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ITISGSS Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA)

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1 PRIVACY POINT OF CONTACT

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2 PRIVACY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

A Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA) is an analysis of how information is/will be handled:

- i. To ensure handling conforms to applicable legal, regulatory, and policy requirements regarding privacy,
- ii. To determine risks and effects of collecting, maintaining, and disseminating information in an identifiable form in an electronic information system, and
- iii. To examine and evaluate protections and alternative processes for handling information to mitigate potential privacy risks.

Privacy concerns are highest for systems that contain Personally Identifiable Information (PII). PII is defined as information that can be used to distinguish or trace an individual's identity, either alone or when combined with other information that is linked or linkable to a specific individual. Because there are many types of information that can be used to distinguish or trace an individual's identity, the term PII is necessarily broad.

For example, consider a person named Mary Jones. There are over 200 million results in an internet search for this name. But if we combine information such as a date of birth, the last four digits of a (or worse, an entire) Social Security Number, or a spouse's name, the number of persons to whom we could be referring begins to narrow quite rapidly. These types of information are considered identifiers. Identifiers that uniquely identify a person are the focus of privacy protection.

2.1 The Components of the System

Name of component	Describe the component (1 or 2 sentences)	Does this component contain PII	In what system of records (SORN) is this information stored	What is the Legal Authority for collection of this information	Does this system share PII internally (<i>please detail in question 9</i>)
Microsoft Windows, UNIX, and LINUX Servers	Provides on premise server support for PBGC major information systems and applications.	Yes. For details on PII contained, review the PIA of the systems and applications supported by ITISGSS.	PBGC-(1, 2, 3, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 19, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29)	The legal authority is identified under each PBGC major information systems/applications PIA, which is supported by the ITISGSS.	No.
Microsoft Structured Query Language (SQL) and Oracle Database Management Services	Provides on premise Microsoft SQL and Oracle database services support for PBGC major information systems and applications.	See first table entry.	PBGC-(1, 2, 3, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 19, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29)	See first table entry.	No.
Veritas NetBackup and Azure Backup Systems	Provides information backup and recovery support for PBGC major information systems and applications.	See first table entry.	PBGC-(1, 2, 3, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 19, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29)	See first table entry.	No.
Microsoft/*NIX Servers	Provides cloud-based server support for PBGC major information systems and applications.	See first table entry.	PBGC-(1, 2, 3, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 19, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29)	See first table entry.	No.
Symantec Data Loss Prevention (DLP)	DLP solution being used to inspect all egress communications traffic, using content filters, to detect exfiltration of PII.	Yes.	PBGC-(26)	Per PBGC Directive IM 05-11, Section 4 Authorities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 U.S.C. § 301 • 5 U.S.C. § 552a 	No.

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 29 U.S.C. § 1302(b)(3) • 44 U.S.C. § 3101 • Executive Order 13587 • Executive Orders 13488 and 13467, as amended by 13764 • Executive Order 13356 • Presidential Memorandum – National Insider Threat Policy and Minimum Standards for Executive Branch Insider Threat Programs (Nov. 21, 2012) • Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-130 • NIST Special Publication (SP) 800-53 • NITTF, Insider Threat Hub Operations Course Manual • PBGC Directive FM 15-03 	

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2.2 The System as a Whole

1. Please describe the purpose of the system, when considered as a whole, please include if this is an existing system (either an annual recertification update or a major change).

*The **Information Technology Infrastructure Services General Support System (ITISGSS)** serves as a General Support System providing IT infrastructure support services to all PBGC major information systems/applications. Support services include Network Services, Internet Services, Telephony Services, Remote Access Services, Storage Services, Backup Services, File Transfer Services, File, Print and Fax Services, Development Tools, Release and Change Services, IT service management, Server Computing Services, End User Computing Services, Identity Credential and Access Management, Information System Security Services, and Shared Services. This is an existing system requiring an annual update and recertification.*

2. What are the Confidentiality, Availability, and Integrity ratings for the system as a whole?

Confidentiality	Moderate
Integrity	Moderate
Availability	Moderate

3. List and discuss the sources from which the system collects PII (for instance, from an individual, another federal agency, etc.); the format in which PII is collected (for instance, via a form, face-to-face, phone, etc.); the notification given at time of collection from an individual regarding the Privacy Act and the ability to opt-out of collection (and the consequences of opting out). Include a copy of all forms and Privacy Act statements used to collect information.

