

Privacy Impact Assessment for the VA IT System called:

## Salesforce: VA Prosthetics Order Vendor Interface and Delivery Tracking Solution (POVIDTS)

## Veterans Health Administration

## **Prosthetics Office**

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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.

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs will be enhancing a manual process of ordering and tracking prosthetics and other Veteran required equipment from vendors. The Department of Veteran Affairs' Veterans Integrated Service Network (Multiple VISN's) Prosthetic's Office provides medically prescribed prosthetic and sensory aids to eligible Veterans. These aids include artificial limbs, hearing aids, communication aids, eyeglasses, orthopedic braces and shoes, wheelchairs, crutches and canes. The Prosthetic's Office is struggling to effectively manage the purchase order process for Prosthetics and Sensory Aids Service (PSAS). In addition, Prosthetic's Office has no automated way to determine if a Veteran has received a shipment without either calling the vendor or the Veteran to inquire. The Prosthetic's Office is therefore unable to effectively track and report back on its activities related to purchase orders and shipments. The solution titled Prosthetics Order Vendor Interface & Delivery Tracking Solution (POVIDTS) is created within the existing VA Salesforce instance as a module for the VA Prosthetics team to enter and track Purchase Orders and also Invoices.

#### **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. Salesforce- VA Prosthetics Order Vendor Interface and Delivery tracking solution (POVIDTS) owned VA Salesforce FedRAMP

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

The Department of Veteran Affairs 'Prosthetic's Office provides medically prescribed prosthetic and sensory aids to eligible Veterans. These aids include artificial limbs, hearing aids, communication aids, eyeglasses, orthopedic braces and shoes, wheelchairs, crutches and canes. The Prosthetic's Office is struggling to effectively manage the purchase order process for Prosthetics and Sensory Aids Service (PSAS). In addition, Prosthetic's Office has no automated way to determine if a Veteran has received a shipment without either calling the vendor or the Veteran to inquire. The Prosthetic's Office is therefore unable to effectively track and report back on its activities related to purchase orders and shipments. The Prosthetics office has approximately 120 agents and chiefs, Approximately 200-400 vendors and handles approximately 20,000 plus orders a month for Veteran prosthetics items. The solution titled Prosthetics Order Vendor Interface & Delivery Tracking Solution (POVIDTS)

is created within the existing VA Salesforce FedRAMP authorized instance as a module for the VA Prosthetics team to enter and track Purchase Orders and also provide a Community portal for vendors to update, communicate on, and track shipments, invoices and related documents. VA Prosthetics records entered into Salesforce originate in the VistA source system. The Purchase Orders that are generated in VistA are loaded as PDFs into Salesforce by the Prosthetics Agent. These PDF files are parsed into Salesforce records using a Mulesoft integration. The Prosthetics Purchase Order information is used in Salesforce to track the procurement of the Prosthetics item for Veterans. IT is visible only to the Prosthetics Agent and the specific vendor who is trusted to procure the Prosthetics item. No other users in the VA Salesforce organization can view the data, with the exception of VA salesforce Administrators. Prosthetics Agents and Chiefs will be able to view metrics and status of all orders both historically and in progress. Community users (Vendors) will only be able to view orders directly related to them and will be able to view information of the Veteran receiving the Prosthetics items, view credit card payment information from the VA Facility corporate card, track shipments of items to Veterans, and associate those shipments to invoices. Vendors will also have a process for requesting changes or asking question through the VA Order directly to the Prosthetics agents and tracking the approval of those Change Requests. Salesforce Government Cloud maintains a FedRAMP Moderate Authority to Operate (ATO) as well as a VA ATO issued on 12/17/2020 with a categorization of Moderate. This PIA will not require any changes in Prosthetics process other than what is planned in the POVIDTS module to comply. No amendment to a SORN is expected. Service Could Contracts establish right over security and privacy data and PII. The VA Prosthetics group has ownership of all data in the POVIDTS module in the VA Salesforce GovCloud instance. Individuals using the POVIDTS module have a right to decline providing information without penalty..

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

#### 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.

Veteran Name, mailing address, phone number and email if provided of all Veterans enrolled in VISN 4 and VISN 1 healthcare and using prosthetics services estimated at 200,000.

