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**Privacy Impact Assessment  
for the  
Grants Management Information System (GMIS) (142-01)**

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**Unique Project Identifier: NIST 142-01**

### **Introduction: System Description**

*Provide a description of the system that addresses the following elements:*

*The response must be written in plain language and be as comprehensive as necessary to describe the system.*

The Grant Management Information System (GMIS) enables a standard business process and workflow to review, select, award, and administer all NIST-issued grants and cooperative agreements.

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

*(b) System location*

The system is located at the NIST Gaithersburg, Maryland facility within the continental United States.

*(c) Whether it is a standalone system or interconnects with other systems (identifying and describing any other systems to which it interconnects)*  
GMIS production and test applications have interconnection to the Department of Commerce DataByDesign Grants Notification System (DBD GNS). The interconnection between GMIS and DBD GNS is two-way and always initiated by GMIS.

In addition, GMIS has an interconnection to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Grants.Gov application to retrieve grant packages. The interconnection between HHS Grants.Gov is two-way and always initiated by GMIS.

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

GMIS is used as the means of reviewing, selecting, awarding, and administering all issued grants and cooperative agreements administered by the NIST Grants Management Division (GMD).

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

NIST internal users access the Commerce Business System (CBS) Portal logon page at <https://portal.cbs.nist.gov> and log into the CBS Portal application. From the CBS Portal application tab, the users select GMIS. This is done from their desktop systems via the NIST Network Infrastructure using Transport Layer Security (TLS) 1.2.

Access to GMIS by other DOC bureaus and offices (such as OS, NTIA and OIG) is via the DoC TLS network to the Herbert C. Hoover Building (HCHB) in Washington, D.C. Other DOC bureau users are authenticated by their home bureau. All external traffic is encrypted using TLS 1.2. External users then access the CBS Portal logon page and GMIS in the same way as internal users.

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

All GMIS user sessions are via TLS 1.2, at a minimum. TLS is enforced by the CBS/GMIS F5 Local Traffic Manager (LTM).

GMIS transmits data to DBD GNS and the Grants.Gov using TLS 1.2 encrypted web services running on OISM application servers in the NIST data center.

*(g) Any information sharing conducted by the system*

Data is shared with other DOC agencies who utilize NIST acquisition support, as well as the DOC Office of Inspector General for purposes of fraud analysis. Data is also shared as follows:

1. DOC agencies that NIST provides grant management/reporting actives, which includes: NIST, Office of Inspector General (OIG), National Telecommunications & Information Administration (NTIA), and DOC Office of the Secretary.
2. General Service Administration System of Award Management (SAM) and Department of the Treasury Automated Standard Application for Payments (ASAP) for grantee information;
3. NIST 162-01, Commerce Business System, Core Financial System (CBS/CFS);
4. Health and Human Services Grants.gov;
5. DOC DataByDesign Grants Notification System (DBD GNS); and
6. Other internal NIST business units.

Data is shared with other Government entities on a case-by-case basis for purposes of fraud, audit, or law enforcement.

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

The National Institute of Standards and Technology Act, as amended, 15 U.S.C. 271 et seq. (which includes Title 15 U.S.C. 272) and section 12 of the Stevenson-Wydler Technology Innovation Act of 1980, as amended, 15 U.S.C. 3710a.;

5 U.S.C. 5701-5709 and 5721-5739, 28 U.S.C. 3101-3105, Debt Collection Act of 1982 (Pub. L. 97-365); 26 U.S.C. 6402(d); and 31 U.S.C. 3711, the Federal Information Security Management Act of 2002 (FISMA).

*(i) The Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) 199 security impact category for the system is 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	d. Significant Merging	g. New Interagency Uses
b. Anonymous to Non-Anonymous	e. New Public Access	h. Internal Flow or Collection
c. Significant System Management Changes	f. Commercial Sources	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 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*		e. File/Case ID	i. Credit Card
b. Taxpayer ID		f. Driver's License	j. Financial Account
c. Employer ID	X	g. Passport	k. Financial Transaction
d. Employee ID		h. Alien Registration	l. Vehicle Identifier
m. Other identifying numbers (specify):			

\*Explanation for the need to collect, maintain, or disseminate the Social Security number, including truncated form:

**General Personal Data (GPD)**

a. Name	X	g. Date of Birth	m. Religion
b. Maiden Name		h. Place of Birth	n. Financial Information
c. Alias		i. Home Address	o. Medical Information
d. Gender		j. Telephone Number	p. Military Service
e. Age		k. Email Address	q. Physical Characteristics
f. Race/Ethnicity		l. Education	r. Mother's Maiden Name
s. Other general personal data (specify):			

