Privacy Impact Assessment / Veterans Integrated System Technical Architecture (VistA)

PRIVACY IMPACT ASSESSMENT 2008

INTRODUCTION:

Congress passed the E-Government Act of 2002 to encourage the use of Web-based Internet applications or other information technology by Government agencies, with the intention of enhancing access to government information and services and increasing the effectiveness, efficiency, and quality of government operations.

To combat public concerns regarding the disclosure of private information, the E-Government Act mandated various measures, including the requirement that Federal agencies conduct a Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA) for projects with information technology systems that collect, maintain, and/or disseminate "personally identifiable information" of the public. Personally identifiable information, or "personal information," is information that may be used to identify a specific person. Appendix A, "Applicable Legal and Regulatory Requirements" summarizes the applicable legal and regulatory requirements that are addressed by the PIA process.

Update regarding PIV projects: Federal Information Processing Standards Publication (FIPS PUB) 201 Personal Identity Verification (PIV) of Federal Employees and Contractors and subsequent OMB guidance explicitly require PIAs for PIV projects collecting any personal data, not just of the public.

Primary Privacy Impact Assessment objectives include:

o Ensure and promote the trust and confidence of Veterans and the general public.

o Ensure compliance with the eGov Act and other applicable privacy laws, regulations and policies, including the PIV regulations.

o Identify the risks and adverse effects of collecting, maintaining and disseminating personal information in electronic information systems.

o Evaluate and develop protections and alternative processes for handling information to mitigate potential privacy risks.

Additional important objectives include:

o Provide a mechanism for ensuring responsibility and accountability for privacy issues.

o Provide documented assurance that privacy, security and other vital data stewardship considerations are integrated into information technology systems, starting with the initial outlining of a project's objectives and data usage requirements and continuing through design, operation, maintenance and disposal.

o Ensure that decision-makers are provided the information required to make informed system design or procurement decisions, based on an understanding of privacy risk, and of options available for mitigating that risk.

o Greatly reduce the risk of needing to interrupt a program or service because privacy and other vital data stewardship considerations were not adequately addressed before the program or service was implemented.

o Promote awareness and understanding of privacy issues.

o Provide valuable documentation on the flow of personal information, and related privacy considerations and design decisions.

Completion of this PIA Form:

o Part I (Sections 1 and 2) of this form must be completed for all projects. Part I documents basic project information and establish whether a full PIA is required.

o This entire PIA Form (Parts I and II) must be completed/updated every year for all projects with information technology (IT) systems that collect, maintain, and/or disseminate "personally identifiable information" information that may be used to identify a specific person of the public, OR is a PIV project.

Important Note: While this form provides detailed instructions for completing a Privacy Impact Assessment for your project, support documents that provide additional guidance are available on the OCIS Portal (VA network access required).

Part I. Project Identification and Determination of PIA Requirement

1. PROJECT IDENTIFICATION:

1.1) Project Basic Information:

1.1.a) Project or Application Name:

Veterans Integrated System Technical Architecture (VistA)

1.1.b) OMB Unique Project Identifier:

029-00-01-11-01-1180-00 (667AO1, 667AO2, 667AO3)

1.1.c) Concise Project Description

Provide a concise description of the project. Your response will be automatically limited to approximately 200 words, and should provide a basic understanding of the project, and its most essential elements. (If applicable, use of personal data is to be described in Section 3.)

The VistA (Legacy) system is the operating system software platform and the technical infrastructure (associated with clinical operations) on which the VHA health care facilities operate their software applications. It includes the computer equipment associated with clinical operations and the employees (approximately 1270 FTE) necessary to operate the system. VistA (Legacy) is a client-server system. It links the facility computer network to over 100 applications and databases. In 2004, the VistA (Legacy) system supported IT services across the VA organization which had a network of 21 Veterans Integrated Service Networks (VISNs) that managed 152 medical centers, over 900 community based outpatient clinics, 135 nursing homes, 206 readjustment counseling centers and 43 domiciliaries. VistA (Legacy) provides critical data that supports the delivery of healthcare to veterans and their dependants. Using the computer, the VA health care provider can access VistA (Legacy) applications and meet a wide range of health care data needs. For example, VistA (Legacy) applications provide data on previous patient visits, can be used to access information from diagnostic tests and allow for the writing of prescriptions. The VistA (Legacy) system operates in medical centers, ambulatory and community-based clinics, nursing homes and domiciliaries. The VistA (Legacy) system is in the mature phase of the capital investment lifecycle. It began operation in 1982 when it was named Decentralized Hospital Computer Program (DHCP). In 1996 it was renamed Veterans Information Systems and Technology Architecture (VistA). It was written based on the MUMPS language, which is increasingly difficult to support. The number of qualified MUMPS software developers is diminishing. Modern, more efficient technical alternatives exist to the VistA (Legacy) platform, which would be easier and less costly to operate and maintain. Also, a rich base of commercially available software is now available to support much of the database management functions. An internal capital planning milestone IV decision briefing was held in January of 2002. Due to the problems with the M based language, VistA (Legacy) applications are undergoing a modernization and are being re-hosted in order to take advantage of current technological advancements. This program of modernization is defined by the HealtheVet - VistA strategy, which is detailed as an FY 2007 investment in this budget cycle. HealtheVet - VistA Strategy represents a new system and technical architecture that will allow IT applications to be hosted on platforms written in the Java and SQL development environment. Specifically, the modernization will allow for the applications to take advantage of: Commercially available relational DBMS Commercial report generation tools Object-oriented business layer Web and GUI user interfaces. In addition, as part of participating in e-Government strategies, work is being done to link with DoD Health Services and share patient health record data between the two agencies. This work and future development is detailed in the Joint Plan for an Electronic Health Record (HealthePeople, Federal), which was submitted to OMB in July 2002. The purpose of funding VistA (Legacy) in FY 2007 is to continue the maintenance of

this system while the transition to HealtheVet - VistA Strategy is underway. VistA (Legacy) costs are for the maintenance of the existing system. These costs include the salaries and expenses of the employees who operate and maintain the VistA (Legacy) software at the facility level. There are also employee salary, expense and project costs for support of VistA (Legacy) at the national level. These activities essentially "keep the lights on", maintain current systems, and ensure that the VistA (Legacy) system remains able to meet the needs of those dependent on the information and data it provides.

