



Privacy Impact Assessment for the VA IT System called:

Box Enterprise Cloud Content Collaboration Platform-E Project Special Forces VACO

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Abstract

The abstract provides the simplest explanation for “what does the system do?” and will be published online to accompany the PIA link.

Box is an enterprise content management platform that solves simple and complex challenges, from sharing and accessing files on mobile devices to sophisticated business processes like data governance and retention. The Box enterprise content management platform enables business to easily share, manage and secure their content. In today’s mobile-first, cloud-first world, providing employees with secure access to content at any time using any device is critical to creating a more productive, connected workforce and improved customer experiences. Beyond secure file sharing, Box enables easy access to content and collaboration tools from any device with the security, scalability and administrative controls that IT requires. In addition to Box’s core content management platform offering, customers have more control over their content to meet security, compliance, and privacy requirements.

Overview

The overview is the most important section of the PIA. A thorough and clear overview gives the reader the appropriate context to understand the responses in the PIA. The overview should contain the following elements:

1 General Description

A. The IT system name and the name of the program office that owns the IT system.

The IT system name is Box Enterprise Cloud Content Collaboration Platform-E and it is owned by Project Special Forces- VACO

B. The business purpose of the program, IT system, or technology and how it relates to the program office and agency mission.

Box is a cloud-based, ready-to-use software empowers team members to communicate and collaborate securely from any location on any type of device. To protect the team’s sensitive information, Box utilizes intelligent threat protection, advanced security controls, and complete information governance.

C. Indicate the ownership or control of the IT system or project.

The system is owned and controlled by Project Special Forces-VACO

2. Information Collection and Sharing

D. The expected number of individuals whose information is stored in the system and a brief description of the typical client or affected individual.

This instance of Box currently has 759 internal users. The typical clients are business owners and researchers who need to a secure tool to send documents and collaborate.

E. A general description of the information in the IT system and the purpose for collecting this information.

The information within the IT system may be PII such as name, email address, phone number, SSN, and PHI like medical records and prescriptions. The purpose of collecting this information is solely for addressing business owners need for a secure tool that can collect sensitive data for research.

F. Any information sharing conducted by the IT system. A general description of the modules and subsystems, where relevant, and their functions.

There are no additional modules or subsystems that share information within Box.

G. Whether the system is operated in more than one site, and if so, a description of how use of the system and PII is maintained consistently in all sites and if the same controls are used across sites.

The system is hosted by the commercial cloud. Box is hosted by Equinix and Switch Communications Group's SUPERNAP in secure, state of the art data centers.

3. Legal Authority and SORN

H. A citation of the legal authority to operate the IT system.

121VA10A7-National Patient Databases (Formerly known as 121VA19)-VA
145VA005Q3-Department of Veterans Affairs Personnel Security File System (VAPSFs)(7/1/2022)
146VA005Q3-Department of Veterans Affairs Identity Management System (VAIDMS)-VA (3/26/2008)
150VA19-Administrative Data Repository-VA 11/26/2008
172VA10-VHA Corporate Data Warehouse-VA (12/22/2021)

I. If the system is in the process of being modified and a SORN exists, will the SORN require amendment or revision and approval? If the system is using cloud technology, does the SORN for the system cover cloud usage or storage?

Yes, SORN is over 6 years old and out of date, SORN POC is aware and working on update

D. System Changes

J. Whether the completion of this PIA will result in circumstances that require changes to business processes

There are no major changes to the system to report. Box is in the process of adding integrations that are FedRamp approved and will follow compliance and TIC guidelines. The following integrations are not major changes to the system but will allow for additional tool functionality are highlighted below.

Integration with Box:

Native Integration: DocuSign and Salesforce

Custom Integration: Qualtrics, MuleSoft, MDClone, Collaboration Space, RedCap,

Lung CT/Prostate Cancer Scan image transfer.

K. Whether the completion of this PIA could potentially result in technology changes

The completion of this PIA will result in some technology changes. The integrations (highlighted in System Changes J.) will add features that make the tool more accessible and improve the ability for users to collaborate on documents

Section 1. Characterization of the Information

The following questions are intended to define the scope of the information requested and collected as well as the reasons for its collection as part of the program, IT system, or technology being developed.

1.1 What information is collected, used, disseminated, created, or maintained in the system?

Identify and list all Sensitive Personal Information (SPI) that is collected and stored in the system, including Individually Identifiable Information (III), Individually Identifiable Health Information (IIHI), Protected Health Information (PHI), and Privacy- Protected Information. For additional information on these information types and definitions, please see VA Directives and Handbooks in the 6500 series (<https://vawww.va.gov/vapubs/>). If the system creates information (for example, a score, analysis, or report), list the information the system is responsible for creating.

If a requesting system receives information from another system, such as a response to a background check, describe what information is returned to the requesting system.

This question is related to privacy control AP-1, Authority To Collect, and AP-2, Purpose Specification.

The information selected below must match the information provided in question 2.1 as well as the data elements columns in 4.1 and 5.1.

Please check any information listed below that your system collects, uses, disseminates, creates, or maintains. If additional SPI is collected, used, disseminated, created, or maintained, please list those in the text box below:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Name | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Financial Information | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Medical Record Number |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social Security Number | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Health Insurance Beneficiary Numbers | <input type="checkbox"/> Gender |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Date of Birth | Account numbers | <input type="checkbox"/> Integrated Control Number (ICN) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mother's Maiden Name | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certificate/License numbers* | <input type="checkbox"/> Military History/Service Connection |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Personal Mailing Address | <input type="checkbox"/> Vehicle License Plate Number | <input type="checkbox"/> Next of Kin |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Personal Phone Number(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> Internet Protocol (IP) Address Numbers | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Data Elements (list below) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Personal Fax Number | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Medications | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Personal Email Address | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Medical Records | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Contact Information (Name, Phone Number, etc. of a different individual) | <input type="checkbox"/> Race/Ethnicity | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Tax Identification Number | |

PII Mapping of Components (Servers/Database)

Box consists of 2 key components (servers/databases). Each component has been analyzed to determine if any elements of that component collect PII. The type of PII collected by Box and the reasons for the collection of the PII are in the table below.

