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## **SYSTEM DESCRIPTION**

*Enter the full name and acronym for the system, project, application and/or database.*

Tableau Data Dashboards and Visualizations, TDDV

*Is this a new system?*

No

*Is there a PCLIA for this system?*

No

*What governance board or Executive Steering Committee (ESC) does this system report to? Full name and acronym.*

Research, Applied Analytics and Statistics Internal Management

*Current ELC (Enterprise Life Cycle) Milestones:*

Vision & Strategy/Milestone 0

Project Initiation/Milestone 1

Domain Architecture/Milestone 2

Preliminary Design/Milestone 3

*Is this a Federal Information Security Management Act (FISMA) reportable system?*

No

## **GENERAL BUSINESS PURPOSE**

*What is the general business purpose of this system? Provide a clear, concise description of the system, application or database, the reason for the system, and the benefits to the IRS to use the information, and how the information will be used.*

The system supports the mission of IRS-Criminal Investigation. To identify potential leads for criminal investigation, Research, Applied Analytics & Statistics (RAAS) conducts data analytics at the direction of IRS-Criminal Investigation, using taxpayer filing and compliance

data from the Compliance Data Warehouse (CDW). Data will be analyzed to identify leads for potential criminal investigations. To facilitate lead identification, data visualizations are used to summarize the data and present it in a format that facilitates identification of potential criminal activity, using charts and/or graphs to summarize the data. Once identified using the Tableau system, leads are vetted through IRS-CI's Nationally Coordinated Investigations Unit (NCIU), where further research is conducted, and the leads are evaluated for potential criminal investigation.

## **PII DETAILS**

*Does the system use, collect, receive, display, store, maintain, or disseminate IR Code 6103 taxpayer information: or any other type of Sensitive but Unclassified (SBU) information or PII such as information about IRS employees or outside stakeholders?*

Yes

*Does the system use, collect, receive, display, store, maintain, or disseminate Social Security Numbers (SSN's) or tax identification numbers (i.e., last 4 digits, etc.)?*

Yes

*What types of tax identification numbers (TIN) apply to this system?*

Social Security Number (SSN)

*List the approved Treasury uses of the SSN:*

Statistical and other research purposes

Law enforcement and intelligence purposes

*Explain why the authorized use(s) above support the new or continued use of SSNs (or tax identification numbers).*

Taxpayer Identification Numbers are used in conjunction with other data (including other PII data) to identify leads for potential criminal investigation.

*Describe the planned mitigation strategy and forecasted implementation date to mitigate or eliminate the use of SSN's (or tax identification numbers).*

The Office of Management and Budget Circular A-130 requires that federal agencies develop a mitigation or elimination strategy for systems that use SSNs, which the Service continues to develop strategies to meet. An exception to that requirement is when the SSN is uniquely needed to identify a user's record. Taxpayer Identification Numbers are used only when other unique identifiers are not available.

Employer Identification Number

Other Taxpayer Identification Number

*Does this system use, collect, receive, display, store, maintain or disseminate other (non-SSN) PII (i.e., names, addresses, etc.)?*

Yes

*Specify the PII Elements:*

Name  
Mailing address  
Phone Numbers  
E-mail Address  
Date of Birth  
Place of Birth  
Protection Personal Identification Numbers (IP PIN)  
Internet Protocol Address (IP Address)  
Criminal History  
Certificate or License Numbers  
Vehicle Identifiers  
Passport Number  
Alien Number  
Financial Account Numbers  
Tax Account Information  
Centralized Authorization File (CAF)

*Does this system use, collect, receive, display, store, maintain, or disseminate SBU information that is not PII?*

Yes

*Specify the types of SBU from the SBU Types List:*

Agency Sensitive Information Information which if improperly used or disclosed could adversely affect the ability of the agency to accomplish its mission.

Official Use Only (OUO) or Limited Official Use (LOU) Information designated as OUO or LOU is information that: is exempt under one of the statutory Freedom of Information Act exemptions; is prohibited by other laws or regulations; would significantly impede the agency in carrying out a responsibility or function; or would constitute an unwarranted invasion of privacy.

Proprietary data Business information that does not belong to the IRS.

**Protected Information** Information which if modified, destroyed, or disclosed in an unauthorized manner could cause loss of life, loss of property or funds by unlawful means, violation of personal privacy or civil rights, gaining of an unfair procurement advantage by contractors bidding on government contracts, or disclosure of proprietary information entrusted to the Government.

**Criminal Investigation Information** Information concerning IRS criminal investigations or the agents conducting the investigations.

