



Privacy Impact Assessment for the VA IT System called:

# Loan Guaranty Analytics (LGA)

## Veteran Benefit Administration (VBA)

### Loan Guaranty (LGY)

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## Abstract

The mission of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Team is to provide benefits and services to Veterans of the United States. One key veteran service is Loan Guaranty (LGY). Loan Guaranty service's vision is to empower Veterans with information and access to innovative home loan products and services by providing a Veteran-focused experience. It is the goal of LGY Analytics (LGA) to enable data informed partnerships with LGY Loan Servicers that drive continuous loan servicing and loan portfolio management performance improvements, powered by accurate and timely data driven reporting and analytics that will help enable positive Veteran outcomes and experiences with VA home loans. The LGA information system derives from information that is gathered from multiple data feeds within the LGY product line via LGY Home Loan web applications used to process home loan benefits for eligible Veterans. The data is secured and managed within the LGA data warehouse which supports the storing of data for archiving purposes and for organizing the data into a set of domains for reporting and analytical purposes.

## Overview

### 1 General Description

- A. *What is the business purpose of the program, IT system, or technology and how it relates to the program office and agency mission?*

<<The Loan Guaranty Analytics (LGA) Major Application is comprised of integrated minor applications (sub-systems) that provide the Architecture through which Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) stakeholders can access the Loan Guaranty services>>

- B. *Who is the owner or has control of the IT system or project? If the system has an eMASS entry, ensure this information matches with the eMASS entry.*

<< The Loan Guaranty Analytics (LGA) Major Application is owed by the Loan Guaranty (LGY) Program Office .>>

### 2. Information Collection and Sharing

- C. *Indicate the expected number of individuals whose information is stored in the system and include a brief description of the typical client or affected individual?*

<<It currently contains 3,762,450,301 records containing PII (name, address, SSN, phone, e-mail address, date of birth) and financial data (transaction details about loan and payment amount).>>

Check if Applicable	Demographic of individuals
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Veterans or Dependents
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	VA Employees
<input type="checkbox"/>	Clinical Trainees
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	VA Contractors
<input type="checkbox"/>	Members of the Public/Individuals
<input type="checkbox"/>	Volunteers

*D. What is a general description of the information in the IT system and the purpose for collecting this information?*

<< LGA provides data driven reporting and analytics to support servicing loans and improving portfolio management performance.>>

*E. What information sharing is conducted by the IT system? A general description of the modules and components, where relevant, and their functions.*

<<As a result of the information sharing that will take place between systems, no business processes will be significantly changed, however, the LGA product line hopes that the enhanced analytics capability provided by the system will allow the business to improve practices and provide accurate real-time data driven information to decision-makers. LGA does not have any plans to share data externally with entities outside the VA. All analytics data will be used by VA decision-makers and stakeholders>>

*F. Are the modules/subsystems only applicable if information is shared?*

<< No, the information is not shared outside the LGA system.>>

*G. Is the system operated in more than one site to include primary and secondary 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?*

<<No, the system is not operating in more than one site.>>

### *3. Legal Authority and System of Record Notices (SORN)*

*H. What is the citation of the legal authority?*

<< Title 38 U.S.C. 5106 Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA statute) requires the head of any Federal department or agency, including SSA, to provide information, including SSNs, to the DVA for purposes of determining eligibility for or amount of VA benefits, or verifying other information with respect thereto, SSNs and other PII are used extensively through Loan Guaranty applications, which include LGA. SORN: Loan Guaranty Home, Condominium and Manufactured Home Loan Applicants Records. Specially Adapted Housing Applicant Records and Vendee Loan Applicant Records-VA 55VA26 by the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. 552a€(4 6, 5 U.S.C. 552a®and OMB 59 FR 37906, 3791618, July 25, 1994 >>

*I. What is the SORN?*

<< The SORN number is: 55VA26; it is titled Loan Guaranty Home, Condominium and Manufactured Home Loan Applicant Records, Specially Adapted Housing Applicant Records, and Vendee Loan Applicant Records—VA >>

*J. If the system is in the process of being modified and a SORN exists, will the SORN require amendment or revision and approval.*

<<The SORN is not being modified.>>

#### *4. System Changes*

*K. Will the business processes change due to the information collection and sharing?*

☐ Yes

☒ No

*if yes, <<ADD ANSWER HERE>>*

*L. Will the technology changes impact information collection and sharing?*

☐ Yes

☒ No

*if yes, <<ADD ANSWER HERE>>*

## **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 Information 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. It must also match the information provided in question 3.4 of the PTA.*