- E. A general description of the information in the IT system and the purpose for collecting this information. The solution titled Prosthetics Order Vendor Interface & Delivery Tracking Solution (POVIDTS) is created within the existing VA Salesforce FedRAMP authorized instance as a module for the VA Prosthetics team to enter and track Purchase Orders and also provide a Community portal for vendors to update, communicate on, and track shipments, invoices and related documents. VA Prosthetics records entered into Salesforce originate in the VistA source system. The Purchase Orders that are generated in VistA are loaded as PDFs into Salesforce by the Prosthetics Agent. These PDF files are parsed into Salesforce records using a Mulesoft integration. The Prosthetics Purchase Order information is used in Salesforce to track the procurement of the Prosthetics item for Veterans.
- *F.* Any information sharing conducted by the IT system. A general description of the modules and subsystems, where relevant, and their functions.

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*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.

This system is operational at all VISN4 & 1 sites with identical controls throughout. *3. Legal Authority and SORN* 

- H. A citation of the legal authority to operate the IT system.
- *I.* Salesforce Government Cloud maintains a FedRAMP Moderate Authority to Operate (ATO) as well as a VA ATO issued on 12/17/2020 with a categorization of Moderate. This PIA will not require any changes in Prosthetics process other than what is planned in the POVIDTS module to comply.*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?*

No amendment to a SORN is expected. Service Could Contracts establish right over security and privacy data and PII.

D. System Changes

- J. Whether the completion of this PIA will result in circumstances that require changes to business processes No changes are required
- *K.* Whether the completion of this PIA could potentially result in technology changes No changes are required

#### Section 1. Characterization of the Information

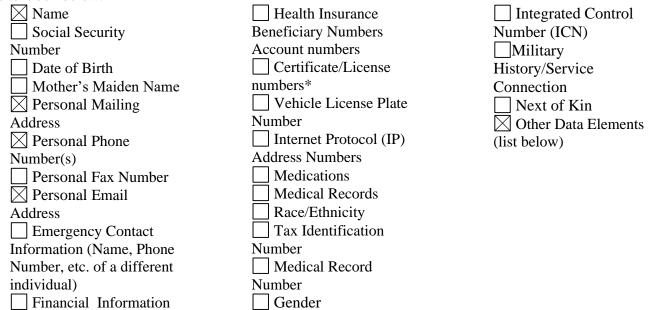
The following questions are intended to define the scope of the information requested and collected as well as the reasons for its collection as part of the program, IT system, or technology being developed.

#### 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://vaww.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:



Credit card number (Only in an attachment as noted below, not memorialized in salesforce fields.)

Note: A Credit Card number for the VA Prosthetics business office is required for the vendors to purchase the needed materials. We will be providing this to vendors by separating the needed CC elements so that all of the required numbers are not in the same record. The CC number will be on the PDF attachment that is uploaded into salesforce by the VA Prosthetics agent and attached to a custom object record "VA Order Attachments". The CVV Code and Expiration will be entered separately as part of the "VA Order Attachments" record creation. After the VA Order creation, neither the PO Attachment, the CC Number, CVV code and Expiration will be available to the Vendor in the VA Order record as those Community Vendor users will have the "View Encrypted Data" permission on their Profile. ALL three pieces of the credit card information will not be stored anywhere unencrypted in Salesforce fields together.

#### PII Mapping of Components (Servers/Database)

Salesforce- VA prosthetics Order Vendor Interface & Delivery Tracking System consists of Okey components (databases). Each component has been analyzed to determine if any elements of that component collect PII. The type of PII collected by Salesforce: Learner Assessment Tool 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.

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
N/A	No	No	N/A	N/A	N/A

Internal Database Connections

#### 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?

VA Prosthetics records entered into Salesforce originate in the VistA source system. The Purchase Orders that are generated in VistA are loaded as PDFs into Salesforce. These PDF files are parsed into Salesforce records using a Mulesoft integration. The Prosthetics Purchase Order information is used in Salesforce to track the procurement of the Prosthetics item for Veterans. IT is visible only to the Prosthetics Agent and the specific vendor who is trusted to procure the Prosthetics item. No other users in the VA Salesforce organization can view the data, with the exception of VA salesforce Administrators.

