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By Direction of the Commission.

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

Privacy Act of 1974; Notice of Updated Systems of Records

AGENCY: General Services Administration.

ACTION: Notice; publication of an updated GSA system of records notice that includes a new routine use and updated administrative changes, including system managers, office titles, addresses, or locations.

SUMMARY: GSA reviewed this Privacy Act system to ensure it was relevant, necessary, accurate, up-to-date, and covered by the appropriate legal or regulatory authority. Also, it was updated in response to OMB M-07-16.

EFFECTIVE DATES: Effective December 31, 2007.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Call or e-mail the Privacy Act Officer: telephone (202) 208-1317; e-mail gsa.privacy.act@gsa.gov.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted to the System Development and Support Division of the Office of Inspector General (JPM). The mailing address is: General Services Administration (JPM), 1800 F Street, NW., Washington DC 20405.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: GSA reviewed this Privacy Act system of record to ensure that it is relevant, necessary, accurate, up-to-date, and covered by the appropriate legal or regulatory authority. Nothing in the updated system notice indicates a change in authorities or practices regarding the collection and maintenance of information. Nor do the changes impact individuals' rights to access or amend their records in the system of records. It also includes the new requirement from OMB Memorandum M-07-16 regarding a new routine use that allows agencies to disclose information in connection with a response and remedial efforts in the event of a data breach.

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Cheryl M. Paige,

Director, Office of Information Management.

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SYSTEM NAME:

Investigation Case Files.

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION:

Some of the material contained in the system has been classified in the interests of national security pursuant to Executive Order 11652.

SYSTEM LOCATION:

This system is located in the GSA Office of Inspector General, 1800 F Street, NW., Washington, DC 20405. The database for the system, known as the IG—Investigative Documentation Electronic Administrative System (IG—IDEAS), is on a local area network in the GS Building and is operated by the System Development and Support Division of the Office of Inspector General (JPM). The backup tapes for the system are stored at the Mid-Atlantic Investigations Office, 300 D Street, SW., Washington, DC 20024. Some interim reports are filed in the Suspension and Debarment Division, Office of the Chief Acquisition Officer.

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

Individuals covered by the system are employees, former employees, and applicants for employment with GSA, as well as commissions, committees and small agencies serviced by GSA. The system also includes historical researchers, employees of contractors performing custodial or guard services in buildings under GSA control, any person who was the source of a complaint or an allegation that a crime had taken place, a witness who has information or evidence on any side of an investigation, and any possible or actual suspect in a criminal, administrative (including suspension and/or debarment actions), or civil action.

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

Investigative files containing personal information, including name, date, and place of birth, experience, and investigative material that is used as a basis for taking civil, criminal, and administrative actions.

AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:

5 U.S.C. App.3, section 2, *et seq.*

PURPOSE:

The system serves as a basis for taking civil, criminal, and administrative actions, including the issuance of

subpoenas, security clearances, suitability determinations, suspension and debarment recommendations and similar authorized activities.

ROUTINE USES OF THE SYSTEM RECORDS, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THEIR PURPOSE FOR USING THE SYSTEM:

Records are used by GSA officials and representatives of other government agencies on a need-to-know basis in the performance of their official duties under the authorities set forth above and for the following routine uses:

a. A record of any case in which there is an indication of a violation of law, whether civil, criminal, or regulatory in nature, may be disseminated to the appropriate Federal, State, local, or foreign agency charged with the responsibility for investigating or prosecuting such a violation or charge with enforcing or implementing the law.

b. A record may be disclosed to a Federal, State, local, or foreign agency or to an individual organization in the course of investigating a potential or actual violation of any law, whether civil, criminal, or regulatory in nature, or during the course of a trial or hearing or the preparing for a trial or hearing for such a violation, if there is reason to believe that such agency, individual, or organization possesses information relating to the investigation, and disclosing the information is reasonably necessary to elicit such information or to obtain the cooperation of a witness or an informant.

c. A record relating to a case or matter may be disclosed in an appropriate Federal, State, local, or foreign court or grand jury proceeding in accordance with established constitutional, substantive or procedural law or practice, even when the agency is not a party to the litigation.

d. A record relating to a case or matter may be disclosed to an actual or potential party or to his or her attorney for the purpose of negotiation or discussion on matters such as settlement of the case or matter, plea-bargaining or informal discovery proceedings.

e. A record relating to a case or matter that has been referred by an agency for investigation, prosecution, or enforcement or that involves a case or matter within the jurisdiction of any agency may be disclosed to the agency to notify it of the status of the case or matter or of any decision or determination that has been made or to make such other inquiries and reports as are necessary during the processing of the case or matter.