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         | Number (ICN)   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full Social Security Number  | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Insurance Beneficiary Numbers     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Military History/Service Connection          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Partial Social Security Number  | <input type="checkbox"/> Account Numbers                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Next of Kin   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Date of Birth  | <input type="checkbox"/> Certificate/License Numbers <sup>1</sup> | <input type="checkbox"/> Date of Death   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mother's Maiden Name  | <input type="checkbox"/> Vehicle License Plate Number             | <input type="checkbox"/> Business Email Address                                  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Personal Mailing Address   | <input type="checkbox"/> Internet Protocol (IP) Address Numbers   | <input type="checkbox"/> Electronic Data Interchange Personal Identifier (EDIPI) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Personal Phone Number(s)   | <input type="checkbox"/> Medications                              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Data Elements (List Below)             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Fax Number   | <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Records                          |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Personal Email Address   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Race/Ethnicity                |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Emergency Contact Information (Name, Phone Number, etc. of a Different Individual) | <input type="checkbox"/> Tax Identification Number                |  |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Record Number                    |  |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Sex                                      |  |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Integrated Control                       |  |

Other Payment Amount; Loan Number; Loan Information; Medical Disability-specific Information

## 1.2 List the sources of the information in the system

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

*1.2 a 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?*

<sup>1</sup> \*Specify type of Certificate or License Number (e.g., Occupational, Education, Medical)

<< The Loan Guaranty (LGA) information hosting consists of two key components; VA Loan Electronic Reporting Interface - Reengineered (VALERI-R) Assessing and LGY Cloud Assessing (LGY).

*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.*

<< The Loan Guaranty (LGA) only collect information from VA Loan Electronic Reporting Interface - Reengineered (VALERI-R) Assessing and LGY Cloud Assessing (LGY).

The type of PII collected by LGA and the reasons for the collection of the PII are in the table below.

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<b>Database Name of the information system collecting/storing PII</b>	<b>Does this system collect PII? (Yes/No)</b>	<b>Does this system store PII? (Yes/No)</b>	<b>Type of PII (SSN, DOB, etc.)</b>	<b>Reason for Collection/ Storage of PII</b>	<b>Safeguards</b>
LGA AWS RedShift Database	Yes	<b>Yes</b>	Veteran name, date of birth, SSN, mailing address, phone number, e-mail address, emergency contact information, payment amount, financial account information, race/ethnicity.	PII is collected to support VA Home Loan actions./PII is encrypted and is only accessible by internal users with access to the application	Secure Socket Layer (SSL) is used to pull data; and encryption is used for PII storage and Data at Rest (DAR)
LGA Analytics (PowerBI)	Yes	<b>Yes</b>	Veteran name, date of birth, SSN, mailing address, phone number, e-mail address, emergency contact information, payment amount, financial	PII is collected to support VA Home Loan actions./PII is encrypted and is only accessible by internal users with access to the application	Secure Socket Layer (SSL) is used to pull data; and encryption is used for PII storage and Data at Rest (DAR)

			account information, race/ethnicity.		
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*1.2 c Does the system create information (for example, a score, analysis, or report), list the system as a source of information?*

<<No, the system does not create information. >>

### **1.3 Methods of information collection**

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

*1.3 a 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?*

<< LGA does not collect information from individuals. The PII data elements that are collected originate from two VA Loan Guaranty applications: VA Loan Electronic Reporting Interface - Reengineered (VALERI-R) and LGY Cloud Assessing (LGY).>>

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

<<The information is not collected on a form. The PII data elements that are collected originate from two VA Loan Guaranty applications: LGY and VALERI-R >>

### **1.4 Information checks for accuracy, and 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.*

*1.4 a 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.*

<< All information received by LGA application is validated by the data source systems, (LGY, VALERI-R) to ensure the data is formatted properly and accurate as per the application requirements. LGA may curate the data, if necessary, as per Loan Guarantee's business requirements. LGA will utilize its business intelligence tool, PowerBI, to organize and manage the datasets

collected from the source systems into reports and dashboards that will fit the interest of the consumers of the data which are the VA Loan Guaranty business leaders and stakeholders.

*1.4 b Does the system check for accuracy by accessing a commercial aggregator of information, describe this process and the levels of accuracy required by the contract?*

<<LGA will utilize its business intelligence tool, PowerBI, to organize and manage the datasets collected from the source systems into reports and dashboards that will fit the interest of the consumers of the data which are the VA Loan Guaranty business leaders and stakeholders>>

### **1.5 Identify the specific legal authorities, arrangements, and agreements that 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*

<<Title 38 U.S.C. 5106 Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA statute) requires the head of any Federal department or agency, including SSA, to provide information, including SSNs, to the DVA for purposes of determining eligibility for or amount of VA benefits, or verifying other information with respect thereto, SSNs and other PII are used extensively through Loan Guaranty applications, which include LGA. SORN: Loan Guaranty Home, Condominium and Manufactured Home Loan Applicants Records. Specially Adapted Housing Applicant Records and Vendee Loan Applicant Records-VA 55VA26 by the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. 552a€(4 6, 5 U.S.C. 552a®and OMB 59 FR 37906, 3791618, July 25, 1994.>>

### **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.*

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

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

*Principle of Minimization:* *The information is directly relevant and necessary to accomplish the specific purposes of the program.*

*Principle of Individual Participation:* *The program, to the extent possible and practical, collects information directly from the individual.*

*Principle of Data Quality and Integrity:* *VA policies and procedures must ensure that personally identifiable information is accurate, complete, and current.*



*This 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:** Sensitive Personal Information including personal contact information, service information and benefit information may be released to unauthorized individuals.