Note: Due to the PIA being a public facing document, please do not include the server names in the table. The first table of 3.9 in the PTA should be used to answer this question.

Internal Database Connections

Database Name of the information system collecting/storing PII	Does this system collect PII? (Yes/No)	Does this system store PII? (Yes/No)	Type of PII (SSN, DOB, etc.)	Reason for Collection/ Storage of PII	Safeguards
Switch, Nevada – Primary	Yes	Yes	Name/unique identifier	Registration	Stored encrypted, subject to very strict guidelines compliant to our various government certifications like FedRAMP Moderate
Vantage, California – Alternate Data Center	Yes	Yes	Name/unique identifier	Registration	Stored encrypted, subject to very strict guidelines compliant to our various government certifications like FedRAMP Moderate

1.2 What are the sources of the information in the system?

These questions are related to privacy controls DI-1, Data Quality, and IP-1, Consent.

1.2a List the individual, entity, or entities providing the specific information identified above. For example, is the information collected directly from the individual as part of an application for a benefit, or is it collected from other sources such as commercial data aggregators?

The information obtained from Box is not collected for data aggregators or analysis.

1.2b Describe why information from sources other than the individual is required. For example, if a program’s system is using data from a commercial aggregator of information or data taken from

public Web sites, state the fact that this is where the information is coming from and then in question indicate why the system is using this source of data.

Information from other sources other than an individual is not required for Box.

1.2c If the system creates information (for example, a score, analysis, or report), list the system as a source of information.

Box does have the ability to generate a report

1.3 How is the information collected?

These questions are related to privacy controls DI-1, Data Quality, and IP-1, Consent.

1.3a This question is directed at the means of collection from the sources listed in question 1.2. Information may be collected directly from an individual, received via electronic transmission from another system, or created by the system itself. Specifically, is information collected through technologies or other technologies used in the storage or transmission of information in identifiable form?

The information is collected from individuals, received via electronic transmission from another system, and created by the system itself.

1.3b If the information is collected on a form and is subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act, give the form's OMB control number and the agency form number.

The information is collected from an individual during the electronic account creation process. The information is not collected on a form.

1.4 How will the information be checked for accuracy? How often will it be checked?

These questions are related to privacy controls DI-1, Data Quality, and DI-2, Data Integrity and Integrity Board.

1.4a Discuss whether and how often information stored in the system is checked for accuracy. Is information in the system checked against any other source of information (within or outside your organization) before the information is used to make decisions about an individual? For example, is there a computer matching agreement in place with another government agency? For systems that receive data from internal data sources or VA IT systems, describe the system checks to ensure that data corruption has not occurred during transmission.

Customers can check the integrity of a file using hashes. Please see <https://developer.box.com/reference#files> for more details on checking the hash for the upload. In order to perform this check, you will need to utilize Box API to make the call for the file's hash (Sha1). Admin will verify the information is correct before individual can receive credentials to use Box.

1.4b If the system checks for accuracy by accessing a commercial aggregator of information, describe this process and the levels of accuracy required by the contract.

The system does not use a commercial aggregator to check information for accuracy.

1.5 What specific legal authorities, arrangements, and agreements defined the collection of information?

List the full legal authority for operating the system, specifically the authority to collect the information listed in question 1.1. Provide the authorities in a manner understandable to any potential reader, i.e., do not simply provide a legal citation; use statute names or regulations in addition to citations. Legal authorities include Federal laws, regulations, statutes, and Executive Orders. This question is related to privacy control AP-1, Authority to Collect

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Veterans Health Administration – Organization and Functions, Title 38, U.S.C., Chapter 73, § 7301(a). VHA clinical operations, WRIISC (War Related Illness and Injury Study Center, Washington DC VAMC). The SSN serves to collect and verify further information on veterans from other data systems, such as CPRS (Computerized Patient Record System), Vista (Veterans Health Information System Architecture), and CDW (Corporate Data Warehouse). Privacy Act Version Date: May 1, 2021

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(5 U.S.C. 552a) and in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552a(b)(3) of the Privacy Act adding Routine Use #27. The Veteran's social security number (SSN) is used to identify the hearing recording for purposes on transcription and ensuring accuracy when returning transcribed hearings for correlation to the Veteran's appeal. The SSN is used to verify the identity of the Veteran that is requesting the hearing. The SSN is part of the Veteran information available to the Board of Veterans' Appeals under Title 38, United States Code, Section 5106. SORNs: 79VA10P2, 23VA10NB3, 121VA10P2, and 24VA10P2

1.6 PRIVACY IMPACT ASSESSMENT: Characterization of the information

Consider the specific data elements collected and discuss the potential privacy risks and what steps, if any are currently being taken to mitigate those identified risks. (Work with your System ISSO to complete this section)

Consider the following Fair Information Practice Principles (FIPPs) when assessing the risk to individual privacy:

Principle of Purpose Specification: Explain how the collection ties with the purpose of the underlying mission of the organization and its enabling authority.

Principle of Minimization: Is the information directly relevant and necessary to accomplish the specific purposes of the program?

Principle of Individual Participation: Does the program, to the extent possible and practical, collect information directly from the individual?

*Principle of Data Quality and Integrity: Are there policies and procedures for VA to ensure that personally identifiable information is accurate, complete, and current?
This question is related to privacy control AR-1, Governance and Privacy Program, and AR-2, Privacy Impact and Risk Assessment.*

Follow the format below when entering your risk assessment:

Privacy Risk: Due to the sensitive nature of this data, there is a risk that, if the data were accessed by an unauthorized individual or otherwise breached, personal, professional, or financial harm may result for the individuals affected.