**Work-Related Data (WRD)**

a. Occupation		d. Telephone Number	X	g. Salary
b. Job Title		e. Email Address		h. Work History
c. Work Address	X	f. Business Associates		

i. Other work-related data (specify):

**Distinguishing Features/Biometrics (DFB)**

a. Fingerprints	d. Photographs	g. DNA Profiles
b. Palm Prints	e. Scars, Marks, Tattoos	h. Retina/Iris Scans
c. Voice Recording/Signatures	f. Vascular Scan	i. Dental Profile

j. Other distinguishing features/biometrics (specify):

**System Administration/Audit Data (SAAD)**

a. User ID	X	c. Date/Time of Access	X	e. ID Files Accessed
b. IP Address	X	d. Queries Run		f. Contents of Files
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	Hard Copy: Mail/Fax	Online
Telephone	Email	
Other (specify):		

**Government Sources**

Within the Bureau	Other DOC Bureaus	Other Federal Agencies	X
State, Local, Tribal	Foreign		
Other (specify):			

**Non-government Sources**

Public Organizations	Private Sector	Commercial Data Brokers
Third Party Website or Application		
Other (specify):		

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

The GMIS accepts data from Government systems and supplements this data for grants and cooperative agreements for services, goods, or materials provided by the vendor community to the Federal Government. Data is reviewed by the NIST GMD, NIST Financial Division, and grant program managers for accuracy and completeness.

2.4 Is the information covered by the Paperwork Reduction Act?

	Yes, the information is covered by the Paperwork Reduction Act. Provide the OMB control number and the agency number for the collection.
X	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	Biometrics	
Caller-ID	Personal Identity Verification (PIV) Cards	
Other (specify):		

There are not any technologies used that contain PII/BII in ways that have not been previously deployed.

### Section 3: System Supported Activities

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

Activities		
Audio recordings	Building entry readers	
Video surveillance	Electronic purchase transactions	
Other (specify):		

There are not any IT system supported activities which raise privacy risks/concerns.

### 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		For administering human resources programs
For administrative matters	X	To promote information sharing initiatives
For litigation		For criminal law enforcement activities
For civil enforcement activities		For intelligence activities
To improve Federal services online		For employee or customer satisfaction
For web measurement and customization technologies (single-session )		For web measurement and customization technologies (multi-session )
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 GMIS accepts data from Government systems and supplements this data for grants and cooperative agreements for services, goods, or materials provided by the vendor community to the Federal Government.

5.2 Describe any potential threats to privacy 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.)

Unauthorized access could result in a breach of information. Information system security controls used to protect this information are implemented, validated, and continuously monitored. User access is restricted to authorized users, and risk is minimized through limiting the number of authorized users.

In addition, NIST requires and has in place:

- Mandatory annual IT Security Training requirements
- Annual renewal of IT security Rules of Behavior for NIST staff.
- Policies and procedures for storage and disposal of sensitive electronic data.
- System data encryption at rest and in transit.

## 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	X		X
DOC bureaus	X		
Federal agencies	X		
State, local, tribal gov't agencies			
Public			
Private sector			
Foreign governments			
Foreign entities			
Other (specify):			

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

6.2 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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General Services Administration System for Award Management (SAM); via SFTP/SSH and stored on secure servers within the NIST protected network.</li> <li>• Department of the Treasury Automated Standard Application for Payments (ASAP); transmission of data to this application is via point-to-point Virtual Private Network (VPN) over the Internet.</li> <li>• Health and Human Services Grants.gov via TLS encrypted web services,</li> <li>• DOC DataByDesign Grants Notification System (DBD GNS), via email (no sensitive data is sent to this application), and</li> <li>• NIST 162-01, Commerce Business System, Core Financial System (CBS/CFS); data is transmitted over internal NIST network in a firewall protected zones. Data on the CBS/CFS is encrypted at rest and in transit.</li> </ul>
	No, this IT system does not connect with or receive information from another IT system(s) authorized to process PII and/or BII.

6.3 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		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.)

	Yes, notice is provided pursuant to a system of records notice published in the Federal Register and discussed in Section 9.	
	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: _____	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes, notice is provided by other means.	Specify how: Grantees are notified if their BII is collected, maintained, or disseminated through the GSA SAM and ASAP registration processes.
	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	Specify how:
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	decline to provide PII/BII.	
X	No, individuals do not have an opportunity to decline to provide PII/BII.	Specify why not: Grantees have opportunity to decline providing BII with GSA SAM and ASAP. However, doing so may result in not doing business with the Federal Government.