**Mitigation:**

- LGA adheres to information security requirements instituted by the VA Office of Information Technology (OIT).
- All internal employees with access to Veteran's information are required to complete the VA Privacy and Information Security Awareness training and Rules of Behavior annually.
- VA Regional Loan Center (RLC) staff, and VBA VACO Monitoring Unit staff also conduct audits of the lenders loan files (which included auditing funding fee information) as part of ongoing lender and RLC quality audits.

## 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 that 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.*

PII/PHI Data Element	Internal Use	External Use
Veteran Name	Servicing and Loans	No External Use
Date of Birth	Servicing and Loans	No External Use
Social Security Number	Servicing and Loans	No External Use
Mailing Address	Servicing and Loans	No External Use
Email Address	Servicing and Loans	No External Use
Emergency Contact Information	Servicing and Loans	No External Use
Loan Number	Servicing and Loans	No External Use
Loan Information	Servicing and Loans	No External Use
Payment Amount	Servicing and Loans	No External Use
Service Information	Servicing and Loans	No External Use
Financial Account Information	Servicing and Loans	No External Use
Race/Ethnicity	Servicing and Loans	No External Use
Medical Information	Servicing and Loans	No External Use

## **2.2 Describe the types of tools 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.*

*2.2 a 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?*

<<All information retained in the LGA system is used for generating reports, dashboards, which will facilitate driven analysis for the benefit of Veterans who have already been determined to be eligible for VA home loan benefits. LGA will not be creating or making any new information available>>

*2.2 b 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 obtained from VA partners servicing the home loan guaranty program is utilized by both automated and manual reviews to ensure those partners are adhering to good lending practices when serving the Veteran. New information is not created.>>

## **2.3 How the information in the system is secured.**

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

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

<< The LGA system uses SSL Encryption to protect data in transit and uses AWS KMS encrypted volumes to protect data at rest >>

*2.3 b If the system is collecting, processing, or retaining Social Security Numbers, are there additional protections in place to protect SSNs? (refer to PTA question 3.8).*

<<In addition, LGA also uses AWS encryption technology to encrypt its AWS RedShift database.>>

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

<< LGA also uses AWS encryption technology to encrypt its AWS RedShift database >>

## **2.4 PRIVACY IMPACT ASSESSMENT: Use of the information.**

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*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.*

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

<<VA internal users are granted access to the LGA system. Users are validated against the Windows Active Directory user database, and the application front-end PowerBI interface supports VA PIV Authentication.>>

*2.4 b Are criteria, procedures, controls, and responsibilities regarding access documented? How are the documented, i.e. Policy, SOP, other. And where is this documentation located?*

<< All of the VA privacy overlay security controls will all be applied to this application and documented in the Authorization to Operate (ATO). The privacy controls according to NIST 800-53 revision 5 have been applied to the LGA information system and will be assessed.  
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*2.4 c Does access require manager approval?*

<< Access requires manager approvals; user access will be given to the application using PowerBI.>>

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

<< The information stored is monitored, tracked and recorded.>>

*2.4e Who is responsible for assuring safeguards for the PII as identified in eMASS?*

<<The LGA System Owner is the individual who is ultimately responsible for assuring that the Team is implementing safeguards for all the PII contained in the system. All internal employees with access to Veteran's information are required to have the appropriate level background investigation and must complete the VA Privacy and Information Security Awareness training and Rules of Behavior annually. Disciplinary actions, depending on the severity of the offense, include counseling, loss of access, suspension and possibly termination. VA Employees and Contractors are given access to Veteran's data through the issuance of a user accounts that requires two-factor

authentication through the user of the VA PIV card. The Cloud components of this system (AWS, PowerBI) are FedRAMP certified and have been issued Authority to Operate by the VA>>

## 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*

<<LGA stores the primary subject's personal information will retained after the initial collection. Data types include:

- veteran name
- date of birth
- SSN
- mailing address
- phone number
- email address
- emergency contact information
- loan number
- loan information
- payment amount
- service information
- financial account information
- race/ethnicity
- medical information (disability information)>>

### 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. If the system is using cloud technology, will it be following the NARA approved retention length and schedule <https://www.archives.gov/records-mgmt/grs>? This question is related to privacy control DM-2, Data Retention and Disposal.*