1.1.d) Additional Project Information (Optional)

The project description provided above should be a concise, stand-alone description of the project. Use this section to provide any important, supporting details.

1.2) Contact Information:

1.2.a) Person completing this document:	
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Email Address: shacoria.williams@va.gov	
1.2.b) Project Manager:	
Title: Dan Shipp	
Organization: OI&T	
Telephone Number: 318-841-7617	
Email Address: dan.shipp@va.gov	
1.2.c) Staff Contact Person:	
Title: Judy Boogaerts	
Organization: Privacy Service	
Telephone Number: 318-221-8411 ext 6711	
Email Address: judith.boogaerts@va.gov	

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: If appropriate, provide explanation for limited answers, such as the development stage of project.

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	x	**SECTION COMPLETED**

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2. DETERMINATION OF PIA REQUIREMENTS:

A privacy impact assessment (PIA) is required for all VA projects with IT systems that collect, maintain, and/or disseminate personally identifiable information (PII) of the public, not including information of Federal employees and others performing work for VA (such as contractors, interns, volunteers, etc.), unless it is a PIV project. All PIV projects collecting any PII must complete a PIA. PII is any representation of information that permits the identity of an individual to be reasonably inferred by either direct or indirect means. Direct references include: name, address, social security number, telephone number, email address, financial information, or other identifying number or code. Indirect references are any information by which an agency intends to identify specific individuals in conjunction with other data elements. Examples of indirect references include a combination of gender, race, birth date, geographic indicator and other descriptors.

2.a) Will the project collect and/or maintain personally identifiable information in IT systems?

Yes

2. b) Is this a PIV project collecting PII, including from Federal employees, contractors, and others performing work for VA?

Yes

If "YES" to either question then a PIA is required for this project. Complete the remaining questions on this form. If "NO" to both questions then no PIA is required for this project. Skip to section 13 and affirm.

2.c) Has a previous PIA been completed within the last three years?

Yes

2.d) Has any changes been made to the system since last PIA?

No

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: (Provide any necessary clarifying information or additional explanation for this section.)

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Part II. Privacy Impact Assessment

3. PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The purpose of NIST SP 800-60 is to address recommending the types of information and information systems to be included in each category of potential security impact. Using NIST SP800-60, enter the information requested to describe the project.

3.a) Provide a concise description of why personal information is maintained for this project, such as determining eligibility for benefits or providing patient care.

All information is necessary in order to provide congressionally mandated health care for Veterans.

3.b) What specific legal authorities authorize this project, and the associated collection, use, and/or retention of personal information?

VA Directive 6300; VA Handbook 6300.5

3.c) Identify, by selecting the appropriate range from the list below, the approximate number of individuals that (will) have their personal information stored in project systems.

1,000,000 - 9,999,999

3.d) Identify what stage the project/system is in: (1) Design/Planning, (2) Development/Implementation, (3) Operation/Maintenance, (4) Disposal, or (5) Mixed Stages.

Operation/Maintenance

3.e) Identify either the approximate date (MM/YYYY) the project/system will be operational (if in the design or development stage), or the approximate number of years that the project/system has been in operation.

Been in operation since 05/1984

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4. SYSTEM OF RECORDS:

The Privacy Act of 1974 (Section 552a of Title 5 of the United States Code) and VA policy provide privacy protections for employee or customer information that VA or its suppliers maintain in a System of Records (SOR). A SOR is a file or application from which personal information is retrieved by an identifier (e.g. name, unique number or symbol). Data maintained in a SOR must be managed in accordance with the requirements of the Privacy Act and the specific provisions of the applicable SOR Notice. Each SOR Notice is to be published in the Federal Register. See VA Handbook 6300.5 "Procedures for Establishing & Managing Privacy Act Systems Of Records", for additional information regarding Systems of Records.

4.a) Will the project or application retrieve personal information on the basis of name, unique number, symbol, or other identifier assigned to the individual?

If "No" then skip to section 5, 'Data Collection'.

Yes

4.b) Are the project and/or system data maintained under one or more approved System(s) of Records?

IF "No" then SKIP to question 4.c.

Yes

4.b.1) For each applicable System of Records, list:

(1) The System of Records identifier (number),

79VA19 – VistA (Veterans Integrated System Technical Architecture)
23VA136 – Patient Fee Basis Medical & Pharmacy Records
24VA19 – Patient Medical Records
56VA119 – Automated Medication Processing Records
76VA05 – General Personnel Records
89VA161 – Means Test Verification Records
57VA125 – Voluntary Service Records
97VA105 – Consolidated Data Information System
99VA13 – Automated Safety Incident Surveillance and Tracking System (ASISTS)
121VA19 – National Patient Database

(2) The name of the System of Records, and

VistA-VA

(3) Provide the location where the specific applicable System of Records Notice(s) may be accessed (include the URL).

http://frwebgate4.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/waisgate.cgi?WAISdocID=96342524165+1+0+0&WAISaction=retrieve

IMPORTANT: For each applicable System of Records Notice that is not accessible via a URL: (1) Provide a concise explanation of why the System of Records Notice is not

accessible via a URL in the "Additional Information" field at the end of this section, and (2) Send a copy of the System of Records Notice(s) to the Privacy Service.

4.b.2) Have you read, and will the application comply with, all data management practices in the System of Records Notice(s)?

Yes

4.b.3) Was the System(s) of Records created specifically for this project, or created for another project or system?

It was created specifically for this project.

If created for another project or system, briefly identify the other project or system.

4.b.4) Does the System of Records Notice require modification?

If "No" then skip to section 5, 'Data Collection'.

No

4.b.5) Describe the required modifications.

N/A

4.c) If the project and/or system data are not maintained under one or more approved System(s) of Records, select one of the following and provide a concise explanation.

Explanation:

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: (Provide any necessary clarifying information or additional explanation for this section.)