Sources from which the ITISGSS collects PII fall under two (2) areas:

- 1) *PBGC Connect Search Center*

Sources of PII in the PBGC Connect Search Center include the PBGC employees, interns, and contractor staff and limited PBGC personnel records. PBGC Connect Search Center leverages Microsoft Active Directory Services to provide limited employee, intern, and contractor information.

Attributes on user objects under Microsoft Active Directory Services are populated and maintained through automated scripting against data feeds provided by the Procurement Department (PD) and the Human Resources Department (HRD).

Individuals are provided the ability to add additional personal information at their own discretion using the PBGC Connect Search Center interface. The PBGC Connect Search information is only accessible to PBGC employees, interns, and contractor staff.

- 2) *Data Loss Protection (DLP)*

We have imported our data into the DLP solution as a protection mechanism to do exact pattern matching and prevent exfiltration from PBGC systems. PII data for our employees, contractors, and our pensioners (e.g., PSIS and BAS), as well as

Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI) data from our financial systems (e.g., FMS), is ingested into the DLP solution for use in exact data matching.

4. Discuss any privacy controls that PBGC inherits from an external provider (cloud provider, third party provider, another government agency, etc.) If an Interconnection Security Agreement (ISA), Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), or similar document is in place, please summarize the privacy-applicable portions of that document.

The ITISGSS contains twelve (12) subsystems and five (5) children. ITISGSS does not inherit privacy specific controls from external providers (e.g., Cloud Service Provider, third-party provider, another government agency, etc.). Login.gov is the only Cloud Service Provider (CSP) currently offering privacy controls for inheritance

For additional details regarding the externally inherited controls, see the Login.gov PIA.

The following ITISGSS ISA has privacy related sections, and they are summarized below:

CISA CLAW ISA:

- *Data Sensitivity*
 - *The data transferred from PBGC to the CISA is categorized as Federal Information Processing Systems (FIPS-199) "Moderate"*
- *Incident Reporting*
 - *Each party will ensure that the other connecting party is notified when security or privacy incidents may have affected the confidentiality, integrity, or availability of the shared data or systems being accessed.*

5. For the user roles in the system:

Role Name	Number of Users in that Role	Approver	Access Level (Read, Write, etc.)	Recertification Date
Individual Users	2,456	Federal Managers/CORs spanning across the Corporation.	Access is role-based and is based on Access Control Lists (ACLs) needed to perform non-privileged duties as assigned.	October 8, 2024
Privileged Users	315	Federal Managers/ CORs spanning across the Corporation.	Access is role-based and is based on ACLs needed to perform privileged duties as assigned. This includes network, system, & database administrators.	October 8, 2024

6. Does the System leverage the Enterprise Access Controls?

- Yes
 No

7. Discuss the Physical, Technical, and Administrative controls that are employed to secure the PII in the system.

- *Physical Controls - Entrance to PBGC HQ facilities employs armed guards and a PIV activated turnstile. Suites, to include the Network Operations Center (NOC), require a PIV for physical access. Physical security controls employed to secure the PII in the system include:*
 - Security Guards
 - Secured Facility
 - Key Entry
 - Identification Badges (PIV)
 - Locked Offices
 - Locked File Cabinets
- *Technical Controls - All PBGC users are required to go through the PBGC GetITAll Service Portal to request privileges to systems/applications. The granting of privileges is based on least privilege and separation of duties. Technical controls employed to secure the PII in the system include:*
 - Password Protection
 - Virtual Private Network (VPN)
 - Firewalls
 - Unique User Identification Names
 - Encryption
 - Intrusion Detection System (IDS)
 - Personal Identity Verification (PIV) card access
 - Public Key Infrastructure (PKI) Certificates
- *Administrative Controls - All PBGC users are required to complete privacy training annually. Administrative controls employed to secure the PII in the system include:*
 - Periodic Security Audits
 - Regular Monitoring of User's Activities
 - Annual Security, Privacy, and Records Management Refresher Training
 - Backups Secured Offsite
 - Encryption of Backups containing sensitive data
 - Role-Based Training
 - Least Privilege Access
 - Mandatory on-boarding and annual refresher training for security, privacy, and Records management personnel

The above controls are also implemented for each cloud service but are shared between the Cloud Service Provider (CSP) and PBGC. Those controls provided by the CSP are implemented at the CSP's facilities. As indicated in question 4, for greater detail on subsystem controls, reference the subsystem PIA in question.

