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**Privacy Impact Assessment  
for the  
OCCO-Web**

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## U.S. Department of Commerce Privacy Impact Assessment USPTO OCCO-Web

**Unique Project Identifier: EBPL-CCX-04-00**

### **Introduction: System Description**

*Provide a brief description of the information system.*

OCCO-Web involves 3 websites – www.uspto.gov (WWW), ptoweb.uspto.gov (PTOWeb), and imagegallery.uspto.gov (Image Gallery).

WWW provides public stakeholders with information from the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) about all aspects of intellectual property. It serves as the main web-based information dissemination channel for USPTO and provides links to public-facing, web-based applications used to conduct USPTO's day-to-day operations at WWW.

It also includes USPTO's corporate intranet website, PTOWeb serving as the primary internal communication, information dissemination and collaboration system for employees and contractors. Offices within the USPTO are able to utilize the Intranet Website to meet everyday business goals on the PTOWeb web site.

Additionally, the Image Gallery provides the ability to catalog, track, and make available a curated set of approved images for use on USPTO web properties. The solution is based on an open-source product (Gallery) and is targeted at a limited user group of USPTO internal users.

Address the following elements:

*(a) Whether it is a general support system, major application, or other type of system*

OCCO-WEB is a Major Application.

*(b) System location*

OCCO-WEB is hosted in the USPTO Amazon Cloud Service (UACS) System.

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

OCCO-WEB is interconnected to:

**ICAM Identity as a Service (ICAM-IDaaS)** - Provides an enterprise authentication and authorization service to all applications/ Automatic Identification Systems (AIS)'s.

**Security and Compliance Services (SCS)** -is a system that utilizes its subsystems to connect with all the USPTO systems for enterprise monitoring and security operations.

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

OCCO-WEB provides the public and key stakeholders with information from USPTO about all aspects of intellectual property. It serves as the main web-based information dissemination channel for USPTO and provides links to public-facing, web-based applications used to conduct USPTO's day-to-day operations.

PTOWeb is the USPTO's corporate intranet website serving as the primary internal communication, information dissemination and collaboration system for employees and contractors. Offices within the USPTO are able to utilize the Intranet Website to meet everyday business goals on the ptoweb.uspto.gov web site.

The Image Gallery provides the ability to catalog, track, and make available a curated set of approved images for use on USPTO web properties. The solution is based on an open-source product (Gallery) and is targeted at a limited user group of USPTO internal users.

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

Information in the system is retrieved through the internet browser without authentication for public users, while authorized users have to be authenticated to access information that is not publicly available.

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

Information is transmitted via Hypertext Transfer Protocol Secure (HTTPS) with Transport Layer Security (TLS) 1.2/1.3.

*(g) Any information sharing*

Information is shared with the general public since OCCO-WEB is the main, web-based information dissemination channel for the Agency publishes public Personally Identifiable Information (PII) in the form of senior leadership biographies and news stories about interesting people in the world of Intellectual Property.

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

5 U.S.C. 301

35 U.S.C. 2

Article Section 8, C. 8, 1.1, Origins and Scope of Power, U.S. Constitution

E-Government Act of 2002

Open Government Act of 2007

(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.)*

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

<b>Identifying Numbers (IN)</b>					
a. Social Security*	<input type="checkbox"/>	f. Driver's License	<input type="checkbox"/>	j. Financial Account	<input 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 type="checkbox"/>	m. Medical Record	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. File/Case ID	<input type="checkbox"/>				
n. Other identifying numbers (specify):					
*Explanation for the business need to collect, maintain, or disseminate the Social Security number, including truncated form:					

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

<b>Work-Related Data (WRD)</b>					
a. Occupation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	e. Work Email Address	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	i. Business Associates	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b. Job Title	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	f. Salary	<input type="checkbox"/>	j. Proprietary or Business Information	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Work Address	<input type="checkbox"/>	g. Work History	<input checked="" 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): Office or department addresses					

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

<b>System Administration/Audit Data (SAAD)</b>					
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 type="checkbox"/>	f. Contents of Files	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
g. Other system administration/audit data (specify):					

<b>Other Information (specify)</b>

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

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

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

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

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

<p>OCCO-WEB is secured using appropriate administrative, physical, and technical safeguards in accordance with the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) security controls (encryption, access control, and auditing). Mandatory Information Technology (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. 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.</p>
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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.  0651-0077, National Summer Teacher Institute 0651-0080, Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery 0690-0035, Generic Clearance for Managing Customer Experience and Improving Service Delivery
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Building entry readers	<input type="checkbox"/>
Video surveillance	<input type="checkbox"/>	Electronic purchase transactions	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify): Video recordings			

<input 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 information collected is in reference to Contractors, Department of Commerce (DOC) employees and Members of the public for administrative matters and to improve federal services online.