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5. DATA COLLECTION:

5.1 Data Types and Data Uses

FIPS 199 establishes security categories for both information and information systems. The security categories are based on the potential impact on an organization should certain events occur which jeopardize the information and information systems needed by the organization to accomplish its assigned mission, protect its assets, fulfill its legal responsibilities, maintain its day-to-day functions, and protect individuals. Security categories are to be used in conjunction with vulnerability and threat information in assessing the risk to an organization. Identify the types of personal information collected and the intended use(s) of that data:

a) Select all applicable data types below. If the provided data types do not adequately describe a specific data collection, select the "Other Personal Information" field and provide a description of the information.

b) For each selected data type, concisely describe how that data will be used.

Important Note: Please be specific. If different data types or data groups will be used for different purposes or multiple purposes, specify. For example: "Name and address information will be used to communicate with individuals about their benefits, while Name, Service, and Dependent's information will be used to determine which benefits individuals will be eligible to receive. Email address will be used to inform individuals about new services as they become available."

Yes	**Veteran's or Primary Subject's Personal Contact Information (name, address, telephone, etc.)**

Specifically identify the personal information collected, and describe the intended use of the information.

This information is used to identify the veteran for eligibility of benefits and care and to contact the veteran or next-of-kin by mail or telephone.

No	**Other Personal Information of the Veteran or Primary Subject**

Specifically identify the personal information collected, and describe the intended use of the information.

Yes	**Dependent Information**

Specifically identify the personal information collected, and describe the intended use of the information.

This information is used to determine eligibility for VA benefits.

Yes	**Service Information**

Specifically identify the personal information collected, and describe the intended use of the information.

Veteran service information is used to determine eligibility level for benefits to be received.

Yes	**Medical Information**

Specifically identify the personal information collected, and describe the intended use of the information.

Medical data such as disability information regarding a veteran as in the diagnosis and treatment of the veteran as well as to provide quality healthcare. Doctors' orders for patient care including nursing care, the scheduling and delivery of medications, consultations, radiology, laboratory and other diagnostic and therapeutic examinations.

No	**Criminal Record Information**

Specifically identify the personal information collected, and describe the intended use of the information.

Yes	**Guardian Information**

Specifically identify the personal information collected, and describe the intended use of the information.

Veterans' guardian and dependent data will be utilized to determine eligibility for VA benefits. It is also needed for the notification process and as required for medical decisions.

No	**Education Information**

Specifically identify the personal information collected, and describe the intended use of the information.

Yes	**Rehabilitation Information**

Specifically identify the personal information collected, and describe the intended use of the information.

Rehabilitation information is used for follow-up treatment and as part of the medical record.

Yes	**Other Personal Information (specify):**

The "Other Personal Information" field is intended to allow identification of collected personal information that does not fit the provided categories. If personal information is collected that does not fit one of the provided categories, specifically identify this information and describe the intended use of the information.

Next-of-kin information and emergency contact information, such as name and telephone number, is collected from the veteran to use to contact other individuals in case of an emergency. In addition insurance and employment information is available on the veteran for use in billing for care.

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5.2 Data Sources

Identify the source(s) of the collected information.

a) Select all applicable data source categories provided below.

b) For each category selected:

i) Specifically identify the source(s) - identify each specific organization, agency or other entity that is a source of personal information. ii) Provide a concise description of why information is collected from that source(s). iii) Provide any required additional clarifying information.

Your responses should clearly identify each source of personal information, and explain why information is obtained from each identified source. (Important Note: This section addresses sources of personal information; Section 6.1, "User Access and Data Sharing" addresses sharing of collected personal information.)

Note: PIV projects should use the "Other Source(s)" data source.

Yes **Veteran Source**

Provide a concise description of why information is collected from Veterans. Provide any required additional, clarifying information.

Veteran data is used to identify the veteran, determine eligibility for care, schedule treatment and manage their provided care.

No **Public Source(s)**

i) Specifically identify the Public Source(s) - identify the specific organization(s) or other entity(ies) that supply personal information. ii) Provide a concise description of why information is collected from each identified source. iii) Provide any required additional, clarifying information.

Yes	**VA Files and Databases**

i) Specifically identify each VA File and/or Database that is a source of personal information. ii) Provide a concise description of why information is collected from each identified source. iii) Provide any required additional, clarifying information.

Master Patient Index (MPI) – used to get updates on patient information
Health Eligibility Center – information is gathered for determination of health benefits
Austin Automation (PAID file) – updates are sent with employee information such as salary and address changes

Yes	**Other Federal Agency Source(s)**

i) Specifically identify each Federal Agency that is a source of personal information. ii) Provide a concise description of why information is collected from each identified source. iii) Provide any required additional, clarifying information.

IRS,SSA, DoD data is used for income verification to determine if third party collection is possible. It is also used in determining eligibility for care.

No	**State Agency Source(s)**

i) Specifically identify each State Agency that is a source of personal information. ii) Provide a concise description of why information is collected from each identified source. iii) Provide any required additional, clarifying information.

No	**Local Agency Source(s)**

i) Specifically identify each Local Agency (Government agency other than a Federal or State agency) that is a source of personal information. ii) Provide a concise description of why information is collected from each identified source. iii) Provide any required additional, clarifying information.

Yes	**Other Source(s)**

i) If the provided Data Source categories do not adequately describe a source of personal information, specifically identify and describe each additional source of personal information. ii) For each identified data source, provide a concise description of why information is collected from that source. iii) Provide any required additional, clarifying information.

Contractor source - VHA contracts for various services relating to providing care to veterans (i.e., transcription, coding, and radiology) that result in the creation of information that is collected in this system.

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5.3 Collection Methods

Identify and describe how personal information is collected:

a) Select all applicable collection methods below. If the provided collection methods do not adequately describe a specific data collection, select the "Other Collection Method" field and provide a description of the collection method. b) For each collection method selected, briefly describe the collection method, and provide additional information as indicated.

Yes	**Web Forms:**	Information collected on Web Forms and sent electronically over the Internet to project systems.

Identify the URL(s) of each Web site(s) from which information will be submitted, and the URL(s) of the associated privacy statement. (Note: This question only applies to Web forms that are submitted online. Forms that are accessed online, printed and then mailed or faxed are considered "Paper Forms.")

