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**Privacy Impact Assessment
for the
Flatirons Solutions Corporation Edge Patent Data and Document
Management System (FSC Edge)**

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Unique Project Identifier: PTOC-066-00

Introduction: System Description

Provide a brief description of the information system.

The Flatirons Solutions Corporation Edge Patent Data and Document Management System (FSC Edge) system is focused on processing, transmitting, and storing data and images supporting the data-capture and conversion requirements of the USPTO patent application process. FSC Edge hosts and manages the system and is required to process and deliver applications into an electronic format, including all text, graphics, artwork, drawings, etc., and composed and formatted to USPTO specifications for delivery back to USPTO. To accomplish the activities, FSC Edge uses software in the Jouve Patent Processing Solution (JPPS).

Address the following elements:

(a) Whether it is a general support system, major application, or other type of system
FSC Edge is a cloud-based Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS) system.

(b) System location

The JPPS instances will reside in the Federal Risk and Authorization Management (FedRAMP)-authorized Amazon Web Services (AWS) East Region. Physical documentation will be processed and managed within the FSC Edge National Capital Region (NCR) facility in Landover, Maryland.

(c) Whether it is a standalone system or interconnects with other systems (identifying and describing any other systems to which it interconnects)

There is no direct connection with the USPTO systems. Operators will have two systems, a JPPS workstation and a Government Furnished Equipment (GFE) PTONet workstation, on physically separated networks. Connection is done through a virtual private network (VPN).

(d) The way the system operates to achieve the purpose(s) identified in Section 4

FSC Edge uses the JPPS system to ensure patent application publications are in accordance with USPTO Technical References required formats.

(e) How information in the system is retrieved by the user

The user retrieves information in the system after the patent applications are electronically exported to the FSC Edge system via a USPTO-Axway Secure Transport. Every application is then examined by FSC Edge's proprietary system, which breaks down each page into separate sections, such as graphics and text. Each section is then sent to separate directories on the FSC Edge network for manipulation by the different departments dedicated to text, headers, and complex work units such as math, chemistry, and drawings.

(f) How information is transmitted to and from the system

Patent applications and application contents are sent to and from the FSC Edge system via USPTO-Axway Secure Transport.

(g) Any information sharing

Information gathered as part of the FSC Edge system is only shared with subcontractors to perform their responsibilities. Subcontractors are contractually prohibited from sharing information provided to them as part of the FSC Edge contract. For all subcontractors' encrypted information is transferred to them via a VPN.

(h) The specific programmatic authorities (statutes or Executive Orders) for collecting, maintaining, using, and disseminating the information

Leahy-Smith America Invents Act, E-Government Act, and Open Government Data Act are the programmatic authorities.

(i) The Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) 199 security impact category for the system

Moderate

Section 1: Status of the Information System

1.1 Indicate whether the information system is a new or existing system.

- This is a new information system.
- This is an existing information system with changes that create new privacy risks. (Check all that apply.)

Changes That Create New Privacy Risks (CTCNPR)				
a. Conversions	<input type="checkbox"/>	d. Significant Merging	<input type="checkbox"/>	g. New Interagency Uses
b. Anonymous to Non-Anonymous	<input type="checkbox"/>	e. New Public Access	<input type="checkbox"/>	h. Internal Flow or Collection
c. Significant System Management Changes	<input type="checkbox"/>	f. Commercial Sources	<input type="checkbox"/>	i. Alteration in Character of Data
j. Other changes that create new privacy risks (specify):				

- This is an existing information system in which changes do not create new privacy risks,

and there is not a SAOP approved Privacy Impact Assessment.

This is an existing information system in which changes do not create new privacy risks, and there is a SAOP approved Privacy Impact Assessment.

Section 2: Information in the System

2.1 Indicate what personally identifiable information (PII)/business identifiable information (BII) is collected, maintained, or disseminated. *(Check all that apply.)*

Identifying Numbers (IN)					
a. Social Security*	<input type="checkbox"/>	f. Driver's License	<input type="checkbox"/>	j. Financial Account	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b. Taxpayer ID	<input type="checkbox"/>	g. Passport	<input type="checkbox"/>	k. Financial Transaction	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Employer ID	<input type="checkbox"/>	h. Alien Registration	<input type="checkbox"/>	l. Vehicle Identifier	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Employee ID	<input type="checkbox"/>	i. Credit Card	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	m. Medical Record	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. File/Case ID	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
n. Other identifying numbers (specify):					
*Explanation for the business need to collect, maintain, or disseminate the Social Security number, including truncated form:					