<<Individual veteran's file folders, claims records, and loan information accessible through LGA are retained at the servicing regional office for the veteran. At the death of the veteran, these records are sent to the Federal Records Center (FRC), maintained by the FRC for 75 years, and thereafter destroyed at the direction of the Archivist of the United States. The veterans' records are not eliminated but are stored either on AWS volumes indefinitely. The LGA System will follow the same procedures outlined in the SORN as the LGY and VALERI-R information systems.>>

### **3.3 The retention schedule 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. Please work with the system 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?*

<<Retention schedule has been approved by the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). The Records Control Schedule is VB-1 Part 1, Section, XIII, Veterans Benefits Administration Records Management, Records Control Schedule VB-1 Part 1, Section VII. LGA will retain all data for as long as it is determined in the LGY SORN, 55VA26. Computerized electronic records in VA information systems are kept indefinitely. Records in individualized case folder concerning Native American Direct and Refunded/Acquired Loans are retained at the VA servicing facility until the contract expires then are transferred to the new vendor. Active direct loan case folders are retained at the VA servicing facility until the case becomes inactive (e.g., loan is paid in full). Inactive guaranteed and direct loan folders are forwarded to private retention facility, Iron Mountain, retained for five years and then destroyed. Specially adapted housing (SAH) records are maintained either at VA Central Office (VACO) and/or the VA servicing facility>>

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

<<LGY, VALERI-R, and other Loan Guaranty applications retain individual veteran's file folders, claims records, and loan information accessible through LGA are retained at the servicing regional office for the life of the veteran. At the death of the veteran, these records are sent to the Federal Records Center (FRC), maintained by the FRC for 75 years, and thereafter destroyed at the direction of the Archivist of the United States. LGA will not retain these records but will have a connection with the existing systems, LGY and VALERI-R. Retention times are determined by the source systems. Generally automated records are maintained for up to five years and then destroyed.>>

### **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.*

<< Destruction of records is accomplished by shredding, burning, and/or erasure. >>

### **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.*

<<LGA protects PII data for testing purposes in the same manner as it protects production or operational PII data. Any use of PII for testing, such as testing new applications, is conducted within the LGA security authorization boundary and subject to the same controls as the LGA production environment. PII is masked whenever LGA uses live data used for development and testing scenarios.>>

### **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 Privacy Officer (PO) to complete all Privacy Risk questions inside the document in 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: The project retains only the information necessary for its purpose, additionally, the PII is retained only for as long as necessary and relevant to fulfill the specified purposes.*

*Principle of Data Quality and Integrity: The PIA should describe 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.*

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**Privacy Risk:** There is a risk that records would be stored longer than necessary.

#### **Mitigation:**

- All personnel with access to Veteran's information are required to complete the VA Privacy and Information Security Awareness training and Rules of Behavior annually.
- LGA adheres to all information security requirements instituted by the VA Office of Information Technology (OIT).
- LGA will adhere to the same data retention and disposal standards of the data source system: VALERI-R and LGY.
- Veteran's data is retained indefinitely, as long as it remains in VA information systems. Individual veteran's file folders, claims records, and loan information accessible through LGA are retained at the servicing regional office for the life of the veteran. At the death of the veteran, these records are sent to the Federal Records Center (FRC), maintained by the FRC for 75 years and thereafter destroyed at the direction of the Archivist of the United States. >>

## Section 4. Internal Sharing/Receiving/Transmitting and Disclosure

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

### PII Mapping of Components

4.1a <Loan Guaranty Analytics> consists of <two> key components (servers/databases/instances/applications/software/application programming interfaces (API)). Each component has been analyzed to determine if any elements of that component collect PII. The type of PII collected by <Loan Guaranty Analytics> 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 server names in the table. The first table of 3.9a in the PTA should be used to answer this question.

*Internal Components Table*

<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>
LGA AWS RedShift Database	PII is shared to verify veteran data, establish veteran records, and process benefits as applicable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• veteran name</li><li>• date of birth</li><li>• SSN</li><li>• mailing address</li><li>• phone number,</li><li>• e-mail address</li><li>• emergency contact information</li><li>• loan information</li><li>• payment amount</li><li>• service information</li><li>• financial account information</li></ul> race/ethnicity	Data is transmitted between using Secure Socket Layer (SSL) channel.
LGA Analytics (PowerBI)	PII is shared to verify veteran data, establish veteran records, and process benefits as applicable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• veteran name</li><li>• date of birth</li><li>• SSN</li><li>• mailing address</li><li>• phone number,</li><li>• e-mail address</li><li>• emergency contact information</li></ul>	Data is transmitted between using Secure Socket Layer (SSL) channel.