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.

N/A

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

System uses the integral Salesforce Dashboard to display aggregate data from the LAT data collection. No external data is used or collected

#### **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 Purchase Order information that is created in the VA VistA system is generated as a PDF document that is loaded as a file into Salesforce. The file is read by a Mulesoft integration that parses data from PDF documents into Salesforce field attributes of the newly created Purchase Order Record.

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.

No form is used, the LAT is online

#### 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.

The Salesforce "VA Order" records are a copy of the Purchase Order that is currently E-faxed to the Prosthetics vendor to fulfill purchase of items needed for Veterans. The function that will be performed in Salesforce will be tracking the fulfillment process using Prosthetics vendor input through a customer Community. Vendor will update shipping statuses and attach invoices and other documentation to allow for more VA visibility to the fulfillment process.

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.

**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

Veterans Health Administration – Organization and Functions, Title 38, U.S.C., Chapter 73, § 7301(a)

•Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA)

•Privacy Act of 1974

•Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 5 USC 552

•VHA Directive 1605.01 Privacy & Release of Information

•VA Directive 6500 Managing Information Security Risk: VA Information Security Program. •Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health (HITECH) Act, Title XIII ofDivision A and Title IV of Division B of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009(ARRA)

#### 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:

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

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

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

<u>Principle of Data Quality and Integrity:</u> 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:** The POVIDTS module collects both Personally Identifiable Information (PII) and VA Business Credit Card Information. Due to the highly sensitive nature of this data, there is a risk that, if the data were accessed by an unauthorized individual or otherwise breached, moderate, professional, or financial harm may result.

**Mitigation:** POVIDTS employs Platform Shield Encryption of the Credit Card fields and security within the Salesforce system to isolate the Veteran information to only those users with a business need to have access. Salesforce security and visibility is set to only allow access in the system to the vendors for cc information. Also they can only see order belonging to their account. Not even the Prosthetics agents can see all the CC details once the order in loaded into salesforce. The same for other non-Prosthetics users of the VA Salesforce org. No one can see the Prosthetics module except Prosthetics Agents and Chiefs.

#### 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.

• Veteran Name: Entered into the system by the Prosthetics Agent and used by the Vendor to identify the recipient of the Prosthetics shipment.

• Veteran Address: Entered into the system by the VA Prosthetics Agent and used by the Vendor to deliver the Prosthetics items to the Veteran.

• Veteran Phone: Entered into the system by the Prosthetics Agent and used by the Vendor to contact the vendor to confirm details on the Prosthetics items to be delivered.

• Veteran email: Entered into the system by the Prosthetics Agent and used by the vendor to contact the Veteran to confirm details on the Prosthetics items to be delivered. Also used by the salesforce system to automatically notify the Veteran of shipment and delivery of items from the system.

• Credit Card Number: VHA prosthetics government issued credit card information will be entered into the system by the Prosthetics Agent and used by the vendor to purchase Prosthetics items for the Veteran. These fields are encrypted in Salesforce and secured to only be visible to the vendor completing the VA Order. This value is populated by Mulesoft integration and is extracted from the PDF file

• Credit Card Expiration: VHA prosthetics government issued credit card information will be entered into the system by the Prosthetics Agent and used by the vendor to purchase Prosthetics items for the Veteran. These fields are encrypted after entering and secured to only be visible to the vendor completing the VA Order. Credit card expiration dates are populated in the Salesforce UI when a PDF file is uploaded.

• CVV: VHA prosthetics government issued credit card information will be entered into the system by the Prosthetics Agent and used by the vendor to purchase Prosthetics items for the Veteran. These fields are encrypted after entering and secured to only be visible to the vendor completing the VA Order. CVV codes are populated in the Salesforce UI when a PDF file is uploaded.

#### 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.

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.

Data will be used to provide Prosthetics Agents and Service Chiefs with a dashboard to summarize the VA Order in progress and performance tracking. Reports can be generated out of the Salesforce system to be used internally by Prosthetics Chiefs..