General Personal Data (GPD)					
a. Name	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	h. Date of Birth	<input type="checkbox"/>	o. Financial Information	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b. Maiden Name	<input type="checkbox"/>	i. Place of Birth	<input type="checkbox"/>	p. Medical Information	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Alias	<input type="checkbox"/>	j. Home Address	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	q. Military Service	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Gender	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	k. Telephone Number	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	r. Criminal Record	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Age	<input type="checkbox"/>	l. Email Address	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	s. Marital Status	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Race/Ethnicity	<input type="checkbox"/>	m. Education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	t. Mother's Maiden Name	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. Citizenship	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	n. Religion	<input type="checkbox"/>		
u. Other general personal data (specify):					

Work-Related Data (WRD)					
a. Occupation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	e. Work Email Address	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	i. Business Associates	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Job Title	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	f. Salary	<input type="checkbox"/>	j. Proprietary or Business Information	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c. Work Address	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	g. Work History	<input type="checkbox"/>	k. Procurement/contracting records	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Work Telephone Number	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	h. Employment Performance Ratings or other Performance Information	<input type="checkbox"/>		
l. Other work-related data (specify):					

Distinguishing Features/Biometrics (DFB)					
a. Fingerprints	<input type="checkbox"/>	f. Scars, Marks, Tattoos	<input type="checkbox"/>	k. Signatures	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b. Palm Prints	<input type="checkbox"/>	g. Hair Color	<input type="checkbox"/>	l. Vascular Scans	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Voice/Audio Recording	<input type="checkbox"/>	h. Eye Color	<input type="checkbox"/>	m. DNA Sample or Profile	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Video Recording	<input type="checkbox"/>	i. Height	<input type="checkbox"/>	n. Retina/Iris Scans	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Photographs	<input type="checkbox"/>	j. Weight	<input type="checkbox"/>	o. Dental Profile	<input type="checkbox"/>
p. Other distinguishing features/biometrics (specify):					

System Administration/Audit Data (SAAD)					
a. User ID	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	c. Date/Time of Access	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	e. ID Files Accessed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b. IP Address	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	f. Queries Run	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	f. Contents of Files	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. Other system administration/audit data (specify):					

Other Information (specify)					

2.2 Indicate sources of the PII/BII in the system. (*Check all that apply.*)

Directly from Individual about Whom the Information Pertains					
In Person	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hard Copy: Mail/Fax	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Online	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Telephone	<input type="checkbox"/>	Email	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Other(specify):					

Government Sources					
Within the Bureau	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other DOC Bureaus	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other Federal Agencies	<input type="checkbox"/>
State, Local, Tribal	<input type="checkbox"/>	Foreign	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Other(specify):					

Non-government Sources					
Public Organizations	<input type="checkbox"/>	Private Sector	<input type="checkbox"/>	Commercial Data Brokers	<input type="checkbox"/>
Third Party Website or Application			<input type="checkbox"/>		
Other(specify):					

2.3 Describe how the accuracy of the information in the system is ensured.

FSC Edge system allows patent applicants to update their PII/BII at any time by filing the appropriate forms with the USPTO. The USPTO, in turn, forwards the updated information to FSC Edge as part of standard business processes and the updated PII/BII information would be reflected in the next deliverable to the USPTO. Mandatory IT awareness and role-based training is required for staff who have access to the system and address how to handle, retain, and dispose of data. All access has role-based restrictions and individuals with privileges have undergone vetting and suitability screen to ensure the information is not corrupted and remains accurate. The USPTO maintains an audit trail and performs random, periodic reviews (quarterly) to identify unauthorized access and changes as part of verifying the integrity of administrative account holder data and roles. Inactive accounts will be deactivated, and roles will be deleted from the application. Which will assist in ensuring the information remains accurate by preventing corruption of the system from unauthorized access.

2.4 Is the information covered by the Paperwork Reduction Act?

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes, the information is covered by the Paperwork Reduction Act. Provide the OMB control number and the agency number for the collection. 0651-0020, Patent Term Extension; 0651-0031, Patent Processing; 0651-0032, Initial Patent Applications; 0651-0059, Patent Petitions Related to Application and Reexamination Processing Fees; 0651-0070, Fee Deficiency Submissions; 0651-0071, Matters Relating to First Inventor to File
<input type="checkbox"/>	No, the information is not covered by the Paperwork Reduction Act.

