) of the [Privacy Act](#).
- There is a matching agreement in place, but it does not contain all of the information required by Section (o) of the [Privacy Act](#). The following actions are underway to amend the agreement to ensure that it is compliant. [discuss **here** the issues that were

discovered that required amendment and how those issues are being mitigated/fixe]:
Discuss here.

Section 5.3(c) What procedures are followed before adverse action is taken against an individual who is the subject of a matching agreement search?

1. N/A
2. The bureau or office that owns the system or project conducted an assessment regarding the accuracy of the records that are used in the matching program and the following additional protections were put in place:
 - a. The results of that assessment were independently verified by [*explain how and by whom accuracy is independently verified; include the general activities involved in the verification process*].
 - b. Before any information subject to the matching agreement is used to suspend, terminate, reduce, or make a final denial of any financial assistance or payment under a Federal benefit program to an individual:
 - i. The individual receives notice and an opportunity to contest the findings; **OR**
 - ii. The Data Integrity Board approves the proposed action with respect to the financial assistance or payment in accordance with Section (p) of the [Privacy Act](#) before taking adverse action against the individual.
3. No assessment was made regarding the accuracy of the records that are used in the matching program.

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