8. For the PII in the system, discuss the actual/intended uses of the PII; the steps taken to limit the PII collected to the minimum needed; and the reasons the PII is necessary and relevant.

1) *PBGC Connect Search Center*

The PBGC Connect Search Center is used by PBGC employees, interns, and contractors to identify other PBGC employees, interns, and contractors; and, to access contact information for PBGC employees, interns, and contractors. Limiting collections of PII is

controlled through two (2) means: (1) personal system data feeds only provide limited information and (2) providing limited fields for users to provide voluntary (i.e., not required of users and provided at their discretion) personal information.

2) Data Loss Prevention (DLP)

The PII ingested into DLP is restricted only to those fields being used for exact data matching and is used solely for the purpose of preventing the unauthorized exfiltration of the PII.

9. Discuss the data flows within the system (include sources of data for data flowing into the system, destinations for data flowing out of the system, and any routine uses applicable to the system). For any information that is shared internally, be sure to discuss whether these data interconnections are noted in CSAM. Be sure to include any MOU, ISA, or Interagency Agreements.

The infrastructure elements of ITISGSS do not share PII, but the subsystems that are supported by the ITISGSS may. Internal sharing is identified under each PBGC major information systems or applications' PIA.

1) PBGC Connect Search Center

Personal data comes from automated Human Resources Department (HRD), Procurement Department (PD) data feeds, and through optional submission by individual users. The HRD and PD data feeds populate Microsoft Active Directory user object attributes with select user object attributes presented under PBGC Connect Search Center.

PBGC Connect Search Center is used by PBGC employees, interns, and contractors to identify and access contact information of other PBGC employees, interns, and contractors.

2) Data Loss Prevention (DLP)

PBGC's DLP solutions are implemented to detect and prevent unauthorized exfiltration of PII outside the ITISGSS boundary. PII bound for the external network boundary but not authorized for release is either blocked or quarantined by the DLP solution. Metadata and, in some cases, limited extracts of the PII detected is stored in the local database used with the solution. Logs from the DLP are forwarded to the Security Information and Event Management (SIEM) solution but log data that is forwards does not contain PII.

10. Does the system leverage the commonly offered control for Accounting of Disclosures?

- Yes
 No

11. If your system collects, Social Security Numbers:

- a. Please provide a justification for the collection, use, maintenance, and disposal of PII in the form of SSN?

The ITISGSS assumes a custodial role in protecting PII in the form of SSN transmitted and/or stored internally and through the incoming/outgoing of information by way of interconnections with external organizations.

- b. Under which authorized uses, as described in the “Reduction of Use of Social Security Numbers (SSN) in PBGC” policy document?

The GSS has a compelling business need to use SSNs. Specifically, ITISGSS uses SSNs collected by other systems to prevent the exfiltration of PII from PBGC’s network using various data loss prevention tools.

For the systems supported by ITISGSS, authorized uses of SSN can be found in the PIA of the specific subsystem or child PIAs.

- c. If the answer to b., above is “Compelling Business Need,” please provide a plan to reduce the use of SSNs, highlighting activities that can be completed in the next 12 months.

Because other systems must collect and use SSNs (see the relevant PIAs), the GSS cannot reduce its use of SSNs as they are used to protect the PII collected and maintained by PBGC.

2.3 Privacy Office Review

Name of Reviewer	Ashley Church
Date Reviewed	10/10/2024
Expiration Date	10/10/2025
Result	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approved without conditions <input type="checkbox"/> Approved with conditions (see below) <input type="checkbox"/> Denied

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