2.5 Indicate the technologies used that contain PII/BII in ways that have not been previously deployed. *(Check all that apply.)*

Technologies Used Containing PII/BII Not Previously Deployed (TUCPBNPD)			
Smart Cards	<input type="checkbox"/>	Biometrics	<input type="checkbox"/>
Caller-ID	<input type="checkbox"/>	Personal Identity Verification (PIV) Cards	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify):			

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	There are not any technologies used that contain PII/BII in ways that have not been previously deployed.
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Section 3: System Supported Activities

3.1 Indicate IT system supported activities which raise privacy risks/concerns. *(Check all that apply.)*

Activities

Audio recordings	<input type="checkbox"/>	Building entry readers	<input type="checkbox"/>
Video surveillance	<input type="checkbox"/>	Electronic purchase transactions	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other(specify): Click or tap here to enter text.			

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	There are not any IT system supported activities which raise privacy risks/concerns.
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Section 4: Purpose of the System

4.1 Indicate why the PII/BII in the IT system is being collected, maintained, or disseminated.
(Check all that apply.)

Purpose			
For a Computer Matching Program	<input type="checkbox"/>	For administering human resources programs	<input type="checkbox"/>
For administrative matters	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	To promote information sharing initiatives	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
For litigation	<input type="checkbox"/>	For criminal law enforcement activities	<input type="checkbox"/>
For civil enforcement activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	For intelligence activities	<input type="checkbox"/>
To improve Federal services online	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	For employee or customer satisfaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
For web measurement and customization technologies (single-session)	<input type="checkbox"/>	For web measurement and customization technologies (multi-session)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other(specify):			

Section 5: Use of the Information

5.1 In the context of functional areas (business processes, missions, operations, etc.) supported by the IT system, describe how the PII/BII that is collected, maintained, or disseminated will be used. Indicate if the PII/BII identified in Section 2.1 of this document is in reference to a federal employee/contractor, member of the public, foreign national, visitor or other (specify).

The system includes information from DOC employees, contractors working on behalf of DOC, other federal government personnel, foreign nationals, private companies and members of the public.

PII/BII is collected and maintained in this system to facilitate the processing of patent applications. The PII/BII comes from persons applying for patents through the USPTO. The information is used to promote information sharing initiatives, administrative matters and improving federal services online by providing a means for information to be ingested and processed in an easily accessible format.

5.2 Describe any potential threats to privacy, such as insider threat, as a result of the bureau's/operating unit's use of the information, and controls that the bureau/operating unit has put into place to ensure that the information is handled, retained, and disposed appropriately. (For example: mandatory training for system users regarding appropriate handling of information, automatic purging of information in accordance with the retention schedule, etc.)

In the event of computer failure, insider threats, or attack against the system by adversarial or foreign entities, any potential PII data stored within the system could be exposed. To avoid a breach, the system has certain security controls in place to ensure that information is handled, retained, and disposed of appropriately. Access to individual's PII is controlled through the application, and all personnel who access the data must first authenticate to the system at which time an audit trail is generated when the database is accessed. These audit trails are based on application server out-of-the-box logging reports reviewed by the Information System Security Officer (ISSO) and System Auditor and any suspicious indicators such as browsing will be immediately investigated and appropriate action taken. Also, system users undergo annual mandatory training regarding appropriate handling of information.

Controls listed in 6.3 will be added here.

Section 6: Information Sharing and Access

6.1 Indicate with whom the bureau intends to share the PII/BII in the IT system and how the PII/BII will be shared. *(Check all that apply.)*

Recipient	How Information will be Shared		
	Case-by-Case	Bulk Transfer	Direct Access
Within the bureau	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
DOC bureaus	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Federal agencies	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
State, local, tribal gov't agencies	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Public	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Private sector	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Foreign governments	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Foreign entities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify):	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

The PII/BII in the system will not be shared.

6.2 Does the DOC bureau/operating unit place a limitation on re-dissemination of PII/BII shared with external agencies/entities?

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes, the external agency/entity is required to verify with the DOC bureau/operating unit before re-dissemination of PII/BII.
<input type="checkbox"/>	No, the external agency/entity is not required to verify with the DOC bureau/operating unit before re-dissemination of PII/BII.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No, the bureau/operating unit does not share PII/BII with external agencies/entities.