The web form is located at https:\\www.1010EZ.med.va.gov/sec/vah/1010EZ.
This site from which this form is accessed (http:www.va.gov/) references the VA Privacy and Security site (http://www.va.gov/privacy/), as well as the VA Disclaimer site (http://www.va.gov/disclaim.htm) and the VA FOIA site (http://vaww.va.gov/OIT/CIO/FOIA/default.asp)

Yes	**Paper Forms:**	Information collected on Paper Forms and submitted personally, submitted via Postal Mail and/or submitted via Fax Machine.

Identify and/or describe the paper forms by which data is collected. If applicable, identify standard VA forms by form number.

VA Form 1010EZ – Paper forms received from outside agencies are scanned into VistA Imaging. Information is entered into CPRS from outside providers.

No	**Electronic File Transfer:**	Information stored on one computer/system (not entered via a Web Form) and transferred electronically to project IT systems.

Describe the Electronic File Transfers used to collect information into project systems. (Note: This section addresses only data collection – how information stored in project systems is acquired. Sharing of information stored in project systems and data backups are addressed in subsequent sections.)

No	**Computer Transfer Device:**	Information that is entered and/or stored on one computer/ system and then transferred to project IT systems via an object or device that is used to store data, such as a CD-ROM, floppy disk or tape.

Describe the type of computer transfer device, and the process used to collect information.

Yes	**Telephone Contact:**	Information is collected via telephone.

Describe the process through which information is collected via telephone contacts.

Veterans answer questions posed over phone to collect for the Form 1010EZ data.

No	**Other Collection Method:**	Information is collected through a method other that those listed above.

If the provided collection method categories do not adequately describe a specific data collection, select the "Other Collection Method" field and specifically identify and describe the process used to collect information.

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5.4 Notice

The Privacy Act of 1974 and VA policy requires that certain disclosures be made to data subjects when information in identifiable form is collected from them. The following questions are directed at notice to the individual of the scope of information collected, the right to consent to uses of said information, and the right to decline to provide information.

5.4.a) Is personally identifiable information collected directly from individual members of the public and maintained in the project's IT systems?

Yes

Note: If you have selected NO above, then SKIP to Section 5.5, 'Consent'.

5.4.b) Is the data collection mandatory or voluntary?

Voluntary

5.4.c) How are the individuals involved in the information collection notified of the Privacy Policy and whether provision of the information is mandatory or voluntary?

Web – A privacy notice is posted prior to filling out information. User must accept/decline providing personal information. Paper – The privacy notice is posted at the beginning of forms. Veteran must sign acknowledging this notice and any information provided. Telephone – An audio system informs the veteran of the Privacy notice and that continuation with the service means you understand the terms.

5.4.d) Is the data collection new or ongoing?

Ongoing

5.4.e.1) If personally identifiable information is collected online, is a privacy notice provided that includes the following elements? (Select all applicable boxes.)

	Not applicable
Y	**Privacy notice is provided on each page of the application.**
Y	**A link to the VA Website Privacy Policy is provided.**
Y	**Proximity and Timing: the notice is provided at the time and point of data collection.**
Y	**Purpose: notice describes the principal purpose(s) for which the information will be used.**
Y	**Authority: notice specifies the legal authority that allows the information to be collected.**
Y	**Conditions: notice specifies if providing information is voluntary, and effects, if any, of not providing it.**
Y	**Disclosures: notice specifies routine use(s) that may be made of the information.**

5.4.e.2) If necessary, provide an explanation on privacy notices for your project:

Patients are informed of the different ways to provide information. They are also informed of who this information may be shared with and why.

5.4.f) For each type of collection method used (identified in Section 5.3, "Collection Method"), explain:

a) What the subjects will be told about the information collection. b) How this message will be conveyed to them (e.g., written notice, electronic notice if a web-based collection, etc.). c) How a privacy notice is provided.

Note: if PII is transferred from other projects, explain any agreements or understandings regarding notification of subjects.

Yes	**Web Forms:**

Explain:

a) What the subjects will be told about the information collection. b) How this message will be conveyed to them (e.g., written notice, electronic notice if a web-based collection, etc.). c) How a privacy notice is provided.

Web – A privacy notice is posted prior to filling out information.

"You can contact us by postal mail, telephone, or electronically, via an on-line form. Before you do, there are a few things you should know. The material you submit may be seen by various people. We may enter the information you send into an electronic database, to share with our attorneys and investigators involved in law enforcement or public policy development. We may also share it with a wide variety of other government agencies enforcing consumer protection, competition, and other laws. You may be contacted by any of those organizations. In other limited circumstances, including requests from Congress or private individuals, we may be required by law to disclose information you submit.

Also, e-mail is not necessarily secure against interception. If your communication is very sensitive, or includes personal information like your bank account, charge card, or social security number, you might want to send it by postal mail instead."

Yes	**Paper Forms:**

Explain:

a) What the subjects will be told about the information collection. b) How this message will be conveyed to them (e.g., written notice, electronic notice if a web-based collection, etc.). c) How a privacy notice is provided.

Paper – The privacy notice is posted at the beginning of forms. Veteran must sign acknowledging this notice and any information provided.

"Privacy Act Information -VA is asking you to provide the information on this form under 38 U.S.C. Sections 1705, 1710, 1712, and 1722 in order for VA to determine your eligibility for medical benefits. Information you supply may be verified through a computer-matching program. VA may disclose the information that you put on the form as permitted by law. VA may make a "routine use" disclosure of the information as outlined in the Privacy Act systems of records notices and in accordance with the VHA Notice of Privacy Practices. You do not have to provide the information to VA, but if you don't, VA may be unable to process your request and serve your medical needs. Failure to furnish the information will not have any affect on any other benefits to which you may be entitled. If you provide VA your Social Security Number, VA

will use it to administer your VA benefits. VA may also use this information to identify veterans and persons claiming or receiving VA benefits and their records, and for other purposes authorized or required by law".