Mitigation: The CSP will follow the FedRAMP and VA approved Incident Response Plans (IRP). This includes:

a. Preparation: Box conducts proactive investigation of potential issues, runs tabletop drills, and completes proactive identification of tooling/monitoring

b. Detection: Box NOC/Ops becomes aware of an incident and initiates the Incident Process described here. The focus during this phase is to develop a clear problem statement and engage the correct parties to work the issue.

c. Analysis: Security Incident Response, Network Operations Center (NOC), and Crisis Management Teams, work to identify the problem causing the incident and the appropriate restoration path. The focus during this phase is to identify the problem causing the incident.

identify the proper restoration path, determine if there is a security exposure resulting from the incident, and determine if there is potential data loss or corruption resulting from the incident.

d. Reporting: Box will report the Incident to the Enterprise Administrators and other designated POCs listed for that account as well as the US-CERT for civilian customers and the assigned MCND/DIBS for DoD customers.

e. Containment: Responders take action to restore service and mitigate the problem causing the incident. The focus during this phase is to restore normal operations and restore the customer experience.

f. Eradication: Responders work to address urgent problems that could allow the issue to repeat. The focus during this phase is to prevent an immediate recurrence of the issue and put emergency stop gaps in place as needed. Version Date: January 2, 2019, Page 11 of 31

g. Recovery: Normal service operation is restored, and risk of recurrence is mitigated. The focus during this phase is documenting the issue, collecting forensic data for the Postmortem, and communicating the "All Clear" to stakeholders.

h. Post-incident activities: A postmortem is an after the fact analysis of failure. The goal of a postmortem is not only to deeply understand the causes and identify the problems that lead to the incident, but also to recognize the successes that prevented an even worse reality. We believe that through thoughtful postmortem analysis we can build a better culture and process.

Once the incident is resolved, CSP will update all engaged VA stakeholders, including VA ISSO.

Section 2. Uses of the Information

The following questions are intended to clearly delineate the use of information and the accuracy of the data being used.

2.1 Describe how the information in the system will be used in support of the program's business purpose.

Identify and list each use (both internal and external to VA) of the information collected or maintained. This question is related to privacy control AP-2, Purpose Specification.

Name and VA email are used to appropriate accounts for use, and as an identifier.

Social Security Number is used to identify the hearing recording for purposes on transcription and ensuring accuracy. The last four digits may show in payroll records. SSN may also be collected for quality improvement projects where Electronic Health Record reviews are required to facilitate and monitor quality improvement efforts.

Date of Birth may be included in a file.

Personal Mailing Address may be included in a file in a general manner.

Personal Phone Number(s) may be used for identifying and contacting user(s)

Personal Fax Number may be used for contacting user(s)

Personal Email Address may be used to verify user(s) and as primary contact info.

Financial Account Information – Financial status information, but no bank account numbers or the like, discussed within the case documentation.

Health Insurance Beneficiary Numbers is used to directly identify the Veteran and/or Veteran's representative appealing the case

Certificate/License numbers may be used for identifying purposes

Current Medications is used to directly identify the Veteran and/or Veteran's representative appealing the case. It is within their medical records and discussed as part of the case file. Previous Medical Records is used to directly identify the Veteran and/or Veteran's representative appealing the case

Medical Record Number is used to directly identify the Veteran and/or Veteran's representative appealing the case. Part of the file and a search field.

Other Unique Identifying Number (list below) – Yes, their VA-assigned number if they don't have a social security number, used as an identifier and as a search parameter.

2.2 What types of tools are used to analyze data and what type of data may be produced?

These questions are related to privacy controls DI-1, Data Quality, DI-2, Data Integrity and Integrity Board, and SE-1, Inventory of Personally Identifiable Information.

2.2a Many systems sift through large amounts of information in response to a user inquiry or programmed functions. Systems may help identify areas that were previously not obvious and need additional research by agents, analysts, or other employees. Some systems perform complex analytical tasks resulting in, among other types of data, matching, relational analysis, scoring, reporting, or pattern analysis. Describe any type of analysis the system conducts and the data that is created from the analysis.

Box does not use any tools to analyze data

2.2b If the system creates or makes available new or previously unutilized information about an individual, explain what will be done with the newly derived information. Will it be placed in the individual's existing record? Will a new record be created? Will any action be taken against or for the individual identified because of the newly derived data? If a new record is created, will the newly created information be accessible to Government employees who make determinations about the individual? If so, explain fully under which circumstances and by whom that information will be used.

The system does have record retention. With new information a new record is created, but the information is only accessible to individuals who have obtained a license and been provisioned at root level to have access to that folder.

2.3 How is the information in the system secured?

These questions are related to security and privacy controls SC-9, Transmission Confidentiality, and SC-28, Protection of Information at Rest.

2.3a What measures are in place to protect data in transit and at rest?

The data is protected by encryption

2.3b *If the system is collecting, processing, or retaining Social Security Numbers, are there additional protections in place to protect SSNs?*

The system does not retain SSN. Depending on the use case, the system has the capability to collect SSN. Encryption is set in place to protect any confidential data.

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2.3c *How is PII/PHI safeguarded in accordance with OMB Memorandum M-06-15?*

Box is compliant with the OMB Memorandum. Box does not interface or share PII or PHI with an external system.

2.4 PRIVACY IMPACT ASSESSMENT: Use of the information.

*Describe any types of controls that may be in place to ensure that information is handled in accordance with the uses described above. **Example: Describe if training for users of the project covers how to appropriately use information. Describe the disciplinary programs or system controls (i.e. denial of access) that are in place if an individual is inappropriately using the information.***

Consider the following FIPPs below to assist in providing a response:

Principle of Transparency: *Is the PIA and SORN, if applicable, clear about the uses of the information?*

Principle of Use Limitation: *Is the use of information contained in the system relevant to the mission of the project?*

This question is related to privacy control AR-4, Privacy Monitoring and Auditing, AR-5, Privacy Awareness and Training, and SE-2, Privacy Incident response.