Senior leadership biography examples are used to promote information sharing and improve employee/customer satisfaction.

Some biography examples can be found at: <https://www.uspto.gov/about-us/executive-biographies>; newsworthy innovator examples are here: <https://www.uspto.gov/learning-and-resources/journeys-innovation>.

All content on [www.uspto.gov](http://www.uspto.gov) is reviewed and approved as per AAO 219 and related handbooks.

- 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.)



The threats to privacy are insider threats, and foreign governments. USPTO requires annual security role-based training and annual mandatory security awareness procedure training for all employees. The annual training has made all employees aware of the possibility of insider threats and threats from adversarial or foreign entities and how these bad actors can affect USPTO's reputation. The following are USPTO's current policies that are adhered to: IT Privacy Policy (OCIO-POL-18), IT Security Education Awareness Training Policy (OCIO-POL-19), Personally Identifiable Data Removal Policy (OCIO-POL-23), and USPTO Rules of the Road (OCIO-POL-36). The combination of USPTO trainings and policies will help USPTO employees to recognize insider threats and threats from adversarial or foreign entities. All offices of the USPTO adhere to the USPTO Records Management Office's Comprehensive Records Schedule that describes the types of USPTO records and their corresponding disposition authority or citation.

Technical Controls in place:

OCCO-WEB has put certain security controls in place to ensure that information is handled, retained, and disposed of appropriately. For example, advanced encryption is used to secure the data both during transmission and while stored at rest. 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. USPTO requires annual security role-based training and annual mandatory security awareness procedure training for all employees. The following are current USPTO policies; Information Security Foreign Travel Policy (OCIO-POL-6), IT Privacy Policy (OCIO-POL-18), IT Security Education Awareness Training Policy (OCIO-POL-19), Personally Identifiable Data Removal Policy (OCIO-POL-23), USPTO Rules of the Road (OCIO-POL-36). All offices of the USPTO adhere to the USPTO Records Management Office's Comprehensive Records Schedule that describes the types of USPTO records and their corresponding disposition authority or citation.

## **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 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 checked="" 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"/>

<input type="checkbox"/>	The PII/BII in the system will not be shared.
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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 checked="" 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>Yes, this IT system connects with or receives information from another IT system(s) authorized to process PII and/or BII.</p> <p>Provide the name of the IT system and describe the technical controls which prevent PII/BII leakage: SCS ICAM-IDaaS</p> <p>Technical Controls in place: OCCO-WEB has put certain security controls in place to ensure that information is handled, retained, and disposed of appropriately. For example, advanced encryption is used to secure the data both during transmission and while stored at rest. 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. USPTO requires annual security role-based training and annual mandatory security awareness procedure training for all employees. The following are current USPTO policies; Information Security Foreign Travel Policy (OCIO-POL-6), IT Privacy Policy (OCIO-POL-18), IT Security Education Awareness Training Policy (OCIO-POL-19), Personally Identifiable Data Removal Policy (OCIO-POL-23), USPTO Rules of the Road (OCIO-POL-36). All offices of the USPTO adhere to the USPTO Records Management Office's Comprehensive Records Schedule that describes the types of USPTO records and their corresponding disposition authority or citation.</p>
<input 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 checked="" 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: <a href="https://www.uspto.gov/privacy-policy">https://www.uspto.gov/privacy-policy</a>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes, notice is provided by other means.	Specify how: Senior leaders are given the ability to review and approve their biography and newsworthy innovators are provided links to the stories they are featured in.
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes, individuals have an opportunity to decline to provide PII/BII.	Specify how: Newsworthy innovators may decline to be featured. It is part of the USPTO process to include the biography of senior leadership. They may opt to not provide biography and/or photograph.
<input type="checkbox"/>	No, individuals do not have an opportunity to decline to provide PII/BII.	Specify why not:

