What information is being collected?

The information collected pertains to Federal Awards, as directed by the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) of 2006. The information to be provided includes the following data elements:
- the name of the entity receiving the award;
- the amount of the award;
- information on the award including transaction type, funding agency, etc;
- the location of the entity receiving the award;
- a unique identifier of the entity receiving the award.

This information is currently being collected by Federal agencies as part of the procurement and financial award application processes. The agencies are in turn responsible for providing this information, on a regular basis, to the following systems:
- *Federal Procurement Data System – Next Generation (FPDS-NG)* – For contract award data. The system is managed by GSA.
- *Federal Assistance Award Data Store (FAADS)* – For grants and other types of financial assistance. The system is managed by DoC (Bureau of the Census)

Both FPDS-NG and FAADS are currently publicly available. Individuals with Internet access have the ability to download data as stored in those systems.

Why is the information being collected?

The information supports the implementation of the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) of 2006, which asks the White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to lead the development, by January 2008, of a single searchable website, accessible by the public for free that includes, for each Federal award, the information as previously described.

What is the intended use of the information?

The intended use of this information is to support implementation of a *single* searchable website providing information regarding Federal awards to comply with FFATA legislative requirements. At present, this information is provided in one of two locations, depending on the type of information (FPDS-NG provides data regarding contract awards, FAADS provides data regarding grants and other types of financial assistance).

The new website (www.USASpending.gov) will provide members of the public easier access to federal award information – through a single, searchable, user-friendly interface.

With whom will the information be shared?

Information will be publicly accessible via the Internet (hosted at www.USASpending.gov).

This information is currently publicly accessible via FPDS-NG (www.fpds.gov) and FAADS (http://www.census.gov/govs/www/faads.html).

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

Regarding Contracts:

Information to be provided is captured during the procurement process. The FAR (in particular, Part 5: Publicizing Contracting Actions) provides detailed guidance on dissemination of procurement-related information, including release of information regarding specific contract award actions. Additionally, per the FPDS-NG Privacy Impact Assessment: "Public access is delayed for sensitive, unclassified data for security reasons for 90 days. Agencies have agreed that this is a necessary and sufficient period of time. Long- term sensitive, personal data is permanently hidden by using "dummy" Duns numbers. GCE, the FPDS Program Manager Office and the Agencies control what fields are available to the public. Taxpayer Identification Numbers are NOT among the fields made available to the public." (see: http://www.gsa.gov/Portal/gsa/ep/programView.do?pageTypeId=8199&ooid=2013&programPage=%2Fep%2Fprogram%2FgsaDocument.jsp&programId=10035&channelId=-17921)

Regarding Grants:

Grants data is provided through the Federal Awards Assistance Data System (FAADS). The FAADS PIA can be found at: http://www.census.gov/po/pia/pias/FAADS_PIA.pdf

How will the information be secured?

All information is publicly available and maintained by individual agencies. Information is stored on GSA servers behind a firewall – only authorized users have access to the database/application.

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

Agencies (and agency source systems) are the authoritative source for all the data coming into Transparency Act web site (USASpending.gov). No new system of record is being created – USASpending.gov 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 data sources - agency data through FPDS and FAADS to accomplish FFATA goals.

Privacy and the USASpending Wiki

The USAspending.gov application provides a Wiki that allows the public to Provide Feedback to the technical team and program sponsors. Comments provided in the Wiki site are collected voluntarily and are public disclosed and archived. Anonymous comments will not be accepted. Wiki users who wish to post comments will be asked to setup a username and password. No personal information will be collected through the registration process.