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

	Yes, individuals have an opportunity to consent to particular uses of their PII/BII.	Specify how:
X	No, individuals do not have an opportunity to consent to particular uses of their PII/BII.	Specify why not: Grantees have opportunity to consent to particular uses of their BII when registering with GSA SAM or ASAP.

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

	Yes, individuals have an opportunity to review/update PII/BII pertaining to them.	Specify how:
X	No, individuals do not have an opportunity to review/update PII/BII pertaining to them.	Specify why not: Grantees may review and update their profiles within GSA SAM, or records within ASAP.

## Section 8: Administrative and Technological Controls

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

	All users signed a confidentiality agreement or non-disclosure agreement.
X	All users are subject to a Code of Conduct that includes the requirement for confidentiality.
X	Staff (employees and contractors) received training on privacy and confidentiality policies and practices.
X	Access to the PII/BII is restricted to authorized personnel only.
X	Access to the PII/BII is being monitored, tracked, or recorded. Explanation: Access logs are kept and reviewed for anomalies
X	The information is secured in accordance with FISMA requirements. Provide date of most recent Assessment and Authorization (A&A): <u>September 30, 2018</u> <input type="checkbox"/> This is a new system. The A&A date will be provided when the A&A package is approved.
X	The Federal Information Processing Standard (FIPS) 199 security impact category for this system is a moderate or higher.
X	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).
X	A security assessment report has been reviewed for the supporting information system and it has been determined that there are no additional privacy risks.
X	Contractors that have access to the system are subject to information security provisions in their contracts required by DOC policy.
	Contracts with customers establish ownership rights over data including PII/BII.
	Acceptance of liability for exposure of PII/BII is clearly defined in agreements with customers.

	Other (specify):
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**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).**

The application is accessible on internal NIST networks protected by multiple layers of firewalls. Unauthorized use of the system is restricted by user authentication. Access logs are kept and reviewed for anomalies on an as needed basis. Data is stored on servers located at the NIST Gaithersburg, Maryland facility within the continental United States. Data on the servers is encrypted at rest and in motion.

For information sharing, PII is transferred in a secure fashion. To guard against the interception of communication over the network, the components use the Transport Layer Security (TLS) protocol which encrypts communications, or FIPS 140-2 encrypted virtual private network technologies between organizations. Access to GMIS requires NIST-issued credentials because access is restricted by user authentication. NIST remote and other agency users access GMIS on an authorized DOC network or connecting to the NIST network through a Virtual Private Network (VPN).

### Section 9: Privacy Act

**9.1 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."

	Yes, this system is covered by an existing system of records notice (SORN). Provide the SORN name, number, and link. (list all that apply):
	Yes, a SORN has been submitted to the Department for approval on (date).
<input checked="" 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 1.2 Grants and Cooperative Agreement 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 type="checkbox"/>	Yes, retention is monitored for compliance to the schedule.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No, retention is not monitored for compliance to the schedule. Provide explanation: The GMIS does not have the technical capability to archive/purge records.

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

Disposal			
Shredding	X	Overwriting	
Degaussing	X	Deleting	
Other (specify): The GMIS does not have the technical capability to archive/purge records.			

**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 as the Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) 199 security impact category.)*

	Low – the loss of confidentiality, integrity, or availability could be expected to have a limited adverse effect on organizational operations, organizational assets, or individuals.
X	Moderate – the loss of confidentiality, integrity, or availability could be expected to have a serious adverse effect on organizational operations, organizational assets, or individuals.
	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 levels. *(Check all that apply.)*

	Identifiability	Provide explanation:
X	Quantity of PII	Provide explanation: A Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) is an identification number used by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) in the administration of tax laws. It is issued either by the Social Security Administration (SSA) or by the IRS. A Social Security number (SSN) is issued by the SSA whereas all other TINs are issued by the IRS.
	Data Field Sensitivity	Provide explanation:
X	Context of Use	Provide explanation: The purpose for which the information is collected supports the administrative business of NIST.
X	Obligation to Protect Confidentiality	Provide explanation: Potential for proprietary business processes to be included in grant submission packages.
	Access to and Location of PII	Provide explanation:
	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.)

Unauthorized access could result in a breach of information. Information system security controls used to protect this information are implemented, validated, and continuously monitored. User access is restricted to authorized users, and risk is minimized through limiting the number of authorized users.

Mitigating controls:

GMIS implements a data retention schedule and disposal plan. Only data required for the GMIS mission is used in GMIS. All GMIS users are subject annual training requirements and rules of behavior which can raise the necessary awareness to mitigate data mishandling.

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

	Yes, the conduct of this PIA results in required business process changes. Explanation:
X	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.

	Yes, the conduct of this PIA results in required technology changes. Explanation:
X	No, the conduct of this PIA does not result in any required technology changes.