2.4a *How is access to the PII determined?*

The access to PII is determined by the SSOi and SSOe verification. Each individual would need to verify their identity through PIV card or ID.ME (2 step verification) before they can access their Box account. Box has a moderate ATO, which allows for both PII and PHI.

2.4b *Are criteria, procedures, controls, and responsibilities regarding access documented?*

Yes criteria, procedures, controls, and responsibilities are being documented in stored within Box.

2.4c *Does access require manager approval?*

Yes, manager approval is required

2.4d Is access to the PII being monitored, tracked, or recorded?

Box system allows for PHI and PII and logins are tracked/monitored regularly.

2.4e Who is responsible for assuring safeguards for the PII?

Box provides safeguards to protect data stored in Box by encryption.

Section 3. Retention of Information

The following questions are intended to outline how long information will be retained after the initial collection.

3.1 What information is retained?

*Identify and list all information collected from question 1.1 that is **retained** by the system. This question is related to privacy controls DM-1, Minimization of Personally Identifiable Information, and DM-2, Data Retention and Disposal*

Information that is stored in Box is retained. The information that is retained is limited PII and PHI.

3.2 How long is information retained?

*In some cases, VA may choose to retain files in active status and archive them after a certain period of time. State active file retention periods, as well as archived records, in number of years, for the information and record types. **For example, financial data held within your system may have a different retention period than medical records or education records held within your system, please be sure to list each of these retention periods.** The VA records officer should be consulted early in the development process to ensure that appropriate retention and destruction schedules are implemented. If the system is using cloud technology, will it be following the NARA approved retention length and schedule? This question is related to privacy control DM-2, Data Retention and Disposal.*

The information is retained for 7 years.

3.3 Has the retention schedule been approved by the VA records office and the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA)?

An approved records schedule must be obtained for any IT system that allows the retrieval of a record via a personal identifier. The VA Records Officer will assist in providing a proposed schedule. The schedule must be formally offered to NARA for official approval. Once NARA approves the proposed schedule, the VA records officer will notify the system owner. This question is related to privacy control DM-2, Data Retention and Disposal.

3.3a Are all records stored within the system of record indicated on an approved disposition authority?

The retention scheduled has been approved by the VA. Yes, all records that are stored within the system are approved on disposition authority.

3.3b Please indicate each records retention schedule, series, and disposition authority.

Box Admins can generate report on the creation, editing, and retiring of a policy (administrative actions). Admins can also report on the application of policy to files as part of an end-of-policy Disposition Action. The default retention policy for Box use within the VA is 7 years. When retention policies are configured with an end of policy Disposition Action, content is queued for deletion after its applicable retention period expires. While files identified for deletion are often deleted the same day the retention period ends, disposition timeframes may vary and cannot be guaranteed. Additionally, for enterprises with extremely large volumes of content, delays in disposition may occur in some cases. Lastly, Box Governance's disposition identification process can affect disposition timing in the following rare scenarios:

Scenario	Result
As part of a customer sandbox experiment, you apply a retention policy of one day to a file.	The disposition identification process is run on customer sandboxes daily, so the file is now eligible for deletion after one day elapses.
Given a file that is under an Event-Based Retention (EBR) policy of three years, you set the retention start date to exactly three years ago.	The disposition status will be recognized in the next disposition identification process. and the file will be eligible for immediate deletion when the process runs.
Given a file that was uploaded to Box five years ago, you apply a retention policy of three years to the file's parent folder.	The disposition status will be recognized in the next disposition identification process. and the file will be eligible for immediate deletion when the process runs.

3.4 What are the procedures for the elimination or transfer of SPI?

Explain how records are destroyed, eliminated or transferred to NARA at the end of their mandatory retention period. Please give the details of the process. For example, are paper records shredded

on site, or by a shredding company and accompanied by a certificate of destruction, etc.? This question is related to privacy control DM-2, Data Retention and Disposal.

Users can delete retained files by sending them to Trash. However, users cannot purge files from Trash until the files' retention period has ended. Before that time, users can also restore files from Trash to their original location. If the original location has been deleted, users can choose a new folder in which to restore the files.

When a file is governed by a retention policy, an indicator displays under the Details section in the righthand navigation. You also see this information by clicking the More options arrow to the right of the file name and then selecting Properties > General Info.

3.5 Does the system, where feasible, use techniques to minimize the risk to privacy by using PII for research, testing, or training?

Organizations often use PII for testing new applications or information systems prior to deployment. Organizations also use PII for research purposes and for training. These uses of PII increase the risks associated with the unauthorized disclosure or misuse of the information. Please explain what controls have been implemented to protect PII used for testing, training and research. This question is related to privacy control DM-3, Minimization of PII Used in Testing, Training and Research.

The system itself does use techniques to help minimize the risk. Box has a large amount of customer uses the tool for research purposes. Box is currently using end-to-end encryption.

3.6 PRIVACY IMPACT ASSESSMENT: Retention of information

Discuss the risks associated with the length of time data is retained and what steps, if any, are currently being taken to mitigate those identified risks. (Work with your System ISSO to complete all Privacy Risk questions inside the document this section).

While we understand that establishing retention periods for records is a formal process, there are policy considerations behind how long a project keeps information. The longer a project retains information, the longer it needs to secure the information and assure its accuracy and integrity. The proposed schedule should match the requirements of the Privacy Act to keep the minimum amount of PII for the minimum amount of time, while meeting the Federal Records Act. The schedule should align with the stated purpose and mission of the system.

Consider the following FIPPs below to assist in providing a response:

Principle of Minimization: Does the project retain only the information necessary for its purpose? Is the PII retained only for as long as necessary and relevant to fulfill the specified purposes?

Principle of Data Quality and Integrity: Has the PIA described policies and procedures for how PII that is no longer relevant and necessary is purged?

