



Privacy Impact Assessment Update
for the
TSA Operations Center Incident Management
System

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Abstract

Under the Aviation and Transportation Security Act (ATSA), the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) has “responsibility for security in all modes of transportation.”¹ TSA uses an operations center incident management system called WebEOC to perform incident management, coordination, and situation awareness functions for all modes of transportation. The system will store information that it receives about the following categories of individuals: 1) individuals who violate, or are suspected of violating transportation security laws, regulations, policies or procedures; 2) individuals whose behavior or suspicious activity resulted in referrals by Ticket Document Checkers (TDC) to Behavior Detection Officer (BDO) or Law Enforcement Officer (LEO) interview (primarily at airports); or 3) individuals whose identity must be verified, or checked against federal watch lists. Individuals whose identity must be verified includes both those individuals who fail to show acceptable identification documents to compare to boarding documents and law enforcement officials seeking to fly armed. The system also collects and compiles reports from federal, state, local, tribal, or private sector security officials related to incidents that may pose a threat to transportation or national security. TSA is republishing this PIA to clarify that the TSA Operations Center will record telephonic communications. The PIA previously disclosed in section 1.4 that telephone calls were a source of information but did not explicitly state that telephone calls would be recorded. Daily reports will be provided to executives at TSA and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to assist in incident and operational response management.

Overview

TSA has a statutory mandate to provide security in all modes of transportation. The Transportation Security Operations Center (TSOC) correlates and fuses real-time intelligence and operational information across all modes of transportation, and coordinates within DHS and with other Federal, state and local homeland security agencies for prevention of, and response to transportation-security related incidents. To assist in performing these functions, TSA uses a Commercial-Off-The-Shelf (COTS) web-based operations center incident management communications system that provides real-time information sharing by linking Federal, state, local, tribal, and worldwide sources. The system will store information that it receives about the following categories of individuals: 1) individuals who violate, or are suspected of violating transportation security regulations, policies or procedures; 2) individuals whose suspicious activity resulted in Behavior Detection Officer (BDO) or Law Enforcement Officer (LEO) interview; or 3) individuals whose identity must be verified, or checked against Federal watch lists. The system also collects and compiles reports from Federal, state, local, tribal, or private sector security officials related to incidents that may pose a threat to transportation or national security. TSA is republishing this PIA, originally published on July 7, 2008, to reflect that an associated system within the Operations Center records telephonic communications between or among TSA and transportation security stakeholders or other law enforcement or security agencies regarding threats to transportation security. Section 1.1 below reflects this additional information. The data received on a regular or recurring basis includes personally identifiable information (PII) more fully described in Section 1.1 such as name, home address, telephone number, date of birth, passport number, driver’s license number, and data related to suspicious activity reports, of individuals who violate, or are suspected of violating TSA security regulations, policies or

¹ Pub.L. 107-71 (Nov. 19, 2001); 49 U.S.C. § 114(d).



procedures. Some suspicious activity reports originate in reports from the public to transportation industry and government security hotlines such as those operated for General Aviation and commercial trucking sectors.

Reports are submitted to ascertain, as quickly as possible, the individual's identity, whether they are already the subject of a terrorist or criminal investigation, or to analyze suspicious behavior that may signal some form of pre-operational surveillance or activity, to provide an information source for examining long-term trends and patterns, and to assist in developing TSA operational response and security policy. The sharing of information is limited to those whose roles authorize them to access/collect such information.

Because this program entails collection of information about members of the public in an identifiable form, the E-Government Act of 2002 requires that TSA conduct a Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA).

Section 1.0 Characterization of the Information

1.1 What information is collected, used, disseminated, or maintained in the system?

TSA will collect information about the following categories of individuals: 1) individuals who violate, or are suspected of violating transportation security regulations, policies or procedures; 2) individuals whose suspicious activity resulted in BDO or LEO interview; 3) individuals whose identity must be verified or checked against Federal watch lists.

The information collected may include the full names of individuals, aliases and nicknames, date of birth, place of birth, age, sex, race, nationality, languages spoken, passport number, driver's license number, and telephone number, home and business addresses; Social Security Numbers, height and weight, eye color, hair color, style and length, facial hair, scars, tattoos and piercings, clothing (including colors and patterns) and eyewear, description of personal carry-on and/or baggage items. The system also collects and compiles reports from Federal, state, local, tribal, or private sector security officials related to incidents that may pose a threat to transportation or national security. Additionally, the TSA Operations Center records telephonic communications between or among TSA and transportation security stakeholders or other law enforcement or security agencies regarding threats to transportation security. Callers receive notice that the call may be monitored or recorded.