f. A record relating to a case or matter may be disclosed to a foreign country

pursuant to an international treaty or convention entered into and ratified by the United States, or to an Executive agreement.

g. A record may be disclosed to a Federal, State, local, foreign or international law enforcement agency to assist in crime prevention and detection or to provide leads for investigation.

h. A record may be disclosed to a Federal, State, local, foreign, or tribal or other public authority in response to its request in connection with the hiring or retention of an employee, the issuance of a security clearance, the reporting of an investigation of an employee, the letting of a contract, or the issuing of a license, grant, or other benefit by the requesting agency, to the extent that the information relates to the requesting agency's decision on the matter.

i. A record may be disclosed to the public, news media, trade associations, or organized groups when the purpose is educational or informational, such as describing crime trends or distinctive or unique modus operandi, provided that the record does not identify a specific individual.

j. A record may be disclosed to an appeal or grievance examiner, formal complaints examiner, equal opportunity investigator, arbitrator, or other authorized official engaged in investigation or settlement of matters and investigations involving the Merit Systems Protection Board or the Office of Special Counsel.

k. A record may be disclosed as a routine use to a Member of Congress or to a congressional staff member in response to an inquiry of the congressional office made at the request of the person who is the subject of the record.

l. Information may be disclosed at any stage of the legislative coordination and clearance process to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for reviewing of private relief legislation as set forth in OMB Circular No. A-19.

m. A record may be disclosed: (a) To an expert, a consultant, or contractor of GSA engaged in a duty related to an agency function to the extent necessary to perform the function; and (b) to a physician to conduct a fitness-for-duty examination of a GSA officer or employee.

n. A record may be disclosed to an official charged with the responsibility to conduct qualitative assessment reviews of internal safeguards and management procedures employed in investigative operations. This disclosure category includes members of the President's Council on Integrity and Efficiency and officials and administrative staff within their

investigative chain of command, as well as authorized officials of the Department of Justice and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

o. A record relating to a case may be disclosed to the GSA Office of Acquisition Policy for a decision or determination regarding suspension and debarment measures taken by the Government to disqualify contractors from participation in Government contracting or subcontracting.

p. To appropriate agencies, entities, and persons when (1) the Agency suspects or has confirmed that the security or confidentiality of information in the system of records has been compromised; (2) the Agency has determined that as a result of the suspected or confirmed compromise there is a risk of harm to economic or property interests, identity theft or fraud, or harm to the security or integrity of this system or other systems or programs (whether maintained by GSA or another agency or entity) that rely upon the compromised information; and (3) the disclosure made to such agencies, entities, and persons is reasonably necessary to assist in connection with GSA's efforts to respond to the suspected or confirmed compromise and prevent, minimize, or remedy such harm.

q. In any legal proceeding, where pertinent, to which GSA is a party before a court or administrative body.

r. To the Office of Personnel Management (OPM), the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), and the Government Accountability Office (GAO) in accordance with their responsibilities for evaluating Federal programs.

s. To the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) for records management purposes.

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

STORAGE:

Paper records are kept in files and file folders. Electronic records are stored in an electronic database or on hard or floppy disks and tapes.

RETRIEVABILITY:

Paper records are retrievable manually by name from files indexed alphabetically and filed numerically by location and incident. Electronic records are retrievable by case number or by full or partial name.

SAFEGUARDS:

Paper records are stored in locked rooms with access limited to authorized personnel. Computer based records are

available only to authorized users with a need to know and are protected by a network logon password, user password, and restricted right of access to the software, system, file, data element, and report.

RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:

Records are disposed of by shredding or burning, as scheduled in the HB, GSA Maintenance and Disposition System (OAD P 1820.2A), and the records schedules authorized by that system.

SYSTEM MANAGER AND ADDRESS:

The system manager is the System Development and Support Division of the Office of Inspector General (JPM). The mailing address is: General Services Administration (JPM), 1800 F Street, NW., Washington, DC 20405.

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:

An individual who wishes to be notified whether the system contains a record concerning him or her should address a request to the Office of Counsel to the Inspector General (JC), General Services Administration, Room 5324, 1800 F Street, NW., Washington, DC 20405.

RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:

An individual seeking access to a record should put his or her request in writing and address it to the Office of Counsel to the Inspector General (JC), including full name (maiden name if appropriate), address, and date and place of birth. General inquiries may be made by calling the Office of Counsel to the Inspector General on (202) 501-1932.

CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:

GSA rules for contesting the content of a record or appealing a denial of a request to amend a record are in 41 CFR part 105-64 published in the **Federal Register**.

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

The sources are individuals themselves, employees, informants, law enforcement agencies, other government agencies, employers, references, co-workers, neighbors, educational institutions, and intelligence sources.

SYSTEMS EXEMPTED FROM CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE ACT:

In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552a(j), this system of records is exempt from all provisions of the Privacy Act of 1974 with the exception of subsections (b); (c)(1) and (2); (e)(4)(A) through (F); (e)(6), (7), (9), (10), and (11); and (i) of the Act, to the extent that information in the system pertains to the enforcement of criminal laws, including

police efforts to prevent, control, or reduce crime or to apprehend criminals; to the activities of prosecutors, courts, and correctional, probation, pardon, or parole authorities; and to (a) information compiled for the purpose of identifying individual criminal offenders and alleged offenders and consisting only of identifying data and notations of arrests, the nature and disposition of criminal charges, sentencing, confinement, release, and parole and probation status; (b) information compiled for the purpose of a criminal investigation, including reports of informants and investigators, that is associated with an identifiable individual; or (c) reports of enforcement of the criminal laws, from arrest or indictment through release from supervision. This system is exempted to maintain the efficacy and integrity of the Office of Inspector General's law enforcement function. In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552a(k), this system of records is exempt from subsections (c)(3); (d); (e)(1); (e)(4); (G), (H), and (I); and (f) of the Privacy Act of 1974.

THE SYSTEM IS EXEMPT:

a. To the extent that the system consists of investigatory material compiled for law enforcement purposes. However, if an individual is denied any right, privilege, or benefit to which the individual would otherwise be eligible as a result of the maintenance of such material, such material shall be provided to such individual, except to the extent that the disclosure of such material would reveal the identity of a source who furnished information to the government under an express promise that the identity of the source would be held in confidence, or prior to the effective date of the Act, under an implied promise that the identity of the source would be held in confidence; and

b. To the extent the system consists of investigatory material compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability, eligibility, or qualifications for Federal civilian employment, military service, Federal contracts, or access to classified information, but only to the extent that the disclosure of

such material would reveal the identity of a source who furnished information to the Government under an express promise that the identity of the source would be held in confidence, or, prior to the effective date of the Act, under an implied promise that the identity of the source would be held in confidence. This system has been exempted to maintain the efficacy and integrity of lawful investigations conducted pursuant to the Office of Inspector General's law enforcement responsibilities and responsibilities in the areas of Federal employment, government contracts, and access to security classified information.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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Agency Information Collection Request. 60-Day Public Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, HHS.

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Secretary (OS), Department of Health and Human Services, is publishing the following summary of a proposed information collection request for public comment. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including any of the following subjects: (1) The necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden. To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above,

e-mail your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and OS document identifier, to *Sherette.funncoleman@hhs.gov*, or call the Reports Clearance Office on (202) 690-6162. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections must be directed to the OS Paperwork Clearance Officer at the above email address within 60 days.

Proposed Project—Annual Appellant Climate Survey—0990-NEW—Office of Medicare Hearings and Appeals (OMHA).

Abstract: The first annual OMHA Appellant Climate Survey is a survey of Medicare beneficiaries, providers, and suppliers who had a hearing before an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) at the Office of Medicare Hearings and Appeals (OMHA). Appellants dissatisfied with the outcome of their Level 2 appeal may request a hearing before an OMHA ALJ. The Appellant Climate Survey will be used to measure appellant satisfaction with their OMHA appeals experience, as opposed to their satisfaction with a specific ruling.

OMHA was established by the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act (MMA) of 2003 (Pub. L. 108-173) and became operational on July 1, 2005. The MMA legislation and implementing regulations issued on March 8, 2007 instituted a number of changes in the appeals process. The MMA legislation also directed the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to consider the feasibility of conducting hearings using telephone or video-conference technologies. In carrying out this mandate, OMHA makes extensive use of video-teleconferencing to provide appellants with a vast nationwide network of access points for hearings close to their homes. The survey will gauge appellants' satisfaction with this new service along with the overall appeals experience. The OMHA survey will be conducted annually over a three-year period, beginning in FY08. Results from the surveys will be used to gauge progress made in increasing satisfaction among appellants.

ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN TABLE

Forms	Type of respondent	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response (in hours)	Total burden hours
OMHA Appellant Climate Survey	Appellants	400	1	11/60	73