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A. SYSTEM DESCRIPTION

1. Enter the full name and acronym for the system, project, application and/or database. Link & Learn Taxes, L&L

2. Is this a new system? No

2a. If **no**, is there a PIA for this system? Yes

If **yes**, enter the full name, acronym, PIA ID Number and milestone of the most recent PIA.

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Next, enter the **date** of the most recent PIA. 10/10/2004

Indicate which of the following changes occurred to require this update (check all that apply).

<u>No</u>	Addition of PII
<u>No</u>	Conversions
<u>No</u>	Anonymous to Non-Anonymous
<u>No</u>	Significant System Management Changes
<u>No</u>	Significant Merging with Another System
<u>No</u>	New Access by IRS employees or Members of the Public
<u>No</u>	Addition of Commercial Data / Sources
<u>No</u>	New Interagency Use
<u>No</u>	Internal Flow or Collection

Were there other system changes not listed above? No

3. Check the current ELC (Enterprise Life Cycle) Milestones (select all that apply)

<u>No</u>	Vision & Strategy/Milestone 0
<u>No</u>	Project Initiation/Milestone 1
<u>No</u>	Domain Architecture/Milestone 2
<u>No</u>	Preliminary Design/Milestone 3
<u>No</u>	Detailed Design/Milestone 4A
<u>No</u>	System Development/Milestone 4B
<u>No</u>	System Deployment/Milestone 5
<u>Yes</u>	Operations & Maintenance (i.e., system is currently operational)

4. Is this a Federal Information Security Management Act (FISMA) reportable system? No

A.1 General Business Purpose

5. 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.

Link & Learn Taxes is a fully leveraged e-learning course developed by Stakeholder Partnerships, Education and Communication (SPEC) for the IRS Volunteer Return Preparation Program. The course, intended as a self-learning vehicle for IRS partners and volunteers worldwide, includes nine modules. Each of these modules has a certification instrument (test), which the user/volunteer takes to demonstrate their proficiency in providing tax return preparation assistance to fellow taxpayers.

B. PII DETAIL

6. Does the system use, collect, receive, display, store, maintain, or disseminate IR Code 6103 taxpayer information; or any type of Sensitive but Unclassified (SBU) or Personally Identifiable Information (PII)? Yes

6a. If **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.)? No

6b. Does this system contain other (non-SSN) PII that it uses, collects, receives, displays, stores, maintains, or disseminates? (i.e. Names, addresses, etc.) Yes

If **yes**, specify the information.

<u>Selected</u>	<u>PII Element</u>	<u>On</u> <u>Primary</u>	<u>On</u> <u>Spouse</u>	<u>On</u> <u>Dependent</u>
Yes	Name	Yes	No	No
Yes	Mailing address	No	No	No
Yes	Phone Numbers	No	No	No
Yes	E-mail Address	No	No	No
No	Date of Birth	No	No	No
No	Place of Birth	No	No	No
No	SEID	No	No	No
No	Mother's Maiden Name	No	No	No
No	Protection Personal Identification Numbers (IP PIN)	No	No	No
No	Internet Protocol Address (IP Address)	No	No	No
No	Criminal History	No	No	No
No	Medical Information	No	No	No
No	Certificate or License Numbers	No	No	No
No	Vehicle Identifiers	No	No	No
No	Passport Number	No	No	No
No	Alien (A-) Number	No	No	No
No	Financial Account Numbers	No	No	No
No	Photographic Identifiers	No	No	No
No	Biometric Identifiers	No	No	No
No	Employment (HR) Information	No	No	No
No	Tax Account Information	No	No	No

6c. Does this system contain SBU information that is not PII, it uses, collects, receives, displays, stores, maintains, or disseminates? No

6d. Are there other types of SBU/PII used in the system? No

6e. Cite the authority for collecting SBU/PII (including SSN if relevant)

No	PII for federal tax administration is generally Internal Revenue Code Sections 6001, 6011, 6012e(a)
No	SSN for tax returns and return information is Internal Revenue Code Section 6109
No	SSN for personnel administration (IRS Employees) is 5 USC & Executive Order 9397
Yes	PII for personnel administration is 5 USC
No	PII about individuals for Bank Secrecy Act compliance 31 USC
No	Information by CI for certain money laundering cases may be 18 USC

6f. Has the authority been verified with the system owner? Yes

B.1 BUSINESS NEEDS AND ACCURACY

7. 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.

All SBU information is obtained directly from the user/volunteer on a voluntary basis. This information is used to verify the certification of the volunteer. Data elements obtain from the volunteers are their name, e-mail address and zip code to be used as an identifier.

8. How is the SBU/PII verified for accuracy, timeliness, and completeness? Explain how steps are taken to ensure that all information maintained by the system that is used by IRS to make any adverse determination about an individual's rights, benefits, and/or privileges is maintained with such accuracy, relevance, timeliness, and completeness as is reasonably necessary to assure fairness to the individual in the determination

The certification registry is maintained by SPEC National Office and is only used to validate certification.

C. PRIVACY ACT AND SYSTEM OF RECORDS

9. Are 10 or more records containing SBU/PII maintained, stored, and/or transmitted by or through this system? Yes

9a. If **yes**, are records in the system retrieved by any personal identifier (e.g., name, SSN, Photograph, IP Address) for an individual? Yes

If **yes**, is there a System of Records Notice(s) or SORNs that addresses the PII records in this system? Yes

If **yes**, enter the SORN number(s) and the complete the name of the SORN.