1.2 What are the sources of the information in the system?

The sources are TSA employees who collect information directly from the individual or from a LEO and transportation security stakeholders. Information regarding surface transportation security incidents is typically collected from LEOs or other non-TSA sources. TSA may also receive suspicious activity reports from the public.



1.3 Why is the information being collected, used, disseminated, or maintained?

The information is collected in order to provide information necessary to coordinate prevention, notification, response, and recovery activities related to threats or potential threats to transportation security. The system will also be used to respond to inquiries relating to the verification of identity and the screening of passengers.

1.4 How is the information collected?

Information is collected directly from passengers by TSA employees or LEOs, and is relayed telephonically or electronically to the TSOC. In the future, it may be possible for TSA employees at airports or other locations to enter data directly into the system.

1.5 How will the information be checked for accuracy?

The information contained in the system will be provided by government or non-government sources. Information obtained from government entities will remain associated with the source government entity, which may be contacted by authorized law enforcement or government personnel accessing that information to verify its accuracy and update its status.

Information from non-government entities related to incidents or reports of suspicious activities will be entered into the system and will, generally, be concurrently referred to a law enforcement agency for investigation. Authorized users have the ability to add updated information, which will remain associated with the initially submitted information.

TSA expects that individuals whose identity is being verified will provide accurate information. TSA provides a form to individuals to assist with accurately transmitting the name and address of individuals who lack an acceptable identity document to perform the identity verification process. In addition, the process involves a certain amount of interaction between the individual and verifier that allows for accurate information transmission.

1.6 What specific legal authorities, arrangements, and/or agreements defined the collection of information?

Homeland Security Presidential Directive (HSPD)-5 of February 28, 2003 requires all Federal departments and agencies to adopt National Incident Management System (NIMS) information sharing standards to effectively and efficiently prepare for, respond to, and recover from domestic incidents. This system assists in accomplishing this purpose.

Additionally, under the Aviation and Transportation Security Act, the TSA administrator is responsible for overseeing transportation security (P.L. 107-71) and has the authority to establish security procedures at airports (49 C.F.R. § 1540.107). TSA is responsible for providing for the screening of all passengers and property (49 U.S.C. § 44901). TSA has broad authority to receive, assess and distribute intelligence information related to transportation security, assess threats to transportation security, and serve as the primary liaison for transportation security to the intelligence and law enforcement communities (49 U.S.C. § 114(f)).



1.7 Privacy Impact Analysis: Given the amount and type of data collected, discuss the privacy risks identified and how they were mitigated.

The privacy risk associated with the collection of this information is the possibility of inappropriate dissemination of personally identifiable information. In instances where personally identifiable information is relevant or necessary to be collected, it will be protected with additional safeguards, including masking, so that only those individuals with appropriate access and a need to know will be able to review the personally identifiable information collected. Privacy risks associated with the use of commercial databases are mitigated through verbal interaction with the passenger and by only using commercial data for the limited purpose of verifying identity. There is also a privacy risk associated with collecting information on individuals who may lack acceptable identification because it was lost or stolen and may not have involved wrong-doing on the individual's part. The privacy risk is mitigated by noting the circumstances of the failure to provide identification and the results of the verification process.

Section 2.0 Uses of the Information

2.1 Describe all the uses of information.

The information collected enables the TSA to process and disseminate information related to transportation security incidents or individuals who violate, or are suspected of violating transportation security laws, regulations, policies or procedures; individuals whose suspicious activity resulted in BDO or LEO interview; or to verify an individual's identity in order to permit them access to the secure area. Information collected from individuals who fail to present acceptable identification matching boarding documents will be used to search databases, including commercial databases, in order to present knowledge based queries to verify the individual's identity. TSA will check immigration databases to assist foreign nationals in verifying identity. TSA may also perform other searches of publicly available data to assist in verifying identity. LEOs seeking to fly armed will be checked for proper authorization from their employing agency. The information is also used for TSA to provide an operational response. It allows users to draw links and patterns that might not otherwise be readily apparent. TSA uses the information to build the Common Operational Picture (COP). The COP is a merger of all relevant and available information associated with emerging events or incidents in a consolidated format to facilitate decision-makers. TSOC develops a daily report for senior TSA executives, Federal Security Directors (FSDs), and DHS Administrators.

