Appendix C: Approved Users

Appendix C includes details and information on the authorized users of the Data Framework. If the list of authorized users changes for the Data Framework, this Appendix will be updated accordingly.

Users are granted access to the Data Framework provided they are authorized to access the data for a purpose detailed in Appendix B. The following list identifies the users authorized to utilize the Data Framework by Component and Program. Each use of the data is documented in a detailed Mission Use Case approved by the Data Framework Governance Structure, including DHS oversight offices. The approved Mission Use Cases are summarized below.

Current Data Framework Approved Users

1. U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP)
   
   Organization(s): Office of Air and Marine (OAM), Office of Border Patrol (OBP), Office of Field Operations (OFO), and Office of Intelligence (OI)
   
   Date Approved: September 30, 2014
   
   Authorized Purpose: National Security – Counter Terrorism
   
   High-Level Mission Use Case:
   
   CBP mission operators need the ability to search across multiple DHS data sets to turn disparate pieces of raw intelligence information into timely, accurate, and actionable intelligence. This intelligence will enable effective field and national operations and response for CBP’s Office of Intelligence (OI), Office of Field Operations (OFO), Office of Border Patrol (OBP), Office of Air and Marine (OAM), Office of Trade, Office of Internal Affairs, and Office of Information and Technology.
   
   CBP OAM, OBP, OFO, and OI will use the Data Framework information to perform classified queries using authorized Data Framework search functions on unclassified DHS data.

2. Office of Intelligence and Analysis (I&A)
   
   Organization(s): Analysis and Chief of Staff (COS)
   
   Date Approved: September 30, 2014
   
   Authorized Purpose: National Security – Counter Terrorism
   
   High-Level Mission Use Case:
   
   I&A uniquely supports the U.S. Government’s effort to identify, track, deter, and prevent
terrorists from traveling to the Homeland. I&A’s role in addressing emerging and strategic threats to the Homeland focuses on providing targeted intelligence analysis that leverages unique DHS databases and expertise and sharing information broadly within DHS and the Homeland Security Enterprise. I&A’s Analysis and COS organizations provide analytic products on counterterrorism issues that directly affect the Homeland or DHS programs and equities.

The I&A Analysis and COS organizations will use the Data Framework information to perform classified queries using authorized Data Framework search functions on unclassified DHS data.

3. Transportation Security Administration (TSA)

Organization(s): Office of Intelligence and Analysis (OIA)
Date Approved: December 16, 2016
Authorized Purpose: National Security – Counter Terrorism

High-Level Mission Use Case:

TSA’s mission is to protect the nation’s transportation systems to ensure freedom of movement for people and commerce. TSA’s Office of Intelligence and Analysis (OIA) aims to prevent a terrorist attack against the nation’s transportation systems by providing security and intelligence professionals with timely information. This includes trend and pattern assessments on terrorist movement worldwide, focusing on how operatives might seek to attack US-bound aviation; and the travel, demographics, and motivations of US Persons connected to terrorist safe havens. TSA/OIA also provides assessments on International and domestic terrorist tactics and targets applicable to the Homeland environment.

TSA OIA will use the Data Framework information to perform classified queries using authorized Data Framework search functions on unclassified DHS data.

4. DHS Counterintelligence Program

Organization(s): Counterintelligence Mission Center (CIMC)
Date Approved: September 28, 2018
Authorized Purpose: National Security – Counterintelligence

High-Level Mission Use Case:

The DHS Counterintelligence Mission Center conducts activities as part of an integrated national and departmental effort to identify, deceive, exploit, disrupt, or protect against espionage, other intelligence activities, sabotage, or assassinations conducted for or on behalf of foreign powers, organizations, or persons, or their agents, or international terrorist organizations or activities directed against the national security interests of the U.S. or DHS personnel, information,
material, facilities, or activities.

The DHS Counterintelligence Mission Center will use the Data Framework to perform unclassified queries using authorized Data Framework search functions on unclassified DHS data.