**4.1 b List internal organizations information is shared/received/transmitted, the information shared/received/transmitted, and the purpose, and how the information is transmitted.**

**NOTE: Question 3.9b (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*

<b>Identify the internal system name, groups of persons, and/or VA program office (parties which data is shared sent or received)</b>	<b>List the specific PII/PHI data shared/received Internally</b>	<b>Method of Transmission<sup>2</sup></b>
LGY	veteran name, SSN, address, and payment amount.	Data is transmitted between using Secure Socket Layer (SSL) channel.
VA Loan Electronic Reporting Interface-Reengineered (VALERI)	veteran name, SSN, address, phone number, e-mail address, financial information, race/ethnicity, emergency contact information	Data is transmitted between using Secure Socket Layer (SSL) channel

**4.2 PRIVACY IMPACT ASSESSMENT: Internal sharing and disclosure**

*Discuss the privacy risks associated with the sharing of information within the VA network 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 in this section.).*

<sup>2</sup> Method of Transmission - Site to Site (S2S), Internet Protocol Security (IPSEC) Tunnel, Secure Web- Portal, Secure Socket Layer (SSL)/Transport Layer Security (TLS), Bi-directional Health Information Exchange, Electronic Data Interchange (EDI), Secure fax, and verbal disclosure via telephone, etc.



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

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**Privacy Risk:** There is a risk that LGA data may be shared with unauthorized users or authorized users may share it with other unauthorized individuals.

**Mitigation:**

- The VA provides Active Directory, database and application access controls along with the following security controls: Audit and Accountability, Awareness Training, Security Assessment and Authorization, Incident Response, Personnel Security, and Identification and Authentication.
- All personnel with access to Veteran's information are required to complete the VA Privacy and Information Security Awareness training and Rules of Behavior annually.
- LGA adheres to all information security requirements instituted by the VA Office of Information Technology (OIT)
- Information is shared in accordance with VA Handbook 6500.>>

## **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 List the external organizations (outside VA) that information shared/received. and information shared/received, and the purpose, and how the information transmitted and what measures are taken to ensure it is secure.**

**The sharing of information outside the agency must be compatible with the original collection. The sharing must be covered by an appropriate routine use in a SORN. If not covered, 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 IT System or External Program Office information is shared/received with</i>	<i>List the purpose of information being shared / received / transmitted</i>	<i>List the specific PII/PHI data elements that are processed (shared/received/transmitted)</i>	<i>List agreements such as: Contracts, MOU/ISA, BAA, SORN. 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

**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.*

*If no External Sharing listed on the table above, (State there is no external sharing in both the risk and mitigation fields).*

*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:

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**Privacy Risk:** There is no risk, LGA will not be sharing data with external systems.

**Mitigation:** LGA will not be sharing data with external systems.>>>

## 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 The notice provided to the individual before collection of the information. Please provide a copy and/or screen shot of a web notice of the notice as an Appendix-A 6.1 on the last page of the document. (A notice may include a posted privacy policy, a Privacy Act notice on forms, notice given to individuals by the sources system, or a system of records notice published in the Federal Register.) If notice was not provided, explain why.**

*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.*

*6.1 a Provide the Privacy Notice provided to the public by this system or any source systems. Include a copy of the notice in Appendix A of the PIA, the Federal Register citation, or Privacy Statement from collection of information such as forms or surveys.*

<<This question does not apply to LGA as it does not collect data directly from individual Veterans. LGA data comes from VA systems that indirectly collect data that Veterans provide when applying for VA home loans.>>

*6.1 b If notice was not provided, explain why.*

<<This question does not apply to LGA as it does not collect data directly from individual Veterans. LGA data comes from VA systems that indirectly collect data that Veterans provide when applying for VA home loans.>>

*6.1 c Provide how the notice provided at the time of collection meets the purpose of use for this system.*

<<This PIA and the applicable SORN, 55VA26 will be the only form of notices of this kind. SORN 55VA26 is in the process of being amended and when completed will be published and publicly available on the VA Privacy Office's SORN website.>>

**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.*

<<Not applicable to LGA as Veterans do not interact with LGA, individuals have a right to decline to provide their information to the lender; however, without the information, the lender cannot originate a VA home loan.>>

**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.*

<< Not applicable to LGA, as Veterans do not interact with LGA. The Veteran provides consent for the lender to provide their VA home loan data to the VA. >>

#### **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 Privacy Officer (PO) 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:* *This is referring to sufficient notice provided to the individual.*

*Principle of Use Limitation:* *The information used only for the purpose for which notice was provided either directly to the individual or through a public notice. The procedures in place must 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:

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**Privacy Risk:** There is a risk that a Veteran who is unaware that their information is collected by the system.