2.2 What types of tools are used to analyze data and what type of data may be produced?

In the ordinary course of business, the system will be used to search for trends, patterns, or incident information to determine threats to transportation security. The system does not use algorithms to predict terrorist or criminal activity by individuals.



2.3 If the system uses commercial or publicly available data please explain why and how it is used.

This system uses publicly available data and media websites to obtain and assess information from relevant sources that could have an immediate impact on the security of the national transportation infrastructure. It may also use commercial data and publicly available data to assist in verifying individual identity. TSA will use a variety of means to verify the identity of the individual, including asking knowledge based questions based on information in commercial databases (for example, date of birth, residence, etc) and publicly available data.

2.4 Privacy Impact Analysis: Describe any types of controls that may be in place to ensure that information is handled in accordance with the above described uses.

In instances where collection of personal information is necessary, it may only be viewed by appropriate personnel with the correct user roles and need to know. This ensures that privacy and information safeguarding requirements are met by limiting access to sensitive information, such as personal information, only to those users whose operational role and mission warrants such access. The privacy information within the system is further protected by the use of identification and authentication controls, access control lists, and physical access control to the application and database servers.

Section 3.0 Retention

3.1 What information is retained?

TSA will retain transportation security incident information, including, where collected, information about individuals who violate, or are suspected of violating transportation security laws, regulations, policies or procedures; information about individuals whose suspicious activity results in BDO or LEO interview; or information about individuals whose identity must be verified or checked. Such information may include the full names of individuals, aliases and nicknames, date of birth, place of birth, age, sex, race, nationality, languages spoken, passport number, driver's license number, and telephone number, home and business addresses; Social Security Numbers, height and weight, eye color, hair color, style and length, facial hair, scars, tattoos and piercings, clothing (including colors and patterns) and eyewear, description of personal carry-on and/or baggage items,

3.2 How long is information retained?

Most information in the Web EOC system will be retained for three years. The hard copy form used to collect name and address to verify the identity of individuals who do not bring identification to the TSA screening checkpoint at an airport will be retained for 30 days, unless enforcement action or litigation results, in which case the information will be retained in accordance with the appropriate NARA-approved records retention schedule.



3.3 Has the retention schedule been approved by the component records officer and the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA)?

Yes. In the ordinary course, the information falls within TSA's Aviation Security records retention schedule.

3.4 Privacy Impact Analysis: Please discuss the risks associated with the length of time data is retained and how those risks are mitigated.

Given the incident management, coordination, situational awareness, investigation, and operational response functions of the system, the NARA-approved retention period is reasonable.

Section 4.0 Internal Sharing and Disclosure

4.1 With which internal organization(s) is the information shared, what information is shared and for what purpose?

The information may be shared with DHS employees and contractors who have a need for the information in the performance of their duties. It is expected that information typically will be shared with TSA employees or contractors in the following TSA offices: Office of Law Enforcement/Federal Air Marshal Service (OLE/FAMS), Office of Chief Counsel, Office of Transportation Threat Assessment and Credentialing (TTAC), Office of Security Operations, Transportation Sector Network Management Office (TSNM), Office of Inspection, and all those agency components whose legitimate law enforcement or governmental terrorism-related missions require access to the information. While it is not routinely shared outside of TSA, TSA may need to share information within DHS, specifically with U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

In order to respond to complaints from individuals, the information may also be shared with the Office of Privacy Policy and Compliance, the Ombudsman, or the Office of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties. To respond to congressional inquiries, the information may be shared with the Office of Chief Counsel and the Office of Legislative Affairs. Where access to sensitive information, such as personal information, is determined to be necessary, access will be based on a need to know. All information will be shared in accordance with the provisions of the Privacy Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552a.

Access to personally identifiable information is only provided to system users that have the appropriate clearance and a need to know in the performance of official duties.

The TSOC will provide recipients of the daily report, such as TSA and DHS senior administrators and policy-makers, a bulk snapshot of the previous day's incidents which provides a real-time situational awareness picture to facilitate incident management.



4.2 How is the information transmitted or disclosed?

System users are able to query the daily reports directly over a secure network. In the case of briefings provided to senior management, the reports can either be passed as an encrypted file or hand delivered in the form of encrypted magnetic media or hard-copy printed reports.