No	**Electronic File Transfer:**

For electronic transfers of information, where this system is receiving the information from another system and is not collected from the primary information source, please explain what agreements are in place that govern the responsibilities of the system collecting information from the primary information source to notify subjects regarding:

a) What they will be told about the information collection? b) How the message will be conveyed (e.g. written notice, electronic notice if web-based collection, etc.)? c)How a privacy notice is provided?

No	**Computer Transfer Device:**

For electronic transfers of information, where this system is receiving the information from another system and is not collected from the primary information source, please explain what agreements are in place that govern the responsibilities of the system collecting information from the primary information source to notify subjects regarding:

a) What they will be told about the information collection? b) How the message will be conveyed (e.g. written notice, electronic notice if web-based collection, etc.)? c)How a privacy notice is provided?

Yes	**Telephone:**

Explain:

a) What the subjects will be told about the information collection. b) How this message will be conveyed to them (e.g., written notice, electronic notice if a web-based collection, etc.). c) How a privacy notice is provided.

An automated voice message is provided for individuals to accept/decline consent to monitoring and the collection of personal data. This consent method adheres to VA existing practices, policies, and procedures and Federal guidelines and requirements. Continuation with use of the service implies you understand the terms.

	Other Method:

Explain:

a) What the subjects will be told about the information collection. b) How this message will be conveyed to them (e.g., written notice, electronic notice if a web-based collection, etc.). c) How a privacy notice is provided.

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5.5 Consent For Secondary Use of PII:

The Privacy Act and VA policy require that personally identifiable information only be used for the purpose(s) for which it was collected, unless consent (opt-in) is granted. Individuals must be provided an opportunity to provide consent for any secondary use of information, such as use of collected information for marketing.

5.5.a) Will personally identifiable information be used for any secondary purpose?

Note: If you have selected No above, then SKIP to question 5.6, "Data Quality."

No

5.5.b) Describe and justify any secondary uses of personal information.

5.5.c) For each collection method identified in question 5.3, "Collection Method," describe:

1) The opportunities individuals have to decline to provide information, for instances where providing information is voluntary. 2) The opportunities individuals have to grant consent for particular uses of the information. 3) How individuals may grant consent.

Some examples of consent methods are: (1) Approved OMB consent forms and (2) VA Consent Form (VA Form 1010EZ). Provide justification if no method of consent is provided.

☐ **Web Forms:**

Describe:

1) The opportunities individuals have to decline to provide information, for instances where providing information is voluntary. 2) The opportunities individuals have to grant consent for particular uses of the information. 3) How individuals may grant consent.

☐ **Paper Forms:**

Describe:

1) The opportunities individuals have to decline to provide information, for instances where providing information is voluntary. 2) The opportunities individuals have to grant consent for particular uses of the information. 3) How individuals may grant consent.

☐ **Electronic File Transfer:**

For electronic transfers of information, where this system is receiving the information from another system and is not collected from the primary information source, please explain what agreements are in place that govern the responsibilities of the system collecting information from the primary information source to provide the following:

a) The opportunities individuals have to decline to provide information, for instances where providing information is voluntary. b) The opportunities individuals have to grant consent for particular uses of the information. c) How individuals may grant consent.

☐ **Computer Transfer Device:**

For electronic transfers of information, where this system is receiving the information from another system and is not collected from the primary information source, please explain what agreements are in place that govern the responsibilities of the system collecting information from the primary information source to provide the following:

a) The opportunities individuals have to decline to provide information, for instances where providing information is voluntary. b) The opportunities individuals have to grant consent for

particular uses of the information. c) How individuals may grant consent.

☐ **Telephone Contact Media:**

Describe:

1) The opportunities individuals have to decline to provide information, for instances where providing information is voluntary. 2) The opportunities individuals have to grant consent for particular uses of the information. 3) How individuals may grant consent.

☐ **Other Media**

Describe:

1) The opportunities individuals have to decline to provide information, for instances where providing information is voluntary. 2) The opportunities individuals have to grant consent for particular uses of the information. 3) How individuals may grant consent.

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5.6 Data Quality

5.6.a) Explain how collected data are limited to required elements:

Data is collected electronically based on the automation of VA forms and clinical procedures.

5.6.b) How is data checked for completeness?

Data is reviewed by staff and compared to paper forms.

5.6.c) What steps or procedures are taken to ensure the data are current and not out of date?

Clinical data is not removed. Administrative data is updated with each application for care or annually.

5.6.d) How is new data verified for relevance, authenticity and accuracy?

New data is compared with printed forms or via patient verification. Patient income verification may be obtained from the IRS.

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6. Use and Disclosure

6.1 User Access and Data Sharing

Identify the individuals and organizations that have access to system data.

--> Individuals - Access granted to individuals should be limited to the data needed to perform their assigned duties. Individuals with access to personal information stored in project system must be identified, and documented assurance must be provided that appropriate policies and procedures are in place to prevent as well as detect unauthorized access and browsing.

--> Other Agencies – Any Federal, State or local agencies that have authorized access to collected personal information must be identified, and documented assurance must be provided that appropriate policies and procedures are in place to protect personal information.

--> Other Systems – Information systems of other programs or projects that interface with the information system(s) of this project must be identified and the transferred data must be defined. Also, the controls that are in place to ensure that only the defined data are transmitted must be defined.

6.1.a) Identify all individuals and organizations that will have access to collected information. Select all applicable items below.

Yes	**System Users**
No	**System Owner, Project Manager**
Yes	**System Administrator**
Yes	**Contractor**

If contractors to VA have access to the system, describe their role and the extent of access that is

granted to them. Also, identify the contract(s) that they operate under.

Upon approval, contractors receive a user account in VistA which gives them access and a verify code. This account is only enabled for the time they are to be working within the system as specified within the contract. Access is limited to information needed to perform duties and fulfill contract requirements.

Yes	**Internal Sharing: Veteran Organization**

If information is shared internally, with other VA organizations identify the organization(s). For each organization, identify the information that is shared and for what purpose.

Other VA Hospitals – information is shared on a need to know basis; mainly used for transfer of patient records
Veterans Benefits Association (VBA) – information is shared for use in decisions on eligibility for benefits
National Cemetery – information is shared for use in determining benefits for burial
VA Police – information is shared in order to provide security and other healthcare operations.