*Are there other types of SBU/PII used in the system?*

Yes

*Describe the other types of SBU/PII that are applicable to this system.*

Virtual currency transaction identifiers and public virtual currency addresses.

*Cite the authority for collecting SBU/PII (including SSN if relevant).*

PII for federal tax administration is generally Internal Revenue Code Sections 6001, 6011, & 6012e(a)

SSN for tax returns and return information is Internal Revenue Code Section 6109

PII about individuals for Bank Secrecy Act compliance 31 USC

Information by CI for certain money laundering cases may be 18 USC

*Has the authority been verified with the system owner?*

Yes

## **BUSINESS NEEDS AND ACCURACY**

*Explain the detailed business needs and uses for the SBU/ PII, and how the SBU / PII is limited only to that which is relevant and necessary to meet the mission requirements of the system. If SSNs (or tax identification numbers) are used, explicitly explain why use of SSNs meets this criteria. Be specific.*

Social Security Numbers, Individual Taxpayer Identification Numbers and Employer Identification Numbers are the unique identifiers of leads for potential criminal investigation. These data, in conjunction with other indicators of tax compliance, are required to identify the individuals who perpetrate potential schemes for criminal investigations.

*How is the SBU/PII verified for accuracy, timeliness, and completion?*

Research methodology first addresses data quality issues and uses corroborating information to validate the accurate, completeness and timeliness of data used in analytics supporting IRS-Criminal Investigation.

## **PRIVACY ACT AND SYSTEM OF RECORDS**

The Privacy Act requires Federal agencies that maintain a system of records to publish systems of records notices (SORNs) in the Federal Register for records from which information is retrieved by any personal identifier for an individual who is a US citizen, or an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence. The Privacy Act also provides for criminal penalties for intentional noncompliance.

*Does your application or this PCLIA system pertain to a group of any record from which information is retrieved by any personal identifier for an individual who is a US citizen, or an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence? An identifier may be a symbol, voiceprint, SEID, or other personal identifier that is used to retrieve information.*

Yes

*Identify the Privacy Act SORN(s) that cover these records.*

- IRS 22.054 Subsidiary Accounting Files
- IRS 22.060 Automated Non-Master File
- IRS 22.062 Electronic Filing Records
- IRS 24.030 Customer Account Data Engine Individual Master File
- IRS 24.046 Customer Account Data Engine Business Master File
- IRS 26.020 Taxpayer Delinquency Investigation Files
- IRS 34.037 Audit Trail and Security Records
- IRS 42.008 Audit Information Management System
- IRS 42.021 Compliance Programs and Projects Files
- IRS 46.002 Criminal Investigation Management Information System and Case Files

## RESPONSIBLE PARTIES

*Identify the individuals for the following system roles:*

## Official Use Only

## INCOMING PII INTERFACES

*Does the system receive SBU/PII from other systems or agencies?*

Yes

*Does the system receive SBU/PII from IRS files and databases?*

Yes

*Enter the files and databases:*

System Name: Compliance Data Warehouse

Current PCLIA: Yes

Approval Date: 8/30/2018

SA&A: Yes

ATO/IATO Date: 5/29/2018

*Does the system receive SBU/PII from other federal agency or agencies?*

No

*Does the system receive SBU/PII from State or local agency (-ies)?*

No

*Does the system receive SBU/PII from other sources?*

No

*Does the system receive SBU/PII from Taxpayer forms?*

No

*Does the system receive SBU/PII from Employee forms (e.g., the I-9)?*

No

## DISSEMINATION OF PII

*Does this system disseminate SBU/PII?*

Yes

*Does this system disseminate SBU/PII to other IRS Systems?*

No

*Does this system disseminate SBU/PII to other Federal agencies?*

No

*Does this system disseminate SBU/PII to State and local agencies?*

No

*Does this system disseminate SBU/PII to IRS or Treasury contractors?*

No

*Does this system disseminate SBU/PII to other Sources?*

Yes

*Identify the other source(s) that receive SBU/PII from this system, and if there is an Inter-Agency Agreement (ISA) /Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).*

Organization Name: IRS-Criminal Investigation  
Transmission Method: Secure Login to Tableau System  
ISA/MOU: No

*Identify the authority.*

26 U.S.C. §6103. IRS-Criminal Investigation is authorized to use information protected under §6103 to identify potential criminal activities.

*Identify the Routine Use in the applicable SORN (or Privacy Act exception).*

The Tableau system is exempt from 5 U.S.C. 552a(c)(3), (d)(1)-(4), (e)(1), (e)(4)(G)-(I) and (f) of the Privacy Act pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(k)(2). (See 31 CFR 1.36).