This question is related to privacy controls DM-1, Minimization of Personally Identifiable Information, and DM-2, Data Retention and Disposal.

Follow the format below:

Privacy Risk: There is a risk that PII gets released outside of specified purpose.

Mitigation: Box has security controls in place to minimize risk related to security. All content uploaded to Box is encrypted. However, Box monitors the success/failure of events through logs and tools to enable and improve our product.

Section 4. Internal Sharing/Receiving/Transmitting and Disclosure

The following questions are intended to define the scope of information sharing/receiving/transmitting within VA.

4.1 With which internal organizations is information shared/received/transmitted? What information is shared/received/transmitted, and for what purpose? How is the information transmitted?

NOTE: Question 3.9 (second table) on Privacy Threshold Analysis should be used to answer this question.

Identify and list the names of any program offices, contractor-supported IT systems, and any other organization or IT system within VA with which information is shared.

State the purpose for the internal sharing. If you have specific authority to share the information, provide a citation to the authority.

For each interface with a system outside your program office, state what specific data elements (PII/PHI) are shared with the specific program office, contractor-supported IT system, and any other organization or IT system within VA.

Describe how the information is transmitted. For example, is the information transmitted electronically, by paper, or by some other means? Is the information shared in bulk, on a case-by-case basis, or does the sharing partner have direct access to the information?

This question is related to privacy controls AP-2, Purpose Specification, AR-3, Privacy Requirements for Contractors and Service Providers, AR-8, Accounting of Disclosures, TR-1, Privacy Notice, and UL-1, Internal Use.

Data Shared with Internal Organizations

<i>List the Program Office or IT System information is shared/received with</i>	<i>List the purpose of the information being shared /received with the specified program office or IT system</i>	<i>List the specific PII/PHI data elements that are processed (shared/received/transmitted) with the Program Office or IT system</i>	<i>Describe the method of transmittal</i>
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

4.2 PRIVACY IMPACT ASSESSMENT: Internal sharing and disclosure

Discuss the privacy risks associated with the sharing of information within the Department and what steps, if any, are currently being taken to mitigate those identified risks. (Work with your System ISSO to complete all Privacy Risk questions inside the document this section).

This question is related to privacy control UL-1, Internal Use.

Follow the format below:

Privacy Risk: There is a risk that information may be shared with unauthorized VA personnel.

Mitigation: Safeguards are implemented to ensure data is not sent to unauthorized VA employees, including employee security and privacy training, and required reporting of suspicious activity. Use of PIV two factor access to all VA systems access for need to know basis, Personal Identification Verification (PIV) Cards, Personal Identification Numbers (PIN), encryption, and role-based access authorization are all measures that are utilized for the system

Section 5. External Sharing/Receiving and Disclosure

The following questions are intended to define the content, scope, and authority for information sharing external to VA, which includes Federal, State, and local governments, and the private sector.

5.1 With which external organizations (outside VA) is information shared/received? What information is shared/received, and for what purpose? How is the information transmitted and what measures are taken to ensure it is secure?

Is the sharing of information outside the agency compatible with the original collection? If so, is it covered by an appropriate routine use in a SORN? If not, please describe under what legal mechanism the IT system is allowed to share the information in identifiable form or personally identifiable information outside of VA.

NOTE: Question 3.10 on Privacy Threshold Analysis should be used to answer this question.

Identify and list the names of any Federal, State, or local government agency or private sector organization with which information is shared.

For each interface with a system outside VA, state what specific data elements (PII/PHI) are shared with each specific partner.

What legal mechanisms, authoritative agreements, documentation, or policies are in place detailing the extent of the sharing and the duties of each party? For example, is the sharing of data compatible with your SORN? Then list the SORN and the applicable routine use from the SORN. Is there a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), Computer Matching Agreement (CMA), or law that mandates the sharing of this information?

Describe how the information is transmitted to entities external to VA and what security measures have been taken to protect it during transmission.

This question is related to privacy control UL-2, Information Sharing with Third Parties

Data Shared with External Organizations

<i>List External Program Office or IT System information is shared/received with</i>	<i>List the purpose of information being shared / received / transmitted with the specified program office or IT system</i>	<i>List the specific PII/PHI data elements that are processed (shared/received/transmitted)with the Program or IT system</i>	<i>List the legal authority, binding agreement, SORN routine use, etc. that permit external sharing (can be more than one)</i>	<i>List the method of transmission and the measures in place to secure data</i>
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
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N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

5.2 PRIVACY IMPACT ASSESSMENT: External sharing and disclosure

Discuss the privacy risks associated with the sharing of information outside the Department and what steps, if any, are currently being taken to mitigate those identified risks.

Discuss whether access controls have been implemented and whether audit logs are regularly reviewed to ensure appropriate sharing outside of the Department. For example, is there a Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU), contract, or agreement in place with outside agencies or foreign governments.

Discuss how the sharing of information outside of the Department is compatible with the stated purpose and use of the original collection.

This question is related to privacy control AR-2, Privacy Impact and Risk Assessment, AR-3, Privacy Requirements for Contractors and Service Providers, and AR-4, Privacy Monitoring and Auditing

Follow the format below:

Privacy Risk: N/A

Mitigation: N/A

Section 6. Notice

The following questions are directed at providing notice to the individual of the scope of information collected, the right to consent to uses of the information, and the right to decline to provide information.

6.1 Was notice provided to the individual before collection of the information? If yes, please provide a copy of the notice as an Appendix-A 6.1 on the last page of the document. Also provide notice given to individuals by the source system (A notice may include a posted privacy policy, a Privacy Act notice on forms, or a system of records notice published in the Federal Register.) If notice was not provided, why not?

These questions are related to privacy control TR-1, Privacy Notice, and TR-2, System of Records Notices and Privacy Act Statements, and TR-3, Dissemination of Privacy Program Information.

