FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

AGENCY: Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

ACTION: Notice of Modified Systems of Records.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, the FDIC proposes the following changes to its Privacy Act system of records notices: (1) Revise one existing routine use and add one new routine use in all system notices to conform with Office of Management and Budget (OMB) guidance to federal agencies regarding response and remedial efforts in the event of a data breach; (2) Add one new routine use to permit disclosure of Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request records to the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) so that it may fulfill its statutory responsibilities; and (3) Make non-substantive editorial and formatting changes to all system notices for clarity and to conform to the updated system notice template prescribed in OMB Circular A-108. We hereby publish this notice for comment on the proposed actions.

DATES: This action will become effective on July 22, 2019. The routine uses in this action will become effective 30 days after publication, unless the FDIC makes changes based on comments received. Written comments should be submitted on or before the effective date.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties are invited to submit written comments identified by Privacy Act Systems of Records by any of the following methods:

- Agency Website: https://www.FDIC.gov/regulations/laws/federal. Follow the instructions for submitting comments on the FDIC website.
- Email: Comments@fdic.gov.
- Hand Delivery: Comments may be hand-delivered to the guard station at the rear of the 17th Street Building (located on F Street), on business days between 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Shannon Dahn, Chief, Privacy Section, Phone (703) 516-1162, Email sdahn@fdic.gov; or Gary Jackson, Counsel, Phone (703) 562-2677, Email gjackson@fdic.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Privacy Act, 5 U.S.C. 552a, at subsection (b)(3), requires each agency to publish, for public notice and comment, routine uses describing any disclosures of information about an individual that the agency intends to make from a Privacy Act system of records without the individual’s prior written consent, other than those which are authorized directly in the Privacy Act at subsections (b)(1)-(2) and (b)(4)-(12). The Privacy Act
defines “routine use” at subsection (a)(7) to mean a disclosure for a purpose compatible with the purpose for which the record was collected.

In accordance with OMB Memorandum M-17-12, issued January 3, 2017, titled “Preparing for and Responding to a Breach of Personally Identifiable Information,” the FDIC is modifying its current general routine use number (4) and adding a new general routine use number (5) to each system notice to authorize the FDIC to disclose information when necessary to obtain assistance with a suspected or confirmed data breach or to assist another agency in its response to a breach. The first routine use presented below is a revised version of current general routine use number (4) prescribed in former OMB Memorandum M-07-16 and first published in the Federal Register by the FDIC on October 29, 2007 (72 FR 61131). The second new general routine use presented below is being added to each the FDIC system notice as number (5) and all routine uses have been renumbered to account for this addition.

(4) To appropriate agencies, entities, and persons when (a) the FDIC suspects or has confirmed that there has been a breach of the system of records; (b) the FDIC has determined that as a result of the suspected or confirmed breach there is a risk of harm to individuals, the FDIC (including its information systems, programs, and operations), the Federal Government, or national security; and (c) the disclosure made to such agencies, entities, and persons is reasonably necessary to assist in connection with the FDIC’s efforts to respond to the suspected or confirmed breach or to prevent, minimize, or remedy such harm.

(5) To another Federal agency or Federal entity, when the FDIC determines that information from this system of records is reasonably necessary to assist the recipient agency or entity in (a) responding to a suspected or confirmed breach or (b) preventing, minimizing, or remedying the risk of harm to individuals, the recipient agency or entity (including its information systems, programs, and operations), the Federal Government, or national security, resulting from a suspected or confirmed breach.

The FDIC is also adding a new routine use to the FDIC 30-64-0022, Freedom of Information Act and Privacy Act Request Records, as presented below. This new routine use will permit records to be provided to the National Archives and Records Administration, Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) for purposes set forth under 5 U.S.C. 552(h), including to review agency compliance with FOIA, provide mediation services to resolve FOIA disputes, and identify policies and procedures for improving FOIA compliance.

(9) To the National Archives and Records Administration, Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) to the extent necessary to fulfill its responsibilities in 5 U.S.C. 552(h), to review administrative agency policies, procedures, and compliance with the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), and to facilitate OGIS’s offering of mediation services to resolve disputes between persons making FOIA requests and administrative agencies.

In addition, this notice makes non-substantive editorial and formatting changes to all system notices for clarity and to conform to the updated system notice template prescribed in
OMB Circular A-108. More detailed information on the revised systems of records may be viewed in the complete text below.

The report of modified systems of records has been submitted to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform of the House of Representatives, the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate, and the Office of Management and Budget, pursuant to OMB Circular A-108, “Federal Agency Responsibilities for Review, Reporting, and Publication under the Privacy Act” and the Privacy Act, 5 U.S.C. 552a(r).

The FDIC last published a complete list of its system notices in the Federal Register on October 30, 2015 (80 FR 66981). This publication may be viewed on the FDIC’s Privacy Program web page at www.fdic.gov/about/privacy.


SECURITY CLASSIFICATION: Unclassified.

SYSTEM LOCATION: Records are located in FDIC Divisions and Offices to which individuals covered by the system are assigned. Duplicate copies of the records are located in the Legal Division, Executive Secretary Section, Ethics Unit, FDIC, 550 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20429. (See www.fdic.gov/about/contact/directory or Appendix A for the location of FDIC Regional Offices.) Duplicate systems may exist, in whole or in part, at secure sites and on secure servers maintained by third-party service providers for the FDIC.

SYSTEM MANAGER(S): Ethics Program Manager, Executive Secretary Section, Legal Division, FDIC, 550 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20429.

AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM: Section 9 and 12(f) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1819 and 1822(f)); Title I of the Ethics in Government Act (5 U.S.C. App. 101); Section 17 of the Stock Act (18 U.S.C. 208); Executive Orders 12674 and 12731, as amended; and 5 CFR parts 2634, 2635, and 3201.