**Mitigation:** Although the system does not collect information directly from the individual, notice is provided by this PIA and SORN 55VA26. Further notice is provided from the source systems and can be located in their PIAs.>>

## **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 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.*

*7.1 a 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 [VA Public Access Link-Home \(efoia-host.com\)](https://efoia-host.com) to obtain information about FOIA points of contact and information about agency FOIA processes.***

<<Veterans are provided disclosures during the time of VA home loan origination. The following procedures are from VA Handbook 6300.4: (1) An individual may request amendment of a

record pertaining to him or her contained in a specific VA system of records by making or delivering the request to the office concerned. The request must be in writing and must conform to the requirements in paragraph 3b(3) of this handbook. It must state the nature of the information in the record the individual believes to be inaccurate, irrelevant, untimely, or incomplete; why the record should be changed; and the amendment desired. The requester should be advised of the address of the VA official who can assist in preparing the request to amend the record if assistance is desired. (2) Not later than 10 days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal public holidays, after the date of receipt of a request to amend a record, the VA official concerned will acknowledge and inform the individual when he or she may expect to be advised of action taken on the request. VA will complete a review of the request to amend or correct a record as soon as reasonably possible, normally within 30 days from receipt of the request (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal public holidays) (3) Where VA agrees with the individual's request to amend his or her record(s), the requirements of 5 U.S.C. 552a(d) will be followed. The record(s) will be corrected promptly and the individual will be advised promptly of the correction. Amendment consists of adding information to the record, altering information in the record, or deleting information in the record. Under the Privacy Act, if information is altered or deleted, the previous version must be obliterated and illegible after amendment. The amendment should be annotated "Amended, Privacy Act, (date), (signature and title of amending official)." (4) If the record has previously been disclosed to any person or agency, and an accounting of the disclosure was made, prior recipients of the record will be informed of the correction. FL 70-19, Notification to other person or Agency of Amendment to record, may be used. (5) If it is determined not to grant all or any portion of the request to amend a record, the official will promptly notify the individual in writing. The individual will be advised of his or her right to file a concise statement of reasons for disagreeing with the refusal to amend. The notice will specify the reason(s) for denying the request, identify the VA regulations or statutes upon which the details is based, and advise that the denial may be appealed in writing to the General Counsel (024), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420, FL 70-20, Notification of Initial Refusal to amend a Record Under the Privacy Act, may be used for this purpose. (6) The determination on an appeal will be made not later than 30 days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal public holidays, from the date the individual's letter of appeal is received unless the Secretary or Deputy Secretary, for good cause shown, extends such 30-day period. If the 30-day period is so extended, the individual will be notified promptly of the reasons for the extension and the date on which a final determination may be expected. The final determination in such appeals will be made by the General Counsel or Deputy General Counsel. (7) If the General Counsel or Deputy General Counsel finds that the adverse determination should be reversed, he or she will notify the VA office or station of the remedial action to be taken. The VA office or station will promptly carry out that action. The General Counsel or Deputy Counsel or Deputy General Counsel will promptly notify the individual in writing of the corrective action. The field station or Central Office organization that provided the initial decision will inform previous recipients of the record that a correction has been made. (8) If the General Counsel or Deputy General Counsel or Deputy General Counsel determines that the adverse determination will not be reversed, the individual will be notified promptly in writing of that determination, the reasons thereafter, and of his or her right to seek judicial review of the decision pursuant to section 3 of the Privacy Act (5 U.S.U. 552a(g)). (9) If the adverse determination is sustained by the General Counsel or Deputy General Counsel, the individual will also be advised promptly of his or her right to file a concise statement of reasons for disagreeing with the refusal to amend. The statement may contain information that the individual believes should be substituted. (10) When an individual files a statement disagreeing with VA's decision not to amend a record, the record will be clearly annotated so that the facts that the record is disputed is apparent to anyone who may subsequently access, use, or disclose it. When the

disputed record is disclosed to persons or other agencies, the fact of the dispute will be clearly noted. Copies of the statement of disagreement will be provided, and, when appropriate, copies of the statement of disagreement will be provided, and, when appropriate, copies of the statement of VA's reasons for making the amendment(s) requested will also be provided. (11) A decision by either the General Counsel or Deputy General Counsel pursuant to paragraph in which 3f(7) of this handbook is final. It is subject to judicial review in the district court of the United States in which the complainant resides, or has his or her principal place of business, or in which the VA records are located or in the District of Columbia.>>

*7.1 b 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 information used by LGA is not accessible by the veteran customer, nor is the information directly connected from the veteran (the information is derived from VALERI-R and LGY). >>

*7.1 c 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?*

<< The information used by LGA is not accessible by the veteran customer, nor is the information directly connected from the veteran (the information is derived from VALERI-R and LGY). LGY and VALERI-R have measures in place that covers the individual gaining access to his or her information. >>

## **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.*

<< As directed in VA SORN 55VA26, the lender must log on to the system using the unique 10-digital lender identification number assigned by a unique password. The lender also must enter information identifying the specific Veteran, for whom the Interest Rate Reduction Refinance Loan (IRRRL) lender seeks information, including the Veteran's name, social security number and other identifying information, such as information, including the Veteran's name, social security number and other identifying information, such as the 12-digit loan number for the Veteran's current VA-guaranteed loan or the month and year of the loan. Veterans can request to review their information for accuracy by contacting the VA Regional Loan Center Responsible for their area which is done through the FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) process. Since LGA is a repository for data that is originated on other VA Loan Guaranty systems, such as LGY and VALERI-R, erroneous information that is corrected on those systems will also be corrected on LGA. >>