No	**Other Veteran Organization**

If information is shared with a Veteran organization other than VA, identify the organization(s). For each organization, identify the information that is shared and for what purpose.

Yes	**Other Federal Government Agency**

If information is shared with another Federal government agency(ies), identify the agency(ies). For each organization, identify the information that is shared and for what purpose.

Patient records are transferred via a secure website to the Social Security Administration to assist veterans in obtaining Social Security benefits.

Yes	**State Government Agency**

If information is shared with a State government agency(ies), identify the agency(ies). For each organization, identify the information that is shared and for what purpose.

Lousiana War Veterans Homes – Patient health information is shared for treatment purposes. This agency has Read-Only access.

No	**Local Government Agency**

If information is shared with a local government agency(ies), identify the agency(ies). For each organization, identify the information that is shared and for what purpose.

Yes	**Other Project/ System**

If information is shared with other projects or systems:

1) Identify the other projects and/or systems, and briefly describe the data sharing. 2) For each project and/or system with which information will be shared, identify the information that will be shared with that project or system. 3) For each project and/or system with which information will be shared, describe why information is shared. 4) For each project and/or system with which information will be shared, describe who will be responsible for protecting the privacy rights of the individuals whose data will be shared across this interface.

Computerized Patient Records System (CPRS) – patients records information is shared; responsibility rests with the ISO and PO
Bar Code Medication Administration (BCMA) – patients medication information is shared; responsibility rest with the ISO and PO
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No	**Other User(s)**

If information is shared with persons or organization(s) that are not described by the categories provided, use this field to identify and describe what other persons or organization(s) have access to personal information stored on project systems. Also, briefly describe the data sharing.

6.1.a.1) Describe here who has access to personal information maintained in project's IT systems:

Clinical and administrative staff involved in the provision of care.

6.1.b) How is access to the data determined?

Access to data is role-based, specifically limiting access to the least amount necessary to perform the VA's normal duties and provide service to the veteran.

6.1.c) Are criteria, procedures, controls, and responsibilities regarding access documented? If so, identify the documents.

Yes - VHA1605.1 and VHA 1605.2 VA HANDBOOKS

6.1.d) Will users have access to all data on the project systems or will user access be restricted? Explain.

User access will be restricted based on job function.

6.1.e) What controls are in place to prevent the misuse (e.g. unauthorized browsing) of data by those having access? (Please list processes and training materials that specifically relate to unauthorized browsing)

Processes and training materials specifically related to preventing misuse, including violation of unauthorized browsing are currently included in the Site Information Security policy. Employees receive training at New Employee Orientation within 30 days of employment and annually thereafter.

6.1.f) Is personal information shared (is access provided to anyone other than the system users, system owner, Project Manager, System Administrator)? (Yes/No)

Yes - The VistA Legacy data is provided to the Health Data Repository (HDR) to populate that system with historical data. In addition, information is provided to the Health Eligibility Center for the purposes of income verification.

Note: If you have selected No above, then SKIP to question 6.2, "Access to Records and Requests for Corrections".

6.1.g) Identify the measures taken to protect the privacy rights of the individuals whose data will be shared.

There are strict password requirements in place for users with access; security audits are conducted weekly to monitor user access; time and lock-outs are in place so that unauthorized use is prevented.

6.1.h) Identify who is responsible, once personal information leaves your project's IT system(s), for ensuring that the information is protected.

The recipient is responsible for the data once it leaves our system.

6.1.i) Describe how personal information that is shared is transmitted or disclosed.

Personal information is encrypted and transmitted over the closed VA network.

6.1.j) Is a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), contract, or any other agreement in place with all external organizations with whom information is shared, and does the agreement reflect the scope of the information currently shared? If an MOU is not in place, is the sharing covered by a routine use in the System of Records Notice? If not, explain the steps being taken to address this omission.

N/A

6.1.k) How is the shared information secured by the recipient?

N/A – We do not share personal information with organizations outside the VA.

6.1.l) What type of training is required for users from agencies outside VA prior to receiving access to the information?

N/A – We do not share personal information with organizations outside the VA.

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6.2 Access to Records and Requests for Corrections

The Privacy Act and VA policy provide certain rights and mechanisms by which individuals may request access to and amendment of information relating to them that is retained in a System of Records.

6.2.a) How can individuals view instructions for accessing or amending data related to them that is maintained by VA? (Select all applicable options below.)

	The application will provide a link that leads to their information.
	The application will provide, via link or where data is collected, written instructions on how to access/amend their information.
	The application will provide a phone number of a VA representative who will provide instructions.
	The application will use other method (explain below).
x	**The application is exempt from needing to provide access.**

6.2.b) What are the procedures that allow individuals to gain access to their own information?

The patient will need to see the Privacy Officer and sign a Release of Information (VA Form 10-5345, Request for and Authorization to Release of Medical Records or Health Information). Identification is verified and once approved; hard copies of medical records will be requested.

6.2.c) What are the procedures for correcting erroneous information?

The patient will have to provide a written request to the Privacy Officer stating the incorrect information to be changed and the reason they believe this information in incorrect.

6.2.d) If no redress is provided, are alternatives available?

Yes, the patient will be referred to the General Counsel in Washington D.C. for the appeals process.

6.2.e) Provide here any additional explanation; if exempt, explain why the application is exempt from providing access and amendment.

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7 Retention and Disposal

By completing this section, you provide documented assurance that proper data retention and disposal practices are in place.

The "Retention and disposal" section of the applicable System of Records Notice(s) often provides appropriate and sufficiently detailed documented data retention and disposal practices specific to your project.

VA HBK 6300.1 Records Management Procedures explains the Records Control Schedule procedures.
System of Records Notices may be accessed via:
http://vaww.vhaco.va.gov//privacy/SystemofRecords.htm
or
http://vaww.va.gov/foia/err/enhanced/privacy_act/privacy_act.html
For VHA projects, VHA Handbook 1907.1 (Section 6j) and VHA Records Control Schedule 10-1 provide more general guidance.
VHA Handbook 1907.1 may be accessed at:
http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub_ID=434

For VBA projects, Records Control Schedule (RCS) VB-1 provides more general guidance. VBA Records Control Schedule (RCS) VB-1 may be accessed via the URL listed below.
Start by looking at the http://www.warms.vba.va.gov/20rcs.html

7.a) What is the data retention period? Given the purpose of retaining the information, explain why the information is needed for the indicated period.

