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Social Media PCLIA ID Number: 4734

SITE DESCRIPTION

The full name and acronym for the Social Media site, Third Party Website, or Application.

GitHub International Data Exchange Service (IDES), GitHub IDES Data Prep

Note: the remaining questions will be simplified to Social Media site (vs. Third Party Website or Application)

Is this a new Social Media site?

No

Is there a PCLIA for this Social Media site?

No

What type of Social Media site will be used?

Other

Please specify:

GitHub

GENERAL BUSINESS PURPOSE

What is the specific business purpose of the IRS use of this Social Media site? Provide a clear, concise description of the Social Media site, the reason for the site, and the benefits to the IRS mission.

This provides IDES data packaging samples to the international community, including Host Country Tax Administrations, Foreign Financial Institutions, and third-party software vendors in support of the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) program. This has greatly decreased the number of support personnel required to support transmissions through the IDES portal. Initial transmission success rates were in the single digits and these sample repositories have greatly contributed to increasing the success rate of these transmissions as well.

Is the Social Media site operational?

Yes

What was the operational date?

3/24/2015

PII DETAILS

Will Personally Identifiable Information (PII) become available to the IRS through public use of this Social Media site?

Yes

What PII is likely to become available?

Other

Please explain:

A user has the ability to watch, star, or fork a GitHub repository. This lists the user's GitHub username in the repository which links to the user's profile. Depending on how the user sets up their profile, they have the ability to show their name, photo, and email address. The user has the ability to add as little or as much information in their public profile.

Will the public be able to respond or interact with comments or questions?

No

Will the public need to identify their email address or other address if they request service?

No

ABOUT THE SOCIAL MEDIA SITE

Does the IRS intend or expect to use the PII?

No

Will the IRS share the PII?

No

SYSTEM OF RECORDS NOTICE

Is there a System of Records Notice(s) or 'SORN(s)', that address(es) the PII records in this site?

No

Explain why the Social Media site does not have a SORN.

There is no interaction with site users, and we do not retain, maintain or store PII from GitHub.

RESPONSIBLE PARTIES

Official Use Only

RECORDS SCHEDULE

Will your site interact with the public?

Yes

What are the plans to maintain the PII collected, used, or stored?

Although the site interacts with the public, there is no interaction with site users and we do not retain, maintain or store PII from GitHub.

Cite the authority to retain/dispose of the PII.

Other

Explain and cite the authority or provide proposed retention schedule.

GRS 3.1 Item 012-Special purpose computer programs and applications-Delete when related master file or database has been deleted, but longer retention is authorized if required for business use.

Describe where the PII data will be stored, who will have access to it and the purpose.

Records would remain on GitHub site. All GitHub users have the ability to interact with the site.

How will the PII be eliminated at the end of the retention period?

Once the repository is removed all PII will be eliminated.

TRACKING

Does this Social Media site use any means to track visitors' activities on the Internet?

Yes

Indicate how:

Session Cookies

Statue authority & provide reason

GitHub uses cookies and HTML5 localStorage to store preferences and to keep a user logged in.

Other

Statue authority & provide reason.

We use Google Analytics to track page views for the walkthrough for each repository. This summary count information is provided on demand to provide an idea of the effectiveness of the various repositories. This also gives us information on which samples may need refining or expanding to meet demand. This provides no individually identifiable information.

PRIVACY POLICY

Has the IRS Business Owner examined the Third Party's Privacy Policy and evaluated risks?

Yes

Is the Social Media site appropriate for IRS use?

Yes

Will the IRS Business Owner monitor any changes to the Third Party's Privacy Policy and periodically assess the risks involved?

Yes

Can the IRS Business Owner assure that if a link is posted that leads to an external Third Party website or any other external location that is not an official government domain, the agency will provide a pop-up alert to the visitor explaining that they are being directed to another website that may have different Privacy Policies?

Yes

If the IRS Business Owner incorporates or embeds a third-party application on its website or any other official government domain; will the IRS Business Owner take the necessary steps to disclose the Third Party's involvement and describe the IRS Privacy Requirements in its Privacy Policy notice, as specified by OMB M-10-23?

Yes

DATA SECURITY

How will the IRS secure the PII that is used, maintained, or provided? (Be specific to ensure the security controls meet Cyber Security and other federal security authorities.)

There is no interaction with site users, and we do not retain, maintain or store PII from GitHub.

Are there any privacy risks that may exist or be inherent in a social networking environment?

Yes

List the risks:

GitHub users have the ability to act on a repository which may link their public profile information. Any information the user chooses to include in their public profile is available to the public on GitHub.

What are the plans to mitigate the risks?

GitHub users have the choice to provide their name, photo, email and other personal information in their profile. A user is not required to provide any of that in their profile. Should the user provide any of that, it is freely available to anyone that wishes to view their public profile. The IRS does not collect, store, or maintain any of this information.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Will the IRS Business Owner follow guidance that suggests when an agency uses a Social Media site that is not a part of an official government domain; the IRS will apply appropriate branding to distinguish the agency's activities from those of nongovernmental actors. For example, to the extent practicable, the IRS Business Owner will assure that the IRS Seal or Emblem will be added to its profile page on a Social Media site to indicate that it is an official IRS agency presence?

Yes

If information is collected through the IRS use of a Social Media site, will the IRS Business Owner assure that they collect only the information "necessary for the proper performance of agency functions and which has practical utility"?

Yes

If PII is collected, will the Business Owner assure that the agency collects only the minimum necessary to accomplish a purpose required by statute, regulations, or executive order?

Yes

PRIVACY NOTICE

Does the Business Owner of this Social Media site agree to maintain an IRS approved Privacy Notice that will "stand alone" and not be combined into other background information? (Privacy Compliance & Assurance may request copies of the Terms of Service Agreements and/or the Privacy Notice.)

Yes

Can the Business Owner confirm that links to IRS.gov and the IRS.gov Privacy Policy will be placed on the front page of the website?

Yes

OTHER SITES

Are there any other Social Media sites owned or maintained by the Business Unit?

No

CIVIL LIBERTIES

Does the Social Media site maintain records describing how an individual exercises rights guaranteed by the First Amendment (including, but not limited to information regarding religious and political beliefs, freedom of speech and of the press, and freedom of assembly and petition)?

No

Will this Social Media site have the capability to identify, locate, and monitor individuals or groups of people?

No