## **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.*

<<Individuals are notified via a VA Release Form of how to correct their information. VA Release form is provided by the lender. LGA receives its data from LGY and VALERI-R, therefore when individuals follow the procedure set forth in those systems to correct data, the corrected data will also be reflected in LGA.>>

#### **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.*

<<Veterans and authorized parties have a statutory right to request a copy of or an amendment to a record in VA's possession at any time under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and the Privacy Act (PA). VA has a decentralized system for fulfilling FOIA and PA requests. The type of information or records an individual is seeking will determine the location to which a request should be submitted. For records contained within a VA claims folder (Compensation and Pension claims), or military service medical records in VA's possession, the request will be fulfilled by the VA Records Management Center. Authorized requestors should mail their Privacy Act or FOIA requests to: Department of Veterans Affairs, Claims Intake Center, P.O. Box 4444, Janesville, WI 53547-4444, DID: 608-373-6690. For other benefits records maintained by VA (to include Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment, Insurance, Loan Guaranty or Education Service) submit requests to the FOIA/ Privacy Act Officer at the VA Regional Office serving the individual's jurisdiction. Address locations for the nearest VA Regional Office are listed at VA Locations Link. Any individuals who have questions about access to records may also call 1-800-327-1000. Information about how to contact Fiduciary services can be found here:  
<https://www.benefits.va.gov/FIDUCIARY/contact-us.asp>>>

#### **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 Privacy Officer (PO) to complete all Privacy Risk questions in this section).*

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

***Principle of Individual Participation:** The individual must be provided with the ability to find out whether a project maintains a record relating to them.*

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

*Principle of Individual Participation: The mechanism by which an individual is able to prevent information about them obtained for one purpose from being used for other purposes without their knowledge.*

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

Follow the format below:

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**Privacy Risk:** There is a risk the individual accidentally provides incorrect information in their correspondence with the Lender.

**Mitigation:** The information replicated into LGA from other VA systems, is gathered by the lender during the loan application process. Additionally, during this process, the information is validated through the submission of documentary evidence provided by the Veteran, Lender, and VA Loan Guaranty.

VA Regional Loan Center Staff review a subset of eligibility requests and loan guaranty records that do not obtain automatic approval. Additionally, a subset of records is reviewed is for quality assurance purposes. All Specialty Adapted Housing (SAH) application data is strictly reviewed by SAH agents.

These audits include a review of the original application submitted by the Veteran, correspondence logs, relevant documentary evidence, and information in existing VA systems (LGY, SHARE, etc.).

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## Section 8. Technical Access and Security

The following questions are intended to describe technical safeguards and security measures. (Work with your ISSO to complete this section).

### **8.1 The procedures in place to determine which users may access the system, must be documented.**

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

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

<<All LGA users, who are both VA employees and contractors, with access to Veteran's information are required to have the appropriate level background investigation and must complete the VA Privacy and Information Security Awareness training and ROB annually. To gain access to the VA network before access to Veteran's data, privileged users/contractors go through multi-factor authentication. The cloud computing components of the LGA system are FedRAMP certified and have received Authorization to Operate (ATO) by the VA Authorizing Official. Users of the LGA



Information System are VA users who will access LGA based on provisioned roles and access to VA Active Directory (AD) Security Groups.>>

*8.1 b 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?*

<< Only VA internal users are granted access to the LGA system. >>

*8.1 c 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.*

<< LGA DBA manages user access to the LGA databases. All access to LGA databases is considered privileged access.

- » VA AD Administrators provision accounts for all organizational users for standard-level access, including access to front end application (PowerBI).
- » VA AD Administrators provision manage and maintain all LGA AD security groups on behalf of LGA DevOps.
- » VA Strong Authentication Administrators provision Non-Mail Enabled Account (NMEA) accounts for LGA personnel requiring elevated privileges.>>

## **8.2. Contractor signed Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA), Business Associate Agreement (BAA) etc. in place.**

*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.*

8.2 a Has a contractor confidentiality agreement, Business Associate Agreement (BAA), or a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA) been developed for contractors who work on the system?

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- Regular users of LGA are authorized VA and contract employees. There are contract system administration personnel within the VA's Enterprise AWS GovCloud (VAEC) who maintain the server hardware and software but are not privileged users of the LGA system itself.
- Contracts are reviewed annually by the LGA application's Program Manager, Information System Owner, Information Owner, Contract Officer, Privacy Officer, and the Contracting Officer's Technical Representative.
- Contractors who have access to the system and PII have a signed NDA (Non-Disclosure Agreement) on file during the on-boarding process.

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8.2 a. Will VA contractors have access to the system and the PII?