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: Newsworthy innovators sign a consent as part of the process of creating the article and senior leadership provide the content of the featured biography.
<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: Senior leaders can request updates to their bios; newsworthy innovator can provide corrections to published stories since they are provided links to the stories they are featured in.
<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 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 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: As with all content on the websites, access is logged in server logs.
<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): 3/21/2025 <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 5 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 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).*

OCCO-Web publishes public PII. Author accounts are limited to trained authors, administrative accounts follow least privilege principles, and web communication is encrypted via HTTPS using Transport Layer Security (TLS) 1.2/1.3. PII in OCCO-Web is secured using appropriate administrative, physical, and technical safeguards in accordance with the applicable federal laws, executive orders, directives, policies, regulations, and standards. 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 authorize personnel. The USPTO maintains an audit trail and performs random periodic reviews to identify unauthorized access.

Adversarial entities, foreign governments, insider threats and inadvertent private information exposure are all risks and USPTO has policies, procedures and training to ensure that employees are aware of their responsibility of protecting sensitive information and the negative impact on the agency if there is a loss, misuse, or unauthorized access to or modification of sensitive private information. USPTO requires annual security role based training and annual mandatory security awareness procedure training for all employees. The following are current USPTO policies; Information Security Foreign Travel Policy (OCIO-POL-6), IT Privacy Policy (OCIOPOL-18), IT Security Education Awareness Training Policy (OCIO-POL-19), Personally Identifiable Data Removal Policy (OCIO-POL-23), USPTO Rules of the Road (OCIO-POL- 36). All offices of the USPTO adhere to the USPTO Records Management Office's Comprehensive Records Schedule that describes the types of USPTO records and their corresponding disposition authority or citation.

## **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>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Dissemination Events and Registrations, PAT-TM-19</a></li> <li>• <a href="https://www.commerce.gov/opog/privacy/SORN/SORN-DEPT-20">https://www.commerce.gov/opog/privacy/SORN/SORN-DEPT-20</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Information Collected Electronically in Connection with Department of Commerce Activities, Events, and Programs, DEPT-23</a></li> </ul>
<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
<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 type="checkbox"/>	Overwriting	<input 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 checked="" 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 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: Names, telephone numbers, work email, and education can be all combined to identify an individual.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Quantity of PII	Provide explanation: One newsworthy person per month is added to the site and all Senior Leadership (15 individuals) biographies are on the site.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Data Field Sensitivity	Provide explanation: The data includes limited personal and work-related elements and does not include sensitive identifiable information since all the information processed by OCCO-WEB is public record information.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Context of Use	Provide explanation: Serves as the main web-based information

		dissemination channel for the Agency and provides links to public-facing, web-based applications used to conduct the Agency's day-to-day operations.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Obligation to Protect Confidentiality	Provide explanation: There is no obligation to protect the confidentiality of the PII, the PII processed by OCCO-WEB is publicly available.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Access to and Location of PII	Provide explanation: The PII within this system is available to the public. The system stores its data within the cloud and thus logical access is enforced for back-end database maintenance.  The executive biographies are located here: <a href="https://www.uspto.gov/about-us/executive-biographies">https://www.uspto.gov/about-us/executive-biographies</a>  The newsworthy innovator examples are listed at: <a href="https://www.uspto.gov/learning-and-resources/journeys-innovation">https://www.uspto.gov/learning-and-resources/journeys-innovation</a>  The PII on this system is available to the general public on the websites listed above.
<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.)

All content is completely reviewed before publishing to prevent inadvertently publishing any PII or sensitive PII. We only collect the PII that is needed to complete the executive biographies and newsworthy innovators articles. USPTO has identified and evaluated potential threats to PII such as loss of confidentiality and integrity of information. The USPTO's threat assessment policies, procedures, and training has been implemented to ensure that employees are aware of their responsibility to protect PII and to be aware of insider threats. Our employees are aware of the negative impact to the agency if there is a loss, misuse, or unauthorized access to or modification of PII.

- 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.