6.3 Indicate whether the IT system connects with or receives information from any other IT systems authorized to process PII and/or BII.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes, this IT system connects with or receives information from another IT system(s) authorized to process PII and/or BII. Provide the name of the IT system and describe the technical controls which prevent PII/BII leakage:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No, this IT system does not connect with or receive information from another IT system(s) authorized to process PII and/or BII.

6.4 Identify the class of users who will have access to the IT system and the PII/BII. *(Check all that apply.)*

Class of Users			
General Public	<input type="checkbox"/>	Government Employees	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Contractors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Other (specify):			

Section 7: Notice and Consent

7.1 Indicate whether individuals will be notified if their PII/BII is collected, maintained, or disseminated by the system. *(Check all that apply.)*

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes, notice is provided pursuant to a system of records notice published in the Federal Register and discussed in Section 9.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes, notice is provided by a Privacy Act statement and/or privacy policy. The Privacy Act statement and/or privacy policy can be found at: https://www.uspto.gov/privacy-policy	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes, notice is provided by other means.	Specify how:
<input type="checkbox"/>	No, notice is not provided.	Specify why not:

7.2 Indicate whether and how individuals have an opportunity to decline to provide PII/BII.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes, individuals have an opportunity to decline to provide PII/BII.	Specify how:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No, individuals do not have an opportunity to decline to provide PII/BII.	Specify why not: Applicants could only decline to provide PII/BII by declining to continue with the application process. Patent applicants are informed that their PII/BII information will become public as part of the patent process. This notification is provided to the patent applicant by the USPTO upon filing/submission of patent application. This process is established via other front-end systems that supply information to FSC Edge system.

7.3 Indicate whether and how individuals have an opportunity to consent to particular uses of their PII/BII.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes, individuals have an opportunity to consent to particular uses of their PII/BII.	Specify how: Patent applicants are informed that their PII/BII information will become public as part of the patent process. The applicants have the opportunity to consent to the uses of their PII/BII by accepting to through with the application process. This process is established via other front-end systems that supply information to FSC Edge system.
<input type="checkbox"/>	No, individuals do not have an opportunity to consent to particular uses of their PII/BII.	Specify why not:

7.4 Indicate whether and how individuals have an opportunity to review/update PII/BII pertaining to them.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes, individuals have an opportunity to review/update PII/BII pertaining to them.	Specify how: Patent applicants may update their PII/BII at any time by filing the appropriate forms with the USPTO. The USPTO, in turn, forwards the updated information to FSC Edge as part of standard business processes and the updated PII/BII information would be reflected in the next deliverable to the USPTO.
<input type="checkbox"/>	No, individuals do not have an opportunity to review/update PII/BII pertaining to them.	Specify why not:

Section 8: Administrative and Technological Controls

8.1 Indicate the administrative and technological controls for the system. (*Check all that apply.*)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	All users signed a confidentiality agreement or non-disclosure agreement.
<input type="checkbox"/>	All users are subject to a Code of Conduct that includes the requirement for confidentiality.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Staff(employees and contractors) received training on privacy and confidentiality policies and practices.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Access to the PII/BII is restricted to authorized personnel only.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Access to the PII/BII is being monitored, tracked, or recorded. Explanation: Access to specific documents is controlled via AWS Role Based Access Control (RBAC), Identity and Access Management (IAM) and uses Multifactor Authentication (MFA).
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The information is secured in accordance with the Federal Information Security Modernization Act (FISMA) requirements. Provide date of most recent Assessment and Authorization (A&A): 6/13/2023 <input type="checkbox"/> This is a new system. The A&A date will be provided when the A&A package is approved.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The Federal Information Processing Standard (FIPS) 199 security impact category for this system is a moderate or higher.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NIST Special Publication (SP) 800-122 and NIST SP 800-53 Revision 4 Appendix J recommended security controls for protecting PII/BII are in place and functioning as intended; or have an approved Plan of Action and Milestones (POA&M).
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	A security assessment report has been reviewed for the information system and it has been determined that there are no additional privacy risks.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Contractors that have access to the system are subject to information security provisions in their contracts required by DOC policy.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Contracts with customers establish DOC ownership rights over data including PII/BII.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Acceptance of liability for exposure of PII/BII is clearly defined in agreements with customers.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (specify):

8.2 Provide a general description of the technologies used to protect PII/BII on the IT system.
(Include data encryption in transit and/or at rest, if applicable).