4.3 **Privacy Impact Analysis: Considering the extent of internal information sharing, discuss the privacy risks associated with the sharing and how they were mitigated.**

The privacy risk associated with sharing this information is the opportunity for improper dissemination of personally identifiable information to individuals who do not have authority to receive or access the information. To mitigate this risk, TSA will only share this information with TSA and DHS employees and contractors who are authorized access and have a need for the information to perform their official duties in accordance with the Privacy Act. Employees authorized to access the data receive appropriate privacy and security training and have necessary background investigations and security clearances for access to sensitive or classified information. Privacy protections include strict access controls, including security credentials, passwords, real-time auditing that tracks access to electronic information, and mandated training for all employees and contractors.

Section 5.0 External Sharing and Disclosure

5.1 With which external organization(s) is the information shared, what information is shared, and for what purpose?

Because the purpose of the system is to increase information sharing for homeland security purposes, users may be government officials, law enforcement personnel, non-government organizations, and private sector individuals whose professional duties and interests make them stakeholders of the DHS mission. System users will be provided access only to information that is relevant to their official duties.

All information that is relevant to a system user will be made available to the particular user, but PII is provided only in instances where the user has the appropriate clearance and need to know. For example, transportation security alerts, trend analyses, and many incident summaries likely would not contain PII or the PII would be masked.

TSA may also share information with federal, state, or local law enforcement or intelligence agencies or other organizations in accordance with the Privacy Act and the routine uses identified in the applicable Privacy Act system of records notice (SORNs).



5.2 Is the sharing of personally identifiable information outside the Department compatible with the original collection? If so, is it covered by an appropriate routine use in a SORN? If so, please describe. If not, please describe under what legal mechanism the program or system is allowed to share the personally identifiable information outside of DHS.

Yes. The information is shared in accordance with Privacy Act system of records notice (SORNs); DHS/TSA 001, Transportation Security Enforcement Record System (TSERS), May 19, 2010, 75 FR 28042, primarily routine uses G, H, I, L, M, and S; DHS/TSA 002, Transportation Security Threat Assessment System (T-STAS), May 19, 2010, 75 FR 28046, primarily routine uses G, H, I, L, and N; and DHS/TSA 011, Transportation Security Intelligence Service (TSIS) Operational Files, April 13, 2010, 75 FR 18867, primarily routine uses B, I, K, L, N, R and S.

5.3 How is the information shared outside the Department and what security measures safeguard its transmission?

Users are able to query the system directly over a secure network. System users are required to read and acknowledge the rules of behavior of the tool, policies associated with their organization, and the laws and policies of the jurisdictions in which they operate prior to accessing the system. For members of the National Capital Region Coordination Center (NCRCC), the NCRCC management has established an MOU with component members. This MOU grants NCRCC members' access to both the TSA Network and subsequently to system.

In order to access the system, users outside of the TSA Network must use a secure socket layer connection to the extranet server. Information is shared outside the Department in accordance with the applicable Privacy Act routine uses. In addition, federal agencies and their contractors are subject to information security requirements of the Federal Information Security Management Act (FISMA), Title III of the E-Government Act, Pub. L. 107-347.

5.4 Privacy Impact Analysis: Given the external sharing, explain the privacy risks identified and describe how they were mitigated.

The privacy risks associated with the sharing of this information is the possible dissemination of personally identifiable information to unauthorized external entities. This risk is mitigated by TSA limiting the sharing of this information to those who have an official need to know it and by sharing only in accordance with published routine uses or under the Privacy Act. Categorizing the information when it is included in the system, in coordination with enforced role and rule-based access, minimizes the number of people with access to personally identifiable information. TSA is further mitigating these risks by disseminating this information by incident number or date, therefore eliminating personal identifiers from the subject.



Section 6.0 Notice

6.1 Was notice provided to the individual prior to collection of information?

In instances where personal information is collected in order to verify identity, the individual is provided an 5 U.S.C. § 552(e)(3) notice prior to the collection of information. Where PII is collected as part of a criminal investigation, TSA will not provide notice and has previously published a Final Rule after public comment to exempt TSA from the notice requirement in such circumstances. In instances where TSA receives personal information as part of suspicious activity reports, the individual is unlikely to have knowledge that his/her information has been submitted to the system and there is no opportunity for TSA to provide notice. The following SORNs provide notice to the individual where TSA collects information associated with transportation security incidents: DHS/TSA 001, Transportation Security Enforcement Record System (TSERS), DHS/TSA 002, Transportation Security Threat Assessment System, and DHS/TSA 011, Transportation Security Intelligence Service (TSIS) Operational Files.

