

Partner Vetting System

PRIVACY IMPACT ASSESSMENT SUMMARY

System Name: Partner Vetting System

Managing Office: USAID/SEC

SUMMARY: The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) gives notice that it has conducted a Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA) for Partner Vetting System (PVS). PVS is a centralized database utilized to support the vetting of individuals and directors, officers, or other principal employees of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) who apply for USAID contracts, grants, cooperative agreements, or other funding and of NGOs who apply for registration with USAID Private and Voluntary Organizations.

What elements of PII are being collected?

PVS collects personal, financial, biographical, employment, and educational data elements, to include Social Security Number or other government-issued identifying number.

Why is the PII being collected?

PII is being collected to perform vetting of individuals from non-governmental organizations and Private and Voluntary Organizations registered with USAID.

What opportunities are provided to individuals to consent to the use of this information collection?

This is a mandatory collection for any non-governmental organization that applies for a USAID contract, grant, cooperative agreement, or other funding.

What is the Agency's intended use of the information?

USAID intends to use this information to perform vetting to ensure that individuals requesting USAID funding are eligible to receive the funding.

Who has access to the information?

Internally, only USAID personnel with specific roles in support of the vetting or vetting-related decisions have access to the information. Externally, individuals in law enforcement, intelligence community and the Department of State that support vetting or vetting related decisions have access to the information.

What authorities permit the collection of this information?

The authority for collection of this information is 18 U.S.C. 2339A, 2339B and 2339C; 22 U.S.C. 2151 et seq.; Section 559 of the Fiscal Year 06 Foreign Operations Appropriations Act; Executive Orders 13224, 13099, and 12947; and Homeland Security Presidential Directive 6.

Information Security

The system underwent USAID's certification and accreditation process and has employed more stringent security controls than required for the data contained within the system. All access to the data must be performed through the PVS application and must be authorized by the system owner.

Does this collection require a System of Record Notice?

Yes. A System of Record Notice was published in the Federal Register on July 17, 2007.