#### 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?

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

2.3c How is PII/PHI safeguarded in accordance with OMB Memorandum M-06-15? Data is protected through the usage of MOU/ISA encryption while data is being transited. In addition, the data that is stored is put into separate custom objects that are also encrypted. This makes it difficult for anyone who potentially breached the system to gather all of the VA Prosthetics office's business card information

#### 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. <u>Example: Describe if training for users of the project</u> 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:

<u>Principle of Transparency</u>: Is the PIA and SORN, if applicable, clear about the uses of the information?

<u>Principle of Use Limitation:</u> 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?

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

2.4c Does access require manager approval?

2.4d Is access to the PII being monitored, tracked, or recorded?2.4e Who is responsible for assuring safeguards for the PII?

Access to any PII is determined by applicability to job function. No access is intended to be given to any persona in the system that does not have a need to know for their job function. Log access records are tracked in Salesforce. New VA User are requested to the Digital Transformation Center (DTC) through a Production Salesforce case submitted by a Prosthetics Chief. Users are created with attributes for internal VA Prosthetics team permissions only. New Vendor User to the Community must first set up an Access VA account on the VA Portal. Then when accessing the Prosthetics (POVIDTS) portal they will be required to enter information about their need for access. Then will only be grated Community access through an approval process to the Prosthetics Chiefs. They will be granted access to view VA Order records that are created to their Account only. All VA staff has responsibility to safeguard PII information, however ultimate responsibility is the Prosthetics Chiefs.

#### **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

- Veteran name
- Address
- Phone#

- Email
- VA Prosthetics office Business Credit Card data

#### **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.

Financial Records: Different forms of financial records are retained 1-7 years based on specific retention schedules. Please refer to VA Record Control Schedule (RCS)10-1, Part Two, Chapter Four- Finance Management • Electronic Mail Records (Which only contain communication and not PII): All records are temporary unless otherwise indicated. Senders' and recipients' versions of electronic mail messages that meet the definition of Federal records and any attachments to the record messages will be deleted from the email system after they have been copied to a recordkeeping system. See http://www.oprm.va.gov/docs/RCS005-1-OIT-8-21-09.pdf Section M, Item 14 for specific guidelines..

## **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. Please work with the system Privacy Officer and VA Records Officer to answer these questions. 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?

Records Control Schedule 10-1 https://www.va.gov/vhapublications/rcs10/rcs10-1.pdf

Records Control Schedule 005-1 https://www.oprm.va.gov/docs/RCS005-1-OIT-8-21-09.pdf

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

#### 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.

Current VA salesforce org policy prohibits any deletion of records without specific request to the Demand Transformation Center. Electronic data and files of any type, including Protected Health Information (PHI), Sensitive Personal Information (SPI), Human Resources records, and more are destroyed in accordance with the Department of Veterans' Affairs Directive 6500 VA Cybersecurity Program (January 23, 2019). When required, this data is deleted from their file location and then permanently deleted from the deleted items or Recycle bin. Magnetic media is wiped and sent out for destruction per VA Directive 6500. Digital media is shredded or sent out for destruction per VA Directive 6500

## **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.

Test data used in development or research and training is redacted of any PII data. Test PDF PO files are scrubbed by the Prosthetics team before being supplied to developers for testing of the system.

#### 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:

<u>Principle of Minimization:</u> 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?

<u>Principle of Data Quality and Integrity:</u> 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 the information maintained by POVIDTS could be retained for longer than is necessary to fulfill the VA mission. Records held longer than required are at greater risk of being unintentionally released, breached, or exploited for reasons other than what is described in the privacy documentation associated with the information.

**Mitigation:** To mitigate the risk posed by information retention, POVIDTS will adhere to the VA RCS schedules for each category or data it maintains. When the retention data is reached for a record, the medical center will carefully dispose of the data by the determined method as described in question 3.4.

