Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA)
Visualization to Understand Expenditures in Information Technology (VUE-IT) Application

What information is being collected?

The VUE-IT system does not collect any information or contain any personally identifiable information. VUE-IT presents information collected through the annual information technology capital planning and investment control process mandated by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-11. This information is collected through annual agency submissions of the OMB Exhibit 53 (Investment Portfolio) and Exhibit 300 (Business Case).

The information provided through the VUE-IT web site includes the following data elements:

- Current fiscal year information technology budget requests
- Investment outlays for development, modernization, and enhancement
- Steady state costs for investments
- Number of investments
- Percentage of investments aligned to a functional area

Data is aggregated by lines of business, functional areas, agencies, and bureaus. In addition, investments may be categorized by OMB as high-risk projects or requiring increased management oversight (Management Watch List). Aggregate data is prepared and presented through the VUE-IT system based upon these designations.

The VUE-IT system is publicly available. Individuals with Internet access may view the VUE-IT web site free of charge.

Why is the information being collected?

No data is collected by the VUE-IT system. The information presented by the system supports the Clinger-Cohen Information Technology Management Reform Act of 1996, which mandates that agencies subject major information technology investments to a capital planning and investment control process to manage budgetary outlays for these activities. The capital planning and investment control process is outlined in OMB Circular A-11.

What is the intended use of the information?

The intended use of this information is to support implementation of a single web site providing information on the alignment of information technology spending towards the principal lines of business of the federal government. The information presented on the VUE-IT web site provides transparency into the information technology budgeting and investment management process of the federal government.

With whom will the information be shared?

Information will be publicly accessible via the Internet through the VUE-IT web site (http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/egov/vue-it/index.html).

What opportunities will individuals have to decline providing information or consent to particular uses of the information and how will individuals grant consent?

The data provided on the VUE-IT site is considered to be public-use information supplied by agencies in compliance with OMB Circular A-11. Because this information is require per OMB policy, there are no options to decline providing this information. Consent on the publication of this public-use information is not required.

How will the information be secured?

> All information featured on the VUE-IT site is publicly available through the web site. Information is stored on OMB servers behind a firewall. Only authorized users will have access to the servers.

Is a system of records being created under the Privacy Act, 5 U.S.C. 552a?

> The Information Technology Budget Review System (ITBRS) serves as the back end data store for all pre-decisional data and data published on the VUE-IT web site. No new system of records is being created because VUE-IT effectively serves as a duplicate data warehouse.

PIAs must identify what choices the agency made regarding an IT system or collection of information as a result of performing the PIA:

> The choice was to utilize existing public data to accomplish the goal of the VUE-IT system.

Privacy and the VUE-IT Wiki:

> The VUE-IT system maintains a Wiki that allows the public to provide feedback to the technical team and program sponsors. Comments provided in the Wiki are collected voluntarily and are publicly disclosed and archived. Anonymous comments will not be accepted. Wiki users who wish to post comments will be asked to set up a username and password. No personal information will be collected through the registration process.