PURPOSE(S) OF THE SYSTEM: The records are maintained to assure compliance with the standards of conduct for Government employees established by Executive Orders Federal Statute, and FDIC regulations and to determine if a conflict of interest exists between employment of individuals by the FDIC and their personal employment and financial interests.

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM: Current and former officers and employees, prospective employees, and special government employees.

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM: Contains statements of personal and family financial holdings and other interests in business enterprises and real property; listings of creditors and outside employment; opinions and determinations of ethics counselors; information related to conflict of interest determinations; relevant personnel information and ethics training records; and information contained on the forms described below. Note: This system includes
only records maintained by the FDIC. Associated records are described and covered by the Office of Government Ethics government-wide system of records OGE/GOVT-1 (Executive Branch Personnel Public Financial Disclosure Reports and Other Name-Retrieved Ethics Program Records) or OGE/GOVT-2 (Executive Branch Confidential Financial Disclosure Reports).


(2) Confidential Report of Indebtedness—contains information on extensions of credit to employees, including loans and credit cards, by FDIC-insured depository institutions or their subsidiaries; may also contain memoranda and correspondence relating to requests for approval of certain loans extended by insured financial institutions or subsidiaries thereof.

(3) Confidential Report of Interest in FDIC-Insured Depository Institution Securities—contains a brief description of an employee's direct or indirect interest in the securities of an FDIC-insured depository institution or affiliate, including a depository institution holding company, and the date and manner of acquisition or divestiture; a brief description of an employee's direct or indirect continuing financial interest through a pension or retirement plan, trust or other arrangement, including arrangements resulting from any current or prior employment or business association, with any FDIC-insured depository institution, affiliate, or depository institution holding company; and a certification acknowledging that the employee has read and understands the rules governing the ownership of securities in FDIC-insured depository institutions.

(4) Employee Certification and Acknowledgment of Standards of Conduct Regulation—contains employee's certification and acknowledgment that he or she has received a copy of the Standards of Ethical Conduct for Employees of the FDIC.

(5) Public Financial Disclosure Form—contains a description of an employee’s personal and family investment holdings, including interests in business enterprises or real property, non-investment income, creditors, former or future employer information, outside positions, and other affiliations for political appointees.

(6) Notification of Post-Employment Negotiation or Agreement and Recusal Statement—contains notice of any negotiation for, or agreement of, future employment or compensation with a non-federal entity and requisite recusal statement.

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES: The information is obtained from the individual or a person or entity designated by the individual; FDIC employees designated as Ethics Counselors or Deputy Ethics Counselors; FDIC automated personnel records system; and other employees or individuals to whom the FDIC has provided information in connection with evaluating the records maintained.

ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES: In addition to those
disclosures generally permitted under 5 U.S.C. 552a(b) of the Privacy Act, all or a portion of the records or information contained in this system may be disclosed outside the FDIC as a routine use as follows:

(1) To appropriate Federal, State, local and foreign authorities responsible for investigating or prosecuting a violation of, or for enforcing or implementing a statute, rule, regulation, or order issued, when the information indicates a violation or potential violation of law, whether civil, criminal, or regulatory in nature, and whether arising by general statute or particular program statute, or by regulation, rule, or order issued pursuant thereto;

(2) To a court, magistrate, or other administrative body in the course of presenting evidence, including disclosures to counsel or witnesses in the course of civil discovery, litigation, or settlement negotiations or in connection with criminal proceedings, when the FDIC is a party to the proceeding or has a significant interest in the proceeding, to the extent that the information is determined to be relevant and necessary;

(3) To a congressional office in response to an inquiry made by the congressional office at the request of the individual who is the subject of the record;

(4) To appropriate agencies, entities, and persons when (a) the FDIC suspects or has confirmed that there has been a breach of the system of records; (b) the FDIC has determined that as a result of the suspected or confirmed breach there is a risk of harm to individuals, the FDIC (including its information systems, programs, and operations), the Federal Government, or national security; the FDIC and (c) the disclosure made to such agencies, entities, and persons is reasonably necessary to assist in connection with the FDIC’s efforts to respond to the suspected or confirmed breach or to prevent, minimize, or remedy such harm;

(5) To another Federal agency or Federal entity, when the FDIC determines that information from this system of records is reasonably necessary to assist the recipient agency or entity in (a) responding to a suspected or confirmed breach or (b) preventing, minimizing, or remedying the risk of harm to individuals, the recipient agency or entity (including its information systems, programs, and operations), the Federal Government, or national security, resulting from a suspected or confirmed breach.

(6) To appropriate Federal, State, and local authorities in connection with hiring or retaining an individual, conducting a background security or suitability investigation, adjudication of liability, or eligibility for a license, contract, grant, or other benefit;

(7) To appropriate Federal, State, and local authorities, agencies, arbitrators, and other parties responsible for processing any personnel actions or conducting administrative hearings or corrective actions or grievances or appeals, or if needed in the performance of other authorized duties;

(8) To appropriate Federal agencies and other public authorities for use in records management inspections; and

(9) To contractors, grantees, volunteers, and others performing or working on a contract, service, grant, cooperative agreement, or project for the FDIC, the Office of Inspector General, or the Federal Government for use in carrying out their obligations under such contract, grant, agreement or project.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORAGE OF RECORDS: Records are stored in electronic media and in paper format within individual file folders.
POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR RETRIEVAL OF RECORDS: Records are retrieved by name.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR RETENTION AND DISPOSAL OF RECORDS: Records of nominees to Presidentially Appointed Senate confirmed (PAS) positions who are not confirmed are retained one