<u>SORNS Number</u>	<u>SORNS Name</u>
Treas/IRS 36.003	General Personnel and Payroll Records

If **yes**, does the System of Records Notice(s) (SORN) published in the Federal Register adequately describe the records as required by the Privacy Act? Yes

D. RESPONSIBLE PARTIES

10. Identify the individuals for the following system roles. ## Official Use Only

E. INCOMING PII INTERFACES

11. Does the system receive SBU/PII from other system or agencies? No

F. PII SENT TO EXTERNAL ORGANIZATIONS

12. Does this system disseminate SBU/PII? No

G. PRIVACY SENSITIVE TECHNOLOGY

13. Does this system use social media channels? No

14. Does this system use privacy-sensitive technologies such as mobile, cloud, global position system (GPS), biometrics, RFID, etc.? No

15. Does the system use cloud computing? No

16. Does this system/application interact with the public? Yes

16a. If **yes**, was (or will) an electronic risk assessment (e-RA) conducted on the system/application? Yes

16a1. If **yes**, when was the **e-RA** conducted? 9/13/2016

If **yes**, what was the approved level of authentication?

Level 4: Very High confidence in the asserted identity's validity.

H. INDIVIDUAL NOTICE AND CONSENT

17. Was/is notice provided to the individual prior to collection of information? Yes

17a. If **yes**, how is notice provided? Was the individual notified about the authority to collect the information, whether such is mandatory or voluntary, the purpose for which the information will be used, with whom the information may be shared, and the effects, if any, if they decide not to provide any of the requested information?

User has to register with the system by creating their username, password, name and e-mail address. This information is then used by the user when logging into the system and kept in their my account information.

18. Do individuals have the opportunity to decline from providing information and/or from consenting to particular uses of the information? No

18b. If no, why not? This information is used for registering to utilize the system.

19. How does the system or business process ensure due process regarding information access, correction and redress? Due process is provided pursuant to 5 USC

I. INFORMATION PROTECTION

20. 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

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

IRS Employees? Yes

<u>IRS Employees?</u>	Yes/No	Access Level(Read Only/Read Write/Administrator)
Users	Yes	Read-Only
Managers	Yes	Read-Only
Sys. Administrators	No	
Developers	No	

Contractor Employees? Yes

<u>Contractor Employees?</u>	Yes/No	Access Level	Background Invest. Level
Contractor Users	Yes	Read and Write	High
Contractor Managers	Yes	Read and Write	High
Contractor Sys. Admin.	Yes	Administrator	High
Contractor Developers	Yes	Administrator	High

21a. How is access to SBU/PII determined and by whom? The Director, SPEC authorizes the Chief, Product, System and Analysis to collect and retain the information. SPEC HQS staff have access for the entire database. Area & Territory Office staff would be given an extract of volunteers by geographic region.

21b. If computer matching occurs, can the business owner certify that it meets requirements of IRM 11.3.39 Disclosure of Official Information, Computer Matching & Privacy Protection Act ? Not Applicable

I.1 RECORDS RETENTION SCHEDULE

22. Are these records covered under the General Records Schedule (GRS), or have a National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) archivist approved a Record Control Schedule (RCS) for the retention and destruction of official agency records stored in this system? No

22b. If **no**, how long are you proposing to retain the records? Please note, if you answered no, you must contact the IRS Records and Information Management Program to initiate records retention scheduling before you dispose of any records in this system.

The registry is valid for a single tax year. The information contained in all the fields would be deleted at the beginning of the volunteer training season (October 15) and reset for each new year. Link and learn records are currently unscheduled. All IRS records must have a National Archives and Records Administration (NARA)-approved records disposition authority (must be "scheduled") before they can be destroyed and/or purged from IRS electronic systems. This is required under Title 44 of the United States Code. SPEC Program staff will work with the IRS Records and Information Management Program Office to develop and submit to NARA requests for records disposition authorities for Link and Learn records (in all formats) as they are identified and/or developed.

I.2 SA&A OR ECM-R

23. Has the system been through SA&A (Security Assessment and Authorization) or ECM-R (Enterprise Continuous Monitoring Reauthorization)? No

23c. If **no**, is the system secured in accordance with all applicable federal, treasury, and IRS security policy, procedures, and requirements? Yes

23.1 Describe in detail the system's audit trail. System is web-based accessible via the internet at www.irs.gov. Users are tracked by their data elements entered such as name, affiliated volunteer organization, email address, alternative contact information home mail address and telephone number. Confirmation will be generated by the e-learning modules in the Link & Learn Taxes internet application.

J. PRIVACY TESTING

24. Does the system require a System Test Plan? No

24c. If **no**, please explain why. System is a web-based product that is already in existence and does not require to be testing by IT. Product is deployed by the Online Services and tested on the vendor environment prior to being rolled out to live production.

K. SBU Data Use

25. Does this system use, or plan to use SBU Data in Testing? No

L. NUMBER AND CATEGORY OF PII RECORDS

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

26a. IRS Employees: Under 50,000
26b. Contractors: Under 5,000
26c. Members of the Public: Under 100,000

26d. Other: No

M. CIVIL LIBERTIES

27. Does the system maintain any information describing how any individual exercises their rights guaranteed by the First Amendment? No

28. Is the system information used to conduct data-mining as defined in the *Implementing the 9/11 Commission Recommendations Act of 2007, Public Law 110-53, Section 804*? No

29. Will this system have the capability to identify, locate, and monitor individuals or groups of people? No

N. ACCOUNTING OF DISCLOSURES

30. 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

End of Report