6.2 Do individuals have the opportunity and/or right to decline to provide information?

In some instances, an individual has the right to decline providing personally identifiable information. By way of example, individuals whose identity TSA must verify may decline to provide the information; however, failure to furnish the requested information may result in an inability to grant the individuals access beyond the TSA screening checkpoint. For personal information that may be associated with suspicious activity reports, there is no opportunity to decline to provide information.

6.3 Do individuals have the right to consent to particular uses of the information? If so, how does the individual exercise the right?

No.

6.4 Privacy Impact Analysis: Describe how notice is provided to individuals, and how the risks associated with individuals being unaware of the collection are mitigated.

In instances where personal information is collected in order to verify identity, the individual is provided an 5 U.S.C. § 552(e)(3) notice prior to the collection of information. Individuals will be aware of the collection of information, even without notice, in all cases except suspicious activity reports in which there is no opportunity to provide notice.



Section 7.0 Access, Redress and Correction

7.1 What are the procedures that allow individuals to gain access to their information?

For individuals seeking access to their information in the system, such persons may request access to their information by submitting a Freedom of Information Act/Privacy Act (FOIA/PA) request to TSA in writing by mail to the following address:

Transportation Security Administration, TSA-20, East Tower
FOIA Division
601 South 12th Street
Arlington, VA 22202-4220

FOIA/PA requests may also be submitted by fax at 571-227-1406 or by filling out the Customer Service Form (URL: <http://www.tsa.gov/public/contactus>). The FOIA/PA request must contain the following information: Full Name, address and telephone number, and email address (optional). Please refer to the TSA FOIA web site (<http://www.tsa.gov/public>). In addition, individuals may amend their records through the redress process as explained in paragraph 7.2 below.

7.2 What are the procedures for correcting inaccurate or erroneous information?

Individuals can submit a request to correct records under the Privacy Act.

7.3 How are individuals notified of the procedures for correcting their information?

Although individuals likely will not know the system contains information on them in light of the investigative nature and sensitivity of the information, the TSA FOIA page, accessible through the TSA public website, contains a link permitting any individual to send information to TSA via a designated email address reserved for that purpose. The FOIA page also contains a fax number and a mailing address for the same purposes for those who prefer to use those means to contact TSA. All communications received, regardless of method, will be entered into and remain on record within the system pursuant to its NARA-approved record retention schedule and will be subject to audit.

7.4 If no formal redress is provided, what alternatives are available to the individual?

The development of the system and the processes governing its use included detailed consideration of the impact of erroneous data on individuals as well as on the official users of the information within the system. Having verified and accurate information is the ultimate goal of all of the law enforcement, intelligence community, and other governmental officials using the system. The redress procedure indicated in 7.2, above, will help to ensure that the information is accurate. TSA will ensure the integrity



of the system information based upon information provided by individuals, as well as any updates received from law enforcement and other government authorities.

7.5 Privacy Impact Analysis: Please discuss the privacy risks associated with the redress available to individuals and how those risks are mitigated.

If an individual believes that he or she has suffered an adverse consequence related to the system, that individual will be able to provide any information that they deem relevant with a request that it be included within any record maintained in the system regarding a particular incident, activity, transaction, or occurrence. TSA will ensure the integrity of the system information based upon information provided by individuals, as well as any updates received from law enforcement and other government authorities.

Section 8.0 Technical Access and Security

8.1 What procedures are in place to determine which users may access the system and are they documented?

Procedures to determine which users may access the WebEOC system are documented in the System Security Plan. Users are granted access by the TSOC Director or the Watch Floor Director. An access control list of users is maintained in system and a list of all users with access to the system is kept separately for auditing purposes.

Users must register to verify registrant eligibility for specific communication tools and collaboration spaces within the system. The system access control is role-based. Controls and access limitations are in place to ensure that sensitive information is protected from unauthorized access or exchange. Additional controls may be established to further define access to emergent, incident, and event-based information as required. In all cases access will be in accordance with applicable law and TSA policy.

Certain TSA staff, including watch and technical support personnel, will have access to all system communication and collaboration tools. Staff communicates and collaborates with other system users and receives, research, and responds to requests for information regarding terrorism-related suspicious activities. IT specialists and technical and operational program managers will access the system to ensure system performance and to audit the use of the system. Analysts throughout law enforcement, government, and in some cases private sector security management may have access to the activity-based informational areas of the system. All of these analyst users and other registered users, whose identity and need for access have been validated, will have varying levels of access to the system.