Clinical information is retained in accordance with VA Records Control Schedule 10-1. Demographic information is updated as applications for care are submitted and retained in accordance with VA Records Control Schedule 10-1.

7.b) What are the procedures for eliminating data at the end of the retention period?

Electronic Final Version of Patient Medical Record is destroyed/deleted 75 years after the last episode of patient care as instructed in VA Records Control Schedule 10-1, Item XLIII, 2.b. (Page 190). At the present time, VistA Imaging retains all images. We are performing a study to explore whether some images can be eliminated on an earlier schedule.

7.c) Where are procedures documented?

VA Handbook 6300; Record Control Schedule 10-1

7.d) How are data retention procedures enforced?

VA Records Control Schedule 10-1 (page 8):
Records Management Responsibilities - The Health Information Resources Service (HIRS) is responsible for developing policies and procedures for effective and efficient records management throughout VHA. In addition, HIRS acts as the liaison between VHA and National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) on issues pertaining to records management practices and procedures.

Field records officers are responsible for records management activities at their facilities.

Program officials are responsible for creating, maintaining. Protecting, and disposing of records in their program area in accordance with NARA regulations and VA policy.

All VHA employees are responsible to ensure that records are created, maintained, protected, and disposed of in accordance with NARA regulations and VA policies and procedures.
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7.e) If applicable, has the retention schedule been approved by the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA)?

Yes

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8 SECURITY

OMB Guidance for Implementing the Privacy Provisions of the E-Government Act of 2002, (OMB M-03-22) specifies that privacy impact assessments must address how collected information will be secured.

8.1 General Security Measures

8.1.a) Per OMB guidance, citing requirements of the Federal Information Security Management Act, address the following items (select all applicable boxes.):

Yes	The project is following IT security requirements and procedures required by federal law and policy to ensure that information is appropriately secured.
Yes	The project has conducted a risk assessment, identified appropriate security controls to protect against that risk, and implemented those controls.
Yes	Security monitoring, testing, and evaluating are conducted on a regular basis to ensure that controls continue to work properly, safeguarding the information.

8.1.b) Describe the security monitoring, testing, and evaluating that is conducted on a regular basis:

Auditing of accounts occurs at least weekly. Items reviewed include level of access, new user accounts, position transfers, sign-on attempts and failed logins.

8.1.c) Is adequate physical security in place to protect against unauthorized access?

Yes

8.2 Project-Specific Security Measures

8.2.a) Provide a specific description of how collected information will be secured.

• A concise description of how data will be protected against unauthorized access, unauthorized modification, and how the availability of the system will be protected.

• A concise description of the administrative controls (Security Plans, Rules of Behavior, Procedures for establishing user accounts, etc.).

• A concise description of the technical controls (Access Controls, Intrusion Detection, etc.) that will be in place to safeguard the information.

• Describe any types of controls that may be in place to ensure that information is used in accordance with the above described uses. For example, are audit logs regularly reviewed to ensure appropriate use of information? Are strict disciplinary programs in place if an individual is found to be inappropriately using the information?

Note: Administrative and technical safeguards must be specific to the system covered by the PIA, rather than an overall description of how the VA's network is secured. Does the project/system have its own security controls, independent of the VA network? If so, describe these controls.

The agency is following IT security requirements as described in the FISMA. IT security is provided at the project and enterprise levels. IT security measures included the use of passwords, user authentication, physical security controls and configuration management. Enterprise level IT security includes firewalls for intrusion protection, virus protection software, and the implementation of authentication systems. Risk assessments are conducted. VistA last completed a FISMA survey in July 2003. The Office of Cyber and Information Security (OCIS) provides regular guidance on IT security issues and interpretation of rules and regulations set by legislation, policy or NIST guidelines. OCIS will serve as a point of contact for additional questions or specifics on implementation of security measures.

8.2.b) Explain how the project meets IT security requirements and procedures required by federal law.

The agency is following IT security requirements as described in the FISMA. IT security is provided at the project and enterprise levels. IT security measures included the use of passwords, user authentication, physical security controls and configuration management. Enterprise level IT security includes firewalls for intrusion protection, virus protection software, and the implementation of authentication systems. Risk assessments are conducted. VistA last completed a FISMA survey in July 2003. The Office of Cyber and Information Security (OCIS) provides regular guidance on IT security issues and interpretation of rules and regulations set by legislation, policy or NIST guidelines. OCIS will serve as a point of contact for additional questions or specifics on implementation of security measures.

8.2.c) Explain what security risks were identified in the security risk assessment.

A security risk assessment has not been done on this System yet. However, C&A was completed in 2005. Deficiencies were noted. A POA and MS were created and mitigated.

8.2.d) Explain what security controls are being used to mitigate these risks.

Refer to the current System Security Plan (SSP) and the current Configuration Management (CM) plan.

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9. CHANGE RECORD

OMB Memorandum M-03-22, OMB Guidance for Implementing the Privacy Provisions of the E-Government Act of 2002, mandates that PIAs address any project/ system changes that potentially create new privacy risks. By completing this section, you provide documented assurance that significant project/ system modifications have been appropriately evaluated for privacy-related impacts.

9.a Since the last PIA submitted, have any significant changes been made to the system that might impact the privacy of people whose information is retained on project systems? (Yes, No, n/a: first PIA)

No

If no, then proceed to Section 10, "Children's Online Privacy Protection Act."

If yes, then please complete the information in the table below. List each significant change on a separate row. 'Significant changes' may include:

Conversions - when converting paper-based records to electronic systems;

Anonymous to Non-Anonymous - when functions applied to an existing information collection change anonymous information into information in identifiable form;

Significant System Management Changes - when new uses of an existing IT system, including application of new technologies, significantly change how information in identifiable form is managed in the system:

• For example, when an agency employs new relational database technologies or web-based processing to access multiple data stores; such additions could create a more open environment and avenues for exposure of data that previously did not exist.