6.1a This question is directed at the notice provided before collection of the information. This refers to whether the person is aware that his or her information is going to be collected. A notice may include a posted privacy policy, a Privacy Act statement on forms, or a SORN published in the Federal Register, Notice of Privacy Practice provided to individuals for VHA systems. If notice was provided in the Federal Register, provide the citation.

Yes, notice was provided to an individual prior to collection of the information. I have attached the privacy policy for Box here.

6.1b If notice was not provided, explain why. If it was provided, attach a copy of the current notice.

Please provide response here

6.1c Describe how the notice provided for the collection of information is adequate to inform those affected by the system that their information has been collected and is being used appropriately. Provide information on any notice provided on forms or on Web sites associated with the collection.

- The notice is comprehensive and can be found in its entirety at <https://www.box.com/legal/privacypolicy>

6.2 Do individuals have the opportunity and right to decline to provide information? If so, is a penalty or denial of service attached?

This question is directed at whether the person from or about whom information is collected can decline to provide the information and if so, whether a penalty or denial of service is attached. This question is related to privacy control IP-1, Consent, IP-2, Individual Access, and IP-3, Redress.

121VA10A7-National Patient Databases (Formerly known as 121VA19)-VA
145VA005Q3-Department of Veterans Affairs Personnel Security File System (VAPSFs)(7/1/2022)
146VA005Q3-Department of Veterans Affairs Identity Management System (VAIDMS)-VA(3/26/2008)
150VA19-Administrative Data Repository-VA 11/26/2008
172VA10-VHA Corporate Data Warehouse-VA (12/22/2021)

6.3 Do individuals have the right to consent to particular uses of the information? If so, how does the individual exercise the right?

This question is directed at whether an individual may provide consent for specific uses or the consent is given to cover all uses (current or potential) of his or her information. If specific consent is required, how would the individual consent to each use? This question is related to privacy control IP-1, Consent.

Yes, but no penalty attached. The individual would have to submit a written document to Box Privacy team to provide consent to particular uses of the information. Please see the privacy page for information below. <https://www.box.com/legal/privacypolicy>

6.4 PRIVACY IMPACT ASSESSMENT: Notice

Describe the potential risks associated with potentially insufficient notice and what steps, if any, are currently being taken to mitigate those identified risks. (Work with your System ISSO to complete all Privacy Risk questions inside the document this section).

Consider the following FIPPs below to assist in providing a response:

Principle of Transparency: Has sufficient notice been provided to the individual?

Principle of Use Limitation: Is the information used only for the purpose for which notice was provided either directly to the individual or through a public notice? What procedures are in place to ensure that information is used only for the purpose articulated in the notice?

This question is related to privacy control TR-1, Privacy Notice, AR-2, Privacy Impact and Risk Assessment, and UL-1, Internal Use.

Follow the format below:

Privacy Risk: Risk that individual is unaware that their information is being collected by the system.

Mitigation: Box is only being used for individuals to file share. User information will not be collected or stored by Box.

Section 7. Access, Redress, and Correction

The following questions are directed at an individual's ability to ensure the accuracy of the information collected about him or her.

7.1 What are the procedures that allow individuals to gain access to their information?

These questions are related to privacy control IP-2, Individual Access, and AR-8, Accounting of Disclosures.

*7.1a Cite any procedures or regulations your program has in place that allow access to information. These procedures, at a minimum, should include the agency's FOIA/Privacy Act practices, but may also include additional access provisions. **For example, if your program has a customer satisfaction unit, that information, along with phone and email contact information, should be listed in this section in addition to the agency's procedures. See 5 CFR 294 and the VA FOIA Web page at <http://www.foia.va.gov/> to obtain information about FOIA points of contact and information about agency FOIA processes.***

If customers have access to Box they will have access to any content that they have uploaded to Box. Information would be attained by veteran names, and other identifiers, so they can request through the Privacy Act Request. Under VHA, veterans can request under HIPPA.

7.1b If the system is exempt from the access provisions of the Privacy Act, please explain the basis for the exemption or cite the source where this explanation may be found, for example, a Final Rule published in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR).

The system is not exempt from [provisions of the Privacy Act.

7.1c If the system is not a Privacy Act system, please explain what procedures and regulations are in place that covers an individual gaining access to his or her information.

This system is a Privacy Act System.

7.2 What are the procedures for correcting inaccurate or erroneous information?

Describe the procedures and provide contact information for the appropriate person to whom such issues should be addressed. If the correction procedures are the same as those given in question 7.1, state as much. This question is related to privacy control IP-3, Redress, and IP-4, Complaint Management.

Veterans Health Administration (VHA) Directive 2012-036, Identity Authentication for Health Care Services, provides policy and procedures to authenticate the identity of individuals requesting VA medical care, treatment, or services in person and provides administrative correction procedures to correct information previously captured by, or in, error. AUTHORITY: Privacy Act of 1974, Title 5 United States Code (U.S.C.) 552a, Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Privacy Rule, Title 45 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 160 and 164. The VA website provide numerous avenues that notify individuals of the procedures for updating their information. Individuals seeking to make changes to their records may use VA Form 10-10EZR, Instructions for Completing Health Benefits Update Form. Individuals wishing to obtain Version Date: October 1, 2021Page 23 of 32more information about access, redress and record correction of the Master Patient Index, should contact the Department of Veteran's Affairs regional as directed in the System of Record Notice (SORN) "National Patient Databases-VA" 121VA10P2. This SORN can be found online at: https://www.oprm.va.gov/docs/CurrentSORNList_7_24_20.pdf

7.3 How are individuals notified of the procedures for correcting their information?

How are individuals made aware of the procedures for correcting his or her information? This may be through notice at collection or other similar means. This question is meant to address the risk that even if procedures exist to correct information, if an individual is not made fully aware of the existence of those procedures, then the benefits of the procedures are significantly weakened. This question is related to privacy control IP-3, Redress, and IP-4, Complaint Management.