#### 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

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

**Mitigation:** Safeguards implemented to ensure data is not sent to the wrong VA organization are employee security and privacy training and awareness and required reporting of suspicious activity. Use of secure passwords, access for need to know basis', PIV Cards, PIN numbers, encryption, and access authorization are all measures that are utilized within the facilities

#### 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

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

Data Shared with External Organizations

Salesforce	Procurement	Veteran name, Address,.	MOU/ISA	BPE,
Government	of Veteran			Connection
Cloud -	Prosthetics			ID B0320
Salesforce	items			
Development				
Platform VA				
Assessing				

#### 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:** The sharing of data is necessary for individuals to receive benefits from Prosthetics/POVIDTS. However, there is a risk that the data could be shared with an inappropriate and/or unauthorized external organization or institution.

**Mitigation:** Safeguards implemented to ensure data is not shared inappropriately with organizations are employee security and privacy training and awareness and required reporting of suspicious activity. Use of secure passwords, access for need to know purposes, Personal Identification Verification (PIV) Cards, Personal Identification Numbers (PIN), encryption and access authorization are all measures that are utilized within the administrations. Standing letters for information exchange, business associate agreements and memorandums of understanding between agencies and VA are monitored closely by the Privacy Officer (PO), ISSO to ensure protection of information.

#### 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.

No information is collected as the individual takes the survey anonymously and this information is provided on the welcome page prior to starting the assessment.

#### The VHA Notice of Privacy Practice (NOPP)

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explains the collection and use of protected health information to individuals receiving health care from VA. The NOPP is mailed every three years or when there is a major change to all enrolled Veterans. Non Veterans receiving care are provided the notice at the time of their encounter.

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

Notice was provided as stated above.

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.

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## 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.

Individuals have the right to decline to provide their information, this does not result in a penalty/denial of service.

Information is requested when it is necessary to administer benefits to veterans and other potential beneficiaries. While an individual may choose not to provide information, this may prevent them from obtaining the benefits necessary to them.

Employees and VA contractors are also required to provide the requested information to maintain employment or their contract with *VHA* 

## **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.

Information is used, accessed and disclosed in accordance with the Privacy Act, 5 USC 552a, Title 38 USC 5701, Confidential Nature of Claims, Title USC 7332 and the HIPAA Privacy Rule 45 CFR. Individuals are provided with a copy of the Notice of Privacy Practices that indicates when information will be used without their consent and when they will be asked to provide consent. Information is used, accessed and disclosed in accordance with the Privacy Act, 5 USC 552a, Title 38 USC 5701, Confidential Nature of Claims, Title USC 7332 and the HIPAA Privacy Rule 45 CFR.

Individuals or their legal representative may consent to the use or disclosure of information via a written request submitted to their facility Privacy Officer. Individuals also have the right to request a restriction to the use of their information. The written request must state what information and/or to whom the information is restricted and must include their signature and date of the request. The request is then forwarded to facility Privacy Officer for review and processing

#### 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:

<u>Principle of Transparency:</u> Has sufficient notice been provided to the individual?

<u>Principle of Use Limitation:</u> 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:** There is a risk that veterans and other members of the public will not know that the Prosthetics/POVIDTS system exists or that it collects, maintains, and/or disseminates PII, PHI or PII/PHI about them

**Mitigation:** This risk is mitigated by the common practice of providing the Notice of Privacy Practice (NOPP) when Veterans are enrolled for health care. Employees and contractors are required to review, sign and abide by the National Rules of Behavior on a yearly basis as required by VA Handbook 6500 as well as complete annual mandatory Information Security and Privacy Awareness

training. Additional mitigation is provided by making Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA) available for review online, as discussed in question 6.1 and the Overview section of this PIA.

#### 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.

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).

## 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.

An individual wanting notification or access, including contesting the record, should mail or deliver a request to the office identified in the SOR that is the source record for the system. If an individual does not know the "office concerned," the request may be addressed to the PO of any VA field station VHA facility where the person is receiving care or the Department of Veterans Affairs Central Office, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420. The receiving office must promptly forward the mail request received to the office of jurisdiction clearly identifying it as "Privacy Act Request" and notify the requester of the referral. When requesting access to one's own records, patients are asked to complete VA Form 10- 5345a: Individuals' Request for a Copy of their Own Health Information, which can be obtained from the medical center or online at http://www.va.gov/vaforms/medical/pdf/vha-10-5345afill.pdf. Additionally, veterans and their dependents can gain access to their Electronic Health Record (EHR) by enrolling in the my HealtheVet program, VA's online personal health record. More information about my HealtheVet is available at https://www.myhealth.va.gov/index.html. As directed in VA SOR Compensation, Pension, Education, and Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Records-VA, SOR 58VA21/22/28(July 19, 2012), individuals seeking information regarding access to and contesting of VA records may write, call, or visit the nearest VA regional office. A list of regional VA offices may be found on the VBA Website.