PII within FSC Edge system is secured using appropriate management, operational, and technical safeguards in accordance with NIST requirements. Such management controls include the life cycle review process to ensure that management controls are in place and documented in the System Security Privacy Plan (SSPP). The SSPP specifically addresses the management, operational, and technical controls that are in place and planned during the operation of the system. Operational safeguards include restricting access to PII/BII data to a small subset of FSC Edge users. All access has role-based restrictions and individuals with access privileges have undergone vetting and suitability screening. Data is maintained in areas accessible only to authorized personnel. FSC Edge system maintains an audit trail and the appropriate personnel is alerted when there is suspicious activity. Data is encrypted in transit and at rest.

Section 9: Privacy Act

9.1 Is the PII/BII searchable by a personal identifier (e.g, name or Social Security number)?

- Yes, the PII/BII is searchable by a personal identifier.
- No, the PII/BII is not searchable by a personal identifier.

9.2 Indicate whether a system of records is being created under the Privacy Act, 5 U.S.C.

§ 552a. (A new system of records notice (SORN) is required if the system is not covered by an existing SORN).

As per the Privacy Act of 1974, “the term ‘system of records’ means a group of any records under the control of any agency from which information is retrieved by the name of the individual or by some identifying number, symbol, or other identifying particular assigned to the individual.”

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes, this system is covered by an existing system of records notice (SORN). Provide the SORN name, number, and link. <i>(list all that apply)</i> : COMMERCE/PAT-TM-7, Patent Application Files COMMERCE/PAT-TM-10, Deposit Accounts and Electronic Funds Transfer Profiles
<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes, a SORN has been submitted to the Department for approval on <u>(date)</u> .
<input type="checkbox"/>	No, this system is not a system of records and a SORN is not applicable.

Section 10: Retention of Information

10.1 Indicate whether these records are covered by an approved records control schedule and monitored for compliance. *(Check all that apply.)*

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	There is an approved record control schedule. Provide the name of the record control schedule: • GRS 5.1, item 020: Non-Recordkeeping Copies of Electronic Records • N1-241-10-1:4.4, Patent Administrative Feeder Records
<input type="checkbox"/>	No, there is not an approved record control schedule. Provide the stage in which the project is in developing and submitting a records control schedule:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes, retention is monitored for compliance to the schedule.
<input type="checkbox"/>	No, retention is not monitored for compliance to the schedule. Provide explanation:

10.2 Indicate the disposal method of the PII/BII. *(Check all that apply.)*

Disposal			
Shredding	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Overwriting	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Degaussing	<input type="checkbox"/>	Deleting	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify):			

Section 11: NIST Special Publication 800-122 PII Confidentiality Impact Level

11.1 Indicate the potential impact that could result to the subject individuals and/or the organization if PII were inappropriately accessed, used, or disclosed. (*The PII Confidentiality Impact Level is not the same, and does not have to be the same, as the Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) 199 security impact category.*)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Low – the loss of confidentiality, integrity, or availability could be expected to have a limited adverse effect on organizational operations, organizational assets, or individuals.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Moderate – the loss of confidentiality, integrity, or availability could be expected to have a serious adverse effect on organizational operations, organizational assets, or individuals.
<input type="checkbox"/>	High – the loss of confidentiality, integrity, or availability could be expected to have a severe or catastrophic adverse effect on organizational operations, organizational assets, or individuals.

11.2 Indicate which factors were used to determine the above PII confidentiality impact level. (*Check all that apply.*)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Identifiability	Provide explanation: Name, Home Address, Email Address and User Id can easily identify a particular individual.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Quantity of PII	Provide explanation: These numbers may vary based on how many applications are received but is in the thousands.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Data Field Sensitivity	Provide explanation: FSC Edge: The combination of the information within the data fields could make the data fields more sensitive.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Context of Use	Provide explanation: The system helps to package patent applications into an electronic format, including all text, graphics, artwork, drawings, etc., that are composed and formatted to USPTO specifications for delivery back to USPTO
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Obligation to Protect Confidentiality	Provide explanation: FSC Edge is contractually obligated to protect the confidentiality of the data. This system is governed by The Privacy Act of 1974, which prohibits the disclosure of information from a system of records absent the written consent of the subject individual unless a statutory exception applies.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Access to and Location of PII	Provide explanation: The PII/BII data collected by the USPTO is transferred to FSC Edge. While it is at FSC Edge, that data is accessible by individuals not directly employed by the USPTO.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other:	Provide explanation:

Section 12: Analysis

12.1 Identify and evaluate any potential threats to privacy that exist in light of the information collected or the sources from which the information is collected. Also, describe the choices that the bureau/operating unit made with regard to the type or quantity of information collected and the sources providing the information in order to prevent or mitigate threats to privacy. (For example: If a decision was made to collect less data,

include a discussion of this decision; if it is necessary to obtain information from sources other than the individual, explain why.)

The PII in this system pose a risk if exposed. System users undergo annual mandatory training regarding appropriate handling of information. Physical access to servers is restricted to only a few authorized individuals. The servers storing the potential PII are located in a highly sensitive zones within the cloud and logical access is segregated with network firewalls and switches through an Access Control list that limits access to only a few approved and authorized accounts. USPTO monitors, in real-time, all activities and events within the servers storing the potential PII data and personnel review audit logs received on a regular basis and alert the appropriate personnel when inappropriate or unusual activity is identified.

12.2 Indicate whether the conduct of this PIA results in any required business process changes.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes, the conduct of this PIA results in required business process changes. Explanation:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No, the conduct of this PIA does not result in any required business process changes.

12.3 Indicate whether the conduct of this PIA results in any required technology changes.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes, the conduct of this PIA results in required technology changes. Explanation:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No, the conduct of this PIA does not result in any required technology changes.

Points of Contact and Signatures

<p>System Owner</p> <p>Name: Hung Vuong Office: Office of Data Management Phone: (703) 756-5980 Email: Hung.Vuong@uspto.gov</p> <p>I certify that this PIA is an accurate representation of the security controls in place to protect PII/BII processed on this IT system.</p> <p>Signature: <u>Users, Vuong, Hung</u> <small>Digitally signed by Users, Hung Date: 2023.08.01 12:13:00 -04'00'</small></p> <p>Date signed: _____</p>	<p>Chief Information Security Officer</p> <p>Name: Timothy S. Goodwin Office: Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) Phone: (571) 272-0653 Email: Timothy.Goodwin@uspto.gov</p> <p>I certify that this PIA is an accurate representation of the security controls in place to protect PII/BII processed on this IT system.</p> <p>Signature: <u>Users, Goodwin, Timothy</u> <small>Digitally signed by Users, Goodwin, Timothy Date: 2023.08.17 16:36:41 -04'00'</small></p> <p>Date signed: _____</p>
<p>Privacy Act Officer</p> <p>Name: Heaton John Office: Office of General Law (O/GL) Phone: 703-756-1240 Email: Ricou.Heaton@uspto.gov</p> <p>I certify that the appropriate authorities and SORNs (if applicable) are cited in this PIA.</p> <p>Signature: <u>John Ricou Heaton</u> <small>Digitally signed by John Ricou Heaton Date: 2023.08.01 16:05:42 -04'00'</small></p> <p>Date signed: _____</p>	<p>Bureau Chief Privacy Officer and Co-Authorizing Official</p> <p>Name: Henry J. Holcombe Office: Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) Phone: (571) 272-9400 Email: Jamie.Holcombe@uspto.gov</p> <p>I certify that the PII/BII processed in this IT system is necessary, this PIA ensures compliance with DOC policy to protect privacy, and the Bureau/OU Privacy Act Officer concurs with the SORNs and authorities cited.</p> <p>Signature: <u>Users, Holcombe, Henry</u> <small>Digitally signed by Users, Holcombe, Henry Date: 2023.08.18 14:10:50 -04'00'</small></p> <p>Date signed: _____</p>
<p>Co-Authorizing Official</p> <p>Name: Udupa Vaishali Office: Office of the Commissioner for Patents Phone: (571) 272-8800 Email: Vaishali.Udupa@uspto.gov</p> <p>I certify that this PIA accurately reflects the representations made to me herein by the System Owner, the Chief Information Security Officer, and the Chief Privacy Officer regarding security controls in place to protect PII/BII in this PIA.</p> <p>Signature: <u>Vaishali Udupa</u> <small>Digitally signed by Vaishali Udupa Date: 2023.09.05 10:29:14 -04'00'</small></p> <p>Date signed: _____</p>	

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