A request for amendment of information contained in a system of records must be delivered to the System Manager, or designee, for the concerned VHA system of records, and the facility Privacy Officer, or designee, to be date stamped; and be filed appropriately. In reviewing requests to amend or correct records, the System Manager must be guided by the criteria set forth in VA regulation 38 CFR 1.579. The VA, Veterans Service Organizations, and other Veteran advocate organizations also support the education of and notification process for Veterans. Individuals wishing to obtain more information about access, redress and record correction of the Master Patient Index, should contact the Department of Veteran's Affairs regional as directed in the System of Record Notice (SORN) "National Patient Databases-VA" 121VA10P2. This SORN can be found online at: https://www.oprm.va.gov/docs/CurrentSORNList_7_24_20.pdf20145VA005Q3%20146VA005Q3%20

150VA19%20121VA10P2For further information on the listed SORNs please visit link:
https://www.oprm.va.gov/privacy/systems_of_records.aspx

7.4 If no formal redress is provided, what alternatives are available to the individual?

*Redress is the process by which an individual gains access to his or her records and seeks corrections or amendments to those records. Redress may be provided through the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), and also by other processes specific to a program, system, or group of systems. **Example: Some projects allow users to directly access and correct/update their information online. This helps ensure data accuracy.***

This question is related to privacy control IP-3, Redress, and IP-4, Complaint Management.

This applies to limited subset of VA users because Box does not collect PII on all customers typically only for the purpose of the sale and to keep in contact regarding product updates, etc. Yes, Box is able to comply with the requirements applicable to Box, including providing the relevant personal data as requested in a data subject access request (DSAR) in 30 days. Additionally, customers using the Box Cloud Content Management platform are responsible for Version Date: January 2, 2019 Page 24 of 31 fulfilling their own FOIA/DSAR requirements, such as determining the appropriate retention periods of personal data as well as identifying the content stored which contains personal data. Redress is also provided through VA policy. VA Handbook 6300.4-Procedures for Processing Requests for Records Subject to the Privacy Act

7.5 PRIVACY IMPACT ASSESSMENT: Access, redress, and correction

*Discuss what risks there currently are related to the Department's access, redress, and correction policies and procedures for this system and what, if any, steps have been taken to mitigate those risks. **For example, if a project does not allow individual access, the risk of inaccurate data needs to be discussed in light of the purpose of the project. For example, providing access to ongoing law enforcement activities could negatively impact the program's effectiveness because the individuals involved might change their behavior.** (Work with your System ISSO to complete all Privacy Risk questions inside the document this section).*

Consider the following FIPPs below to assist in providing a response:

Principle of Individual Participation: Is the individual provided with the ability to find out whether a project maintains a record relating to him?

Principle of Individual Participation: If access and/or correction is denied, then is the individual provided notice as to why the denial was made and how to challenge such a denial?

Principle of Individual Participation: Is there a mechanism by which an individual is able to prevent information about him obtained for one purpose from being used for other purposes without his knowledge?

This question is related to privacy control IP-3, Redress.

Follow the format below:

Privacy Risk: There is a risk that individuals whose records contain incorrect information may not receive notification on how to redress or correct their information

Mitigation: Individuals are immediately able to reach out to the local admin for correction purposes. Users may also go to Box's support link for assistance 24/7 to correct information. <https://support.box.com/hc/en-us>

Section 8. Technical Access and Security

The following questions are intended to describe technical safeguards and security measures.

8.1 What procedures are in place to determine which users may access the system, and are they documented?

These questions are related to privacy control AR-7, Privacy-Enhanced System Design and Development.

8.1a Describe the process by which an individual receives access to the system.

To receive access to Box, an individual would need to submit a request with the VA SaaS Catalog, complete a discovery call and obtained a signed DSC/MOU. Once this step is completed, a user will need to fill out a 2237 and ARM memo to purchase a license. Once the license has been purchased, the user must provide pre-provisioning info such as business line and group approver and sign the acceptable use policy form. After the provisioning documents have been completed, a Box admin is able to correctly provision the user to Box and activate the license.

8.1b Identify users from other agencies who may have access to the system and under what roles these individuals have access to the system. Who establishes the criteria for what PII can be shared?

8.1c Describe the different roles in general terms that have been created to provide access to the system. For example, certain users may have "read-only" access while others may be permitted to make certain amendments or changes to the information.

The roles are Viewer, Co-owner, Admin and Group Admin

8.2 Will VA contractors have access to the system and the PII? If yes, what involvement will contractors have with the design and maintenance of the system? Has a contractor confidentiality agreement, Business Associate Agreement (BAA), or a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA) been developed for contractors who work on the system?

If so, how frequently are contracts reviewed and by whom? Describe the necessity of the access provided to contractors to the system and whether clearance is required. If Privacy Roles and Responsibilities have been established to restrict certain users to different access levels, please describe the roles and associated access levels. Explain the need for VA contractors to have access to the PII. This question is related to privacy control AR-3, Privacy Requirements for Contractors and Service Providers.

Only contractors that have been provisioned to the external box environment and verified their identity through id.me will have access to PII related to use case and data elements. All requests will use PII and PHI need go through the process of obtaining a Data Security Categorization, where the data elements are reviewed by and ISSE team member. The contractor also has to complete an Acceptable Use Policy.

8.3 Describe what privacy training is provided to users either generally or specifically relevant to the program or system?

VA offers privacy and security training. Each program or system may offer training specific to the program or system that touches on information handling procedures and sensitivity of information. Please describe how individuals who have access to PII are trained to handle it appropriately. This question is related to privacy control AR-5, Privacy Awareness and Training.

Box offers enablement training where we highlight how to use the tool and best practices when dealing with PII and PHI.