#### 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.

While there are no processes for amending information that is in POVIDTS, the information is obtained from VISTA which can be amended. The VHA Notice of Privacy Practices informs individuals how to file an amendment request with VHA. 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 is 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. That is, VA must maintain in its records only such information about an individual that is accurate, complete, timely, relevant, and necessary. Individuals have the right to review and change their contact or demographic information at time of appointment or upon arrival to the VA facility and/or submit a change of address request form to the facility business office for processing. If corrections are needed for legal name, date of birth, or Social Security Number (SSN) changes, Patient Registration would process the request requiring a valid driver's license, state identification, passport, military ID, or a letter from the Social Security Administration stating the changes and a wet signature from the individual requesting the change. The Privacy Officer reviews and approves these changes as well.

#### 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.

While there are no processes for amending information that is in POVIDTS, the information is obtained from VISTA which can be amended. Veterans are informed of the amendment process by many resources to include the VHA Notice of Privacy Practice (NOPP) which states: Right to Request Amendment of Health Information. You have the right to request an amendment (correction) to your health information in our records if you believe it is incomplete, inaccurate, untimely, or unrelated to your care. You must submit your request in writing, specify the information that you want corrected, and provide a reason to support your request for amendment. All amendment requests should be submitted to the facility Privacy Officer at the VHA health care facility that maintains your information. If your request for amendment is denied, you will be notified of this decision in writing and provided appeal rights. In response, you may do any of the following: • File an appeal • File a "Statement of Disagreement" • Ask that your initial request for amendment accompany all future disclosures of the disputed health information Individuals seeking information regarding access to and contesting of VA benefits records may write, call or visit the nearest VA regional office. Additional notice is provided through the SORS listed in 6.1 of this PIA and through the area Release of Information Office where care is received.

#### 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 ensures data accuracy.

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

Formal redress via the amendment process is available to all individuals, as stated in questions 7.1-7.3 Redress is provided through the Privacy Act for the individual to view and request correction to the inaccurate or erroneous information. If the request is denied, the individual to appeal the decision by writing to the Office of General Counsel (024); Department of Veterans Affairs; 810 Vermont Avenue, N.W.; Washington, D.C. 20420. The Privacy Act and HIPAA permit the individual to also complete a Statement of Disagreement to the information that was denied correction. The facility would be able to include a rebuttal to the Statement of Disagreement. The Statement of Disagreement, rebuttal, and denial letter would be attached to the information that was requested to be corrected and would be released with the information at any time the information was authorized for release. Veterans can also update their personal information through My HealtheVet (MHV). Information they can update includes things such as demographics and secure messaging. The Veterans can use MHV as required to agree to the terms of conditions of use and are responsible for the information that is stored and transmitted through the site. Also, Veterans are required to sign VA form 10-5345a before they have access to medical record information through MHV. This form covers the use of Secure Messaging as well. The Veteran assumes responsibility for any medical information available on MHV as well

as information sent from them or to them through secure messaging. There is a separate set of terms and conditions that veterans must agree to before communicating via Secure Messaging. They must submit VA Form 10-5345a- MHV. My HealtheVet is a Department of Veterans Affairs computer system. This computer system, including all related equipment, networks, and network devices (specifically including Internet access) is provided only for authorized use. VA computer systems may be monitored for all lawful purposes, including ensuring that their use is authorized, managing the system, protecting against unauthorized access, and verifying security procedures, survivability, and operational security.

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

<u>Principle of Individual Participation:</u> 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 members of the public will not know the relevant procedures for gaining access to, correcting, or contesting their information.