<<Yes>>

8.2 b. What involvement will contractors have with the design and maintenance of the system?

<<Maintaining the system infrastructure and security of the information.>>

**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.*

<<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. Personnel that will be accessing information systems must read and acknowledge their receipt and acceptance of the VA National Rules of Behavior (ROB) or VA Contractor's ROB (for VAEC technicians) prior to gaining access to any VA information system or sensitive information. The rules are included as part of the security awareness training which all personnel must complete via the VA's Talent Management System (TMS). After the user's initial acceptance of the Rules, the user must reaffirm their acceptance annually as part of the security awareness training. Acceptance is obtained via electronic acknowledgement and is tracked through the TMS system. All VA employees must complete annual Privacy and Security training>>

**8.4 The Authorization and Accreditation (A&A) completed for the system.**

8.4a If completed, provide:

1. *The Security Plan Status:* << The Loan Guaranty Analytics (LGA) SSP is active and dated 03-06-2023. >>
2. *The System Security Plan Status Date:* <<03-06-2023>>
3. *The Authorization Status:* <<2-Year ATO>>
4. *The Authorization Date:* <<11-20-2023>>
5. *The Authorization Termination Date:* <<11-19-2025>>
6. *The Risk Review Completion Date:* <<11-20-2023>>
7. *The FIPS 199 classification of the system (LOW/MODERATE/HIGH):* <<High>>

*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 not completed or In Process, provide your **Initial Operating Capability (IOC) date.**

<<Not Applicable>>

## **Section 9 – Technology Usage**

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

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### **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. (Refer to question 1.8 of the PTA)*

<< LGA is hosted on the VAEC AWS GovCloud Private Cloud. >>

### **9.2 Does the contract with the Hosting 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 3.3.1 of the PTA)** *This question is related to privacy control AR-3, Privacy Requirements for Contractors, and Service Providers.*

<< The information used by LGA is derived from VALERI-R and LGY. >>

### **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.*

<<LGY and VALERI-R have ownership over the 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.*

<< The information used by LGA is derived from VALERI-R and LGY.>>

### **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).*

<<LGA is not utilizing RPA.>>

## Section 10. References

### Summary of Privacy Controls by Family

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ID	Privacy Controls
<b>AP</b>	<b>Authority and Purpose</b>
AP-1	Authority to Collect
AP-2	Purpose Specification
<b>AR</b>	<b>Accountability, Audit, and Risk Management</b>
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
<b>DI</b>	<b>Data Quality and Integrity</b>
DI-1	Data Quality
DI-2	Data Integrity and Data Integrity Board
<b>DM</b>	<b>Data Minimization and Retention</b>
DM-1	Minimization of Personally Identifiable Information
DM-2	Data Retention and Disposal
DM-3	Minimization of PII Used in Testing, Training, and Research
<b>IP</b>	<b>Individual Participation and Redress</b>
IP-1	Consent
IP-2	Individual Access
IP-3	Redress
IP-4	Complaint Management
<b>SE</b>	<b>Security</b>
SE-1	Inventory of Personally Identifiable Information
SE-2	Privacy Incident Response
<b>TR</b>	<b>Transparency</b>
TR-1	Privacy Notice
TR-2	System of Records Notices and Privacy Act Statements
TR-3	Dissemination of Privacy Program Information
<b>UL</b>	<b>Use Limitation</b>
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.

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**Privacy Officer, Chiquita Dixon**

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**Information System Owner, Terrance Wilson**

## 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; screen shot of a website collection privacy notice).

PRIVACY ACT NOTICE-VA will not disclose information collected on this form to any source other than what has been authorized under the Privacy Act of 1974 or Title 38, Code of Federal Regulations 1.576 for routine uses (for example: the authorized release of information to Congress when requested for statistical purposes) identified in the VA system of records, 55VA36, Loan Guaranty Home, Condominium and Manufactured Home Loan Applicant Records, Specialty Adapted Housing Applicant Records, and Vendee Loan Applicant Records-VA, and published in the Federal Register. Your obligation to respond is required in order to determine the qualifications for a loan. Your obligation to respond is required to obtain or retain benefits. Giving us your SSN account information is voluntary. Refusal to provide your SSN by itself will not result in the denial of benefits. VA will not deny an individual benefits for refusing to provide his or her SSN unless the disclosure of the SSN is required by a Federal Statute of law in effect prior to January 1, 1975, and still in effect.

## **HELPFUL LINKS:**

### **Records Control Schedule 10-1 (va.gov)**

#### **General Records Schedule**

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

#### **National Archives (Federal Records Management):**

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

#### **VA Publications:**

<https://www.va.gov/vapubs/>

#### **VA Privacy Service Privacy Hub:**

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

#### **Notice of Privacy Practice (NOPP):**

VHA Directive 1605.04

[IB 10-163p \(va.gov\)](#)