8.4 Has Authorization and Accreditation (A&A) been completed for the system?

8.4a If Yes, provide:

- 1. The Security Plan Status: Approved*
- 2. The System Security Plan Status Date: 08/29/2022*
- 3. The Authorization Status: Authorization to Operate*
- 4. The Authorization Date: 02/07/2020*
- 5. The Authorization Termination Date: 08/28/2025*
- 6. The Risk Review Completion Date: 08/03/2022*
- 7. The FIPS 199 classification of the system (LOW/MODERATE/HIGH): Moderate*

Please note that all systems containing SPI are categorized at a minimum level of “moderate” under Federal Information Processing Standards Publication 199.

*8.4b If No or In Process, provide your **Initial Operating Capability (IOC) date.***

Section 9 – Technology Usage

The following questions are used to identify the technologies being used by the IT system or project.

9.1 Does the system use cloud technology? If so, what cloud model is being utilized?

If so, Does the system have a FedRAMP provisional or agency authorization? If the system does use cloud technology, but does not have FedRAMP authorization, explain how the Cloud Service Provider (CSP) solution was assessed and what FedRAMP documents and processes were used

for the assessment in order to comply with VA Handbook 6517. Types of cloud models include Software as a Service (SaaS), Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS), Platform as a Service (PaaS), Commercial off the Shelf (COTS), Desktop as a Service (DaaS), Mobile Backend as a Service (MBaaS), Information Technology Management as a Service (ITMaaS). This question is related to privacy control UL-1, Information Sharing with Third Parties.

Note: For systems utilizing the VA Enterprise Cloud (VAEC), no further responses are required after 9.1. (Refer to question 3.3.1 of the PTA)

Yes, the system using GovCloud. The system is a SaaS solution and has been FedRamp approved.

9.2 Does the contract with the Cloud Service Provider, Contractors and VA customers establish who has ownership rights over data including PII? (Provide contract number and supporting information about PII/PHI from the contract). (Refer to question 3.3.2 of the PTA) This question is related to privacy control AR-3, Privacy Requirements for Contractors and Service Providers.

Yes, VA has ownership of VA data.

9.3 Will the CSP collect any ancillary data and if so, who has ownership over the ancillary data?

Per NIST 800-144, cloud providers hold significant details about the accounts of cloud consumers that could be compromised and used in subsequent attacks. Ancillary data also involves information the cloud provider collects or produces about customer-related activity in the cloud. It includes data collected to meter and charge for consumption of resources, logs and audit trails, and other such metadata that is generated and accumulated within the cloud environment.

This question is related to privacy control DI-1, Data Quality.

No, the CSP will not collect any ancillary data.

9.4 NIST 800-144 states, “Organizations are ultimately accountable for the security and privacy of data held by a cloud provider on their behalf.” Is this principle described in contracts with customers? Why or why not?

What are the roles and responsibilities involved between the organization and cloud provider, particularly with respect to managing risks and ensuring organizational requirements are met? This question is related to privacy control AR-3, Privacy Requirements for Contractors and Service Providers.

Yes, responsibilities are described within contract language between cloud provider and organization

9.5 If the system is utilizing Robotics Process Automation (RPA), please describe the role of the bots.

Robotic Process Automation is the use of software scripts to perform tasks as an automated process that executes in parallel with or in place of human input. For example, will the automation move or touch PII/PHI information. RPA may also be referred to as “Bots” or Artificial Intelligence (AI).

Not applicable- The system is not utilizing Robotics Process Animation.

Section 10. References

Summary of Privacy Controls by Family

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ID	Privacy Controls
AP	Authority and Purpose
AP-1	Authority to Collect
AP-2	Purpose Specification
AR	Accountability, Audit, and Risk Management
AR-1	Governance and Privacy Program
AR-2	Privacy Impact and Risk Assessment
AR-3	Privacy Requirements for Contractors and Service Providers
AR-4	Privacy Monitoring and Auditing
AR-5	Privacy Awareness and Training
AR-7	Privacy-Enhanced System Design and Development
AR-8	Accounting of Disclosures
DI	Data Quality and Integrity
DI-1	Data Quality
DI-2	Data Integrity and Data Integrity Board
DM	Data Minimization and Retention
DM-1	Minimization of Personally Identifiable Information
DM-2	Data Retention and Disposal
DM-3	Minimization of PII Used in Testing, Training, and Research
IP	Individual Participation and Redress
IP-1	Consent
IP-2	Individual Access
IP-3	Redress
IP-4	Complaint Management
SE	Security

ID	Privacy Controls
SE-1	Inventory of Personally Identifiable Information
SE-2	Privacy Incident Response
TR	Transparency
TR-1	Privacy Notice
TR-2	System of Records Notices and Privacy Act Statements
TR-3	Dissemination of Privacy Program Information
UL	Use Limitation
UL-1	Internal Use
UL-2	Information Sharing with Third Parties

Signature of Responsible Officials

The individuals below attest that the information provided in this Privacy Impact Assessment is true and accurate.

Privacy Officer, Tonya Facemire

Information Systems Security Officer, Anna Johnson

Information System Owner, Herbert Ackermann

APPENDIX A-6.1

Please provide a link to the notice or verbiage referred to in Section 6 (a notice may include a posted privacy policy, a Privacy Act notice on forms). [Link to Privacy Act Notice](#)

HELPFUL LINKS:

Record Control Schedules:

<https://www.va.gov/vhapublications/rcs10/rcs10-1.pdf>

General Records Schedule 1.1: Financial Management and Reporting Records (FSC):

<https://www.archives.gov/files/records-mgmt/grs/grs01-1.pdf>

National Archives (Federal Records Management):

<https://www.archives.gov/records-mgmt/grs>

VHA Publications:

<https://www.va.gov/vhapublications/publications.cfm?Pub=2>

VA Privacy Service Privacy Hub:

<https://dvagov.sharepoint.com/sites/OITPrivacyHub>

Notice of Privacy Practice (NOPP):

[VHA Notice of Privacy Practices](#)

[VHA Handbook 1605.04: Notice of Privacy Practices](#)