

to an agency's functions relating to civil and criminal proceedings;

(7) Provide information to third parties during the course of an investigation to the extent necessary to obtain information pertinent to the investigation;

(8) Disclose information to a public or professional licensing organization when such information indicates, either by itself or in combination with other information, a violation or potential violation of professional standards, or reflects on the moral, educational, or professional qualifications of an individual who is licensed or who is seeking to become licensed;

(9) Disclose information to a contractor when necessary to perform a government contract.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

STORAGE:

Paper records and magnetic media.

RETRIEVABILITY:

By name of individual to whom it applies, social security number, alias, date of birth, case controller, submitting office number, case type, case number or a combination of these fields.

SAFEGUARDS:

Access is limited to authorized IRS personnel including IRS and other U.S. Treasury Department contractors who have a direct need to know. Hard copy of data is stored in rooms of limited accessibility except to employees. These rooms are locked after business hours. Access to magnetic media is controlled by computer passwords. Access to specific ABIS records is further limited by computer security programs limiting access to select personnel.

RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:

Records are maintained in accordance with IRM 1.15, Records Disposition Handbook.

SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:

Official prescribing policies and practices: Chief, Mission Assurance. Official maintaining the system:

Associate Director, Personnel Security and Investigations, National Background Investigations Center, 5 Spiral Drive, Suite 2, Florence, KY 41042.

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:

Individuals seeking to determine if this system of records contains a record pertaining to them may inquire in accordance with instructions appearing at 31 CFR part 1, subpart C, appendix B. Inquiries should be addressed as in "Record access procedures" below.

RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:

Individuals seeking access to this system of records, or seeking to contest its content, may inquire in accordance with instructions appearing at 31 CFR part 1, subpart C, appendix B. Inquiries should be addressed to IRS Personnel Security and Investigations, OS:MA:AP:PS, 5205 Leesburg Pike, Suite 510, Falls Church, VA 22041-3802, Attn: Disclosure Staff.

CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:

26 U.S.C. 7852(e) prohibits Privacy Act amendment of tax records.

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

Current and former employees of the Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, Bureau of the Mint and the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center. Private contractors employed by IRS to perform work at IRS facilities, leased space or on IRS systems. Contractors employed by the Department of the Treasury. Permanent and temporary employees of banks contracted to perform Lockbox activities for the IRS.

EXEMPTIONS CLAIMED FOR THE SYSTEM:

The provisions of the Privacy Act from which this system of records is exempt pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(k)(5) are as follows: 5 U.S.C. 552a(c)(3), (d), (e)(1), (e)(4)(G), (e)(4)(H), (e)(4)(I), and (f). (See 31 CFR 1.36.)

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Office of Research and Development; Government Owned Invention Available for Licensing

AGENCY: Office of Research and Development, VA.

ACTION: Notice of Government owned invention available for licensing.

SUMMARY: The invention listed below is owned by the U.S. Government as represented by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and is available for licensing in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 207 and 37 CFR part 404 and/or Cooperative Research and Development Agreements (CRADA) Collaboration under 15 U.S.C. 3710a to achieve expeditious commercialization of results of federally funded research and development. Foreign patents are filed on selected inventions to extend market coverage for U.S. companies and may also be available for licensing.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Technical and licensing information on the invention may be obtained by writing to: Amy E. Centanni, Department of Veterans Affairs, Director, Technology Transfer Program, Office of Research and Development, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420; fax: 202-254-0255; e-mail at: amy.centanni@mail.va.gov. Any request for information should include the Number and Title for the relevant invention as indicated below. Issued patents may be obtained from the Commissioner of Patents, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The invention available for licensing is: U.S. Patent Application No. 11/113,786 "Quantitation of Endothelial Microparticles."

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