*For what purpose?*

Disclosure of returns and return information is made only as provided by 26 U.S.C. §6103 for purposes of identifying potential criminal leads. IRS-Criminal Investigation is authorized to use return information to identify criminal activity. Data analytics conducted using the Tableau System is prepared for IRS-Criminal Investigation who can access the analytics output through secure login to Tableau.

## **PRIVACY SENSITIVE TECHNOLOGY**

*Does this system use social media channels?*

No

*Does this system use privacy-sensitive technologies such as mobile, global position system (GPS), biometrics, RFID, etc.?*

No

*Does the system use cloud computing?*

No

*Does this system/application interact with the public?*

No

## **INDIVIDUAL NOTICE AND CONSENT**

*Was/is notice provided to the individual prior to collection of information?*

No

*Why not? If information is not collected directly from an individual, please discuss the factors considered in deciding to collect information from third party sources.*

Advance notification prior to detecting potential criminal activity would alert bad actors and imperil any subsequent criminal investigation.

*Do individuals have the opportunity to decline from providing information and/or from consenting to particular uses of the information?*

No



*Why not?*

The data are used to detect illegal activity and other non-compliance.

*How does the system or business process ensure 'due process' regarding information access, correction and redress?*

Due process is addressed throughout criminal investigation and prosecution where applicable and when leads are selected for criminal investigation.

## **INFORMATION PROTECTION**

*Identify the owner and operator of the system (could be IRS owned and operated; IRS owned, contractor operated; contractor owned and operated).*

IRS Owned and Contractor Operated

*The following people have access to the system with the specified rights:*

*IRS Employees*

Users: Read Only

Managers: Administrator

*IRS Contractor Employees*

Contractor Managers: Read Only

Contractor System Administrators: Administrator

Contractor Developers: Read Write

*How is access to SBU/PII determined and by whom?*

Access to sensitive data is on a need-to-know basis determined by the analytics needs of the IRS-Criminal Investigation Nationally Coordinated Investigations Unit (NCIU). Access to the Tableau System is via BEARS request and management approval and is based upon an approved business use purpose.

## **RECORDS RETENTION SCHEDULE**

*Are these records covered under a General Records Schedule (GRS, IRS Document 12829), or has the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) approved a Records Control Schedule (RCS, IRS Document 12990) for the retention and destruction of official agency records stored in this system?*

Yes

*How long are the records required to be held under the corresponding GRS or RCS, and how are they disposed of? In your response, please provide the GRS or RCS chapter number, the specific item number, and records series title.*

The longer of 10 years or the completion of any criminal investigation and prosecution. RCS 30 Item 40

## **SA&A OR ASCA**

*Has the system been through SA&A (Security Assessment and Authorization) or ASCA (Annual Security Control Assessment)?*

No

*Is the system secured in accordance with all applicable federal, treasury, and IRS security policy, procedures, and requirements?*

Yes

*Describe the system's audit trail.*

All requests for data and analytics from the IRS-Criminal Investigation Nationally Coordinated Investigations Unit are approved by CI Management. The Compliance Data Warehouse has access auditing and monitoring security features.

## **PRIVACY TESTING**

*Does the system require a System Test Plan?*

No

*Please explain why:*

The data visualizations and analytics are familiar to the IRS Employees involved and to the contractor team, and the processes are straightforward. No testing is required prior to implementation.

## **SBU DATA USE**

*Does this system use, or plan to use SBU Data in Testing?*

No

## **NUMBER AND CATEGORY OF PII RECORDS**

*Identify the number of individual records in the system for each category:*

IRS Employees: Not Applicable

Contractors: Not Applicable

Members of the Public: More than 1,000,000

Other: No

## **CIVIL LIBERTIES**

*Does the system maintain any information describing how any individual exercises their rights guaranteed by the First Amendment?*

No

*Is the system information used to conduct 'data-mining' as defined in the Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007, Public Law 110-53, Section 804?*

No

*Will this system have the capability to identify, locate, and monitor individuals or groups of people?*

Yes

*Describe the type of information derived from these efforts and the technical (e.g., audit trails) or other processes used to limit unauthorized monitoring.*

Analytics have the potential to identify collusion among individuals engaged in tax non-compliance or other financial schemes. Since the data for analysis are from the Compliance Data Warehouse, auditing/logging controls are in place for data use.

*Does computer matching occur?*

No

## **ACCOUNTING OF DISCLOSURES**

*Does the system include or require disclosure of tax or employee information to anyone other than IRS employees in the performance of their duties, or to the person to whom the information pertains or to a 3rd party pursuant to a Power of Attorney, tax, or Privacy Act consent?*

No