**Mitigation:** Prosthetics/POVIDTS mitigates the risk of incorrect information in an individual's records by authenticating information when possible using the resources discussed in question 1.5. Additionally, staff verifies information in medical records and corrects information identified as incorrect during each patient's medical appointments. As discussed in question 7.3, the NOPP, which every enrolled Veteran receives every three years or when there is a major change. The NOPP discusses the process for requesting an amendment to one's records. The VISN 4 &1 facilities Release of Information (ROI) office is available to assist Veterans with obtaining access to their health records and other records containing personal information. The Veterans' Health Administration (VHA) established MyHealthyVet program to provide Veterans remote access to their medical records. The Veteran must enroll and have access to the premium account to obtain access to all the available features. In addition, VHA Directive 1605.01 Privacy and Release of Information establishes procedures for Veterans to have their records amended where appropriate..

#### 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.

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.

Internal VA Users must have a new user access requested through a Case submitted to the Digital Transformation Center (DTC) in the Production Salesforce instance. Individuals receive access to

POVIDTS/ Prosthetics by gainful employment in the VA. Upon employment, the Office of Information & Technology (OI&T) creates computer and network access accounts as determined by employment positions assigned. Users are not assigned to software packages or network connections that are not part of their assigned duties or within their assigned work area. The only users of the POVIDTS system are the Chiefs of Prosthetics and the Prosthetics purchasing agents. Access levels are identical except the Chiefs have ability to add and remove vendor information and run data reports for internal use. This data would be how many orders have been processed and to what vendors, to ensure workload is divided among staff equally. New Vendor Users to the Community must first set up an Access VA account on the VA Portal. Then when accessing the Prosthetics (POVIDTS) portal they will be required to enter information about their need for access. Then will only be grated Community access through an approval process to the Prosthetics Chiefs. They will be granted access to view VA Order records that are created to their Account only.

# 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.

VA Contractors who will maintain the Salesforce Production system should not have access to PII. Test purposes should utilize redacted information or test data. No other contractors will have access to this closed system. Contractors do have to pass standard VA background checks and review.

## **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.

All VA personnel, volunteers, and contractors are required to complete initial and annual Privacy and Security Awareness and Rule Behavior (RoB) training, during New Employee Orientation (NEO) or via TMS. In addition, all employees who interact with patient sensitive medical information must complete the Privacy and HIPAA focused mandated privacy training. Finally, all new employees receive face-to-face training by the area Privacy Officer and Information Security Officer during new employee orientation. The Privacy and Information Security Officers also perform subject specific trainings on an as needed basis. Each site identifies personnel with significant information system security roles and responsibilities. (i.e., management, system managers, system administrators, contracting staff, HR staff), documents those roles and responsibilities, and provides appropriate additional information system security training. Security training records will be monitored and maintained.

The Talent Management System offers the following applicable privacy courses:

VA 10176: Privacy and Information Security Awareness and Rules of Behavior

VA 10203: Privacy and HIPPA Training

VA 3812493: Annual Government Ethics.

#### 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: 2/24/21
- *3. The Authorization Status:* Has an ATO
- 4. The Authorization Date: 3/18/21
- 5. The Authorization Termination Date: 12/17/23
- 6. The Risk Review Completion Date: 3/12/23
- 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, this system utilizes Salesforce GovCloud+. Under the contract: A Enterprise Case Management (VECMS) Salesforce Development (Service Provider: Salesforce, Contract Number: GS-35F-0287P Order Number: GS00Q16AEA100 **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.

This software utilizes the PaaS Service of Salesforce GovCloud+

## **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.* Yes, it does, *Service Provider: Salesforce, Contract Number: GS-35F-0287P.* The VA has full ownership of the PII that will be gathered from the POVIDTS module.

## **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.

No Ancillary data is collected by POVIDTS. If any ancillary data were to be collected the VA would have control over it.

## **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).

Yes, it is described in the contract with Salesforce. Salesforce operates as the CSP while the VA operates the system and manages any risks and that all organizational requirements are met.

#### 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
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

ID	Privacy Controls		
UL-1	Internal Use		
UL-2	Information Sharing with Third Parties		

Signature of Responsible Officials

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

Privacy Officer, Nancy Katz-Johnson

Information System Security Officer, James Boring

Information System Owner, Michael Domanski

#### **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).

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#### **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