Significant Merging - when agencies adopt or alter business processes so that government databases holding information in identifiable form are merged, centralized, matched with other databases or otherwise significantly manipulated:

• For example, when databases are merged to create one central source of information; such a link may aggregate data in ways that create privacy concerns not previously at issue.

New Public Access - when user-authenticating technology (e.g., password, digital certificate,

biometric) is newly applied to an electronic information system accessed by members of the public;

Commercial Sources - when agencies systematically incorporate into existing information systems databases of information in identifiable form purchased or obtained from commercial or public sources. (Merely querying such a source on an ad hoc basis using existing technology does not trigger the PIA requirement);

New Interagency Uses - when agencies work together on shared functions involving significant new uses or exchanges of information in identifiable form, such as the cross-cutting E-Government initiatives; in such cases, the lead agency should prepare the PIA;

Internal Flow or Collection - when alteration of a business process results in significant new uses or disclosures of information or incorporation into the system of additional items of information in identifiable form:

• For example, agencies that participate in E-Gov initiatives could see major changes in how they conduct business internally or collect information, as a result of new business processes or E-Gov requirements. In most cases the focus will be on integration of common processes and supporting data. Any business change that results in substantial new requirements for information in identifiable form could warrant examination of privacy issues.

Alteration in Character of Data - when new information in identifiable form added to a collection raises the risks to personal privacy (for example, the addition of health or financial information);

List All Major Project/System Modification(s)	State Justification for Modification(s)	*Concisely describe:	Modification Approver	Date

** The effect of the modification on the privacy of collected personal information*

** How any adverse effects on the privacy of collected information were mitigated.*

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Section 9 Review:

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10. CHILDREN'S ONLINE PRIVACY PROTECTION ACT

10.a) Will information be collected through the Internet from children under age 13?

No

If "No" then SKIP to Section 11, "PIA Considerations".

10.b) How will parental or guardian approval be obtained.

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Section 10 Review:

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11. PIA Assessment

11a) Identify what choices were made regarding the project/system or collection of information as a result of performing the PIA. Examples of choices made include reconsideration of: collection source, collection methods, controls to mitigate misuse of information, provision of consent and privacy notice, and security controls.

VistA (Legacy) is a steady state project and is governed by existing policies and procedures.

11b) What auditing measures and technical safeguards are in place to prevent misuse of data?

Limited access is in place for all users. Auditing of user accounts occurs frequently. Items reviewed include: new accounts, personnel transfers, user permissions, login attempts, failed logins, remote and VPN sign-ons and failures.

11c) Availability assessment: If the data being collected is not available to process for any reason what will the potential impact be upon the system or organization?

x	**The potential impact is high if the loss of availability could be expected to have a severe or catastrophic adverse effect on operations, assets, or individuals.**
	The potential impact is moderate if the loss of availability could be expected to have a serious adverse effect on operations, assets, or individuals.
	The potential impact is low if the loss of availability could be expected to have a limited adverse effect on organizational operations, organizational assets, or individuals.

11d) Integrity assessment: If the data being collected has been corrupted for any reason what will the potential impact be upon the system or organization?

x	**The potential impact is high if the loss of integrity could be expected to have a severe or catastrophic adverse effect on operations, assets, or individuals.**
	The potential impact is moderate if the loss of integrity could be expected to have a serious adverse effect on operations, assets, or individuals.
	The potential impact is low if the loss of integrity could be expected to have a limited adverse effect on organizational operations, organizational assets, or individuals.

11e) Confidentiality assessment: If the data being collected has been shared with unauthorized individuals what will the potential impact be upon the system or organization?

x	**The potential impact is high if the loss of confidentiality could be expected to have a severe or catastrophic adverse effect on operations, assets, or individuals.**
	The potential impact is moderate if the loss of confidentiality could be

	expected to have a serious adverse effect on operations, assets, or individuals.
	The potential impact is low if the loss of confidentiality could be expected to have a limited adverse effect on organizational operations, organizational assets, or individuals.

11f) What was the highest impact from questions 11c, 11d, and 11e?

Availability, Integrity, and Confidentiality

11g) What controls are being considered for this impact level?

All applicable controls according to NIST Special Publication 800-53A and VA Handbook 6500.

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12. PUBLIC AVAILABILITY

The Electronic Government Act of 2002 requires that VA make this PIA available to the public.

This section is intended to provide documented assurance that the PIA is reviewed for any potentially sensitive information that should be removed from the version of the PIA that is made available to the public.

The following guidance is excerpted from M-03-22, "OMB Guidance for Implementing the Privacy Provisions of the E-Government Act of 2002," Section II.C.3, "Review and Publication": iii. Agencies must ensure that the PIA document and, if prepared, summary, are made publicly available (consistent with executive branch policy on the release of information about systems for which funding is proposed).

1. Agencies may determine to not make the PIA document or summary publicly available to the extent that publication would raise security concerns, reveal classified (i.e., national security) information or sensitive information (e.g., potentially damaging to a national interest, law enforcement effort or competitive business interest) contained in an assessment9. Such information shall be protected and handled consistent with the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

2. Agencies should not include information in identifiable form in their privacy impact assessments, as there is no need for the PIA to include such information. Thus, agencies may not seek to avoid making the PIA publicly available on these grounds.

12.a) Does this PIA contain any sensitive information that could cause harm to the Department of Veterans Affairs or any party if disclosed to the public?

No

12.b) If yes, specify:

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13. ACCEPTANCE OF RESPONSIBILITY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ACCOUNTABILITY:

13.1) I have carefully reviewed the responses to each of the questions in this PIA. I am responsible for funding and procuring, developing, and integrating privacy and security controls into the project. I understand that integrating privacy and security considerations into the project may affect the development time and cost of this project and must be planned for accordingly. I will ensure that VA privacy and information security policies, guidelines, and procedures are followed in the development, integration, and, if applicable, the operation and maintenance of this application.

13.2) Project Manager/Owner Name and Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

Dan Shipp 07/08/2008

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