Physical and procedural safeguards are also employed to protect the hard copy form used to collect information to verify the identity of individuals who do not bring identification to the TSA screening checkpoint.

8.2 Will Department contractors have access to the system?

Yes. Currently there are several technology contractors who have access to the system as they build the information network and the database. Such contractors or other IT professionals will be registered and managed using the same auditing and controls as every other system user. Strict adherence to access



control policies is automatically enforced by the system in coordination with and through oversight by TSA IT Security Officers. All contractors performing this work are subject to requirements for suitability and a background investigation as required by TSA Management Directive 1400.3, TSA Information Security Policy.

8.3 Describe what privacy training is provided to users either generally or specifically relevant to the program or system?

All TSA and assigned contractor staff receive TSA-mandated privacy training on the use and disclosure of personal data. Compliance with this training requirement is audited monthly by the TSA Privacy Officer, and failure to complete the training is reported to program management for remedial action. CDROM-based training modules are provided for stakeholders that do not have access to TSA Network Resources. Additionally, all staff must hold appropriate credentials for physical access to the sites housing the security threat assessment databases and management applications. In addition, all government and contractor personnel must complete annual information technology security training as required by FISMA. The business rules associated with the protection of the information, and the basis for those rules will be a component of all computer based training modules associated with the system.

8.4 Has Certification & Accreditation been completed for the system or systems supporting the program?

Yes. Certification and Accreditation was completed and the Authority to Operate was granted on April 30, 2006.

8.5 What auditing measures and technical safeguards are in place to prevent misuse of data?

Role-Based Access Safeguards. The system technology will safeguard information by limiting a user's ability to view or update particular fields of information based upon the user's role.

Auditing Measures. Whenever data is entered, updated, or viewed a record of that activity is captured and maintained within the system and can be retrieved based upon the user or the record.

Compliance will also be ensured through adherence to all FISMA required documentation to include National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) risk management methodology. Creation and maintenance of all required security documentation will ensure there is an IT security risk management program in place. Security documentation includes, but are not limited to, System Security Plan (NIST publication 800-18), Risk Assessment (NIST publication 800-30), Federal Information Processing Standard (FIPS) number 199, Data Categorization, Self-Assessment (NIST publication 800-26) and other pertinent System Development Life Cycle (SDLC) artifacts.



8.6 Privacy Impact Analysis: Given the sensitivity and scope of the information collected, as well as any information sharing conducted on the system, what privacy risks were identified and how do the security controls mitigate them?

The privacy risk associated with access and security controls is the unauthorized or inappropriate access of data in the system or access to the facility. The data in the system is secured in accordance with applicable Federal standards. Security controls are in place to protect the confidentiality, availability, and integrity of personal data, including role-based access controls that enforce a strict need to know policy. Physical access to the system is strictly controlled with the use of proximity badges. The system is housed in a controlled computer center within a secure facility. In addition, administrative controls, such as periodic monitoring of logs and accounts, help to prevent and/or discover unauthorized access. Audit trails are maintained and monitored to track user access and unauthorized access attempts. The protection of data contemplated under this assessment will be governed by the applicable System Security Plan for this system.

Section 9.0 Technology

9.1 What type of project is the program or system?

The WebEOC system and its associated telephonic recording tool are commercial off-the-shelf major applications that have been purchased and adapted for use by TSA to develop a database which will allow for prevention, mitigation, response or recovery activities in response to an actual or possible security event. They were purchased by TSA and installed and maintained by TSA contractors at an off-site hosting center.

9.2 What stage of development is the system in and what project development lifecycle was used?

The system is currently in the operation and maintenance phase of the systems development lifecycle. The project used for development and implementation of system was the TSA systems development lifecycle model.

9.3 Does the project employ technology which may raise privacy concerns? If so please discuss their implementation.

No. The system does not employ additional technology that may raise privacy concerns. It serves only as an information sharing platform for incident reports from transportation security stakeholders. In order to support privacy protections, TSA has developed an information technology infrastructure that will protect against inadvertent use of PII not required by the government. Access to this information is limited to those individuals authorized to have access based on their role. TSA has implemented procedures to ensure appropriate system accesses are revoked for employees, contractors, or other users when notified that they no longer have a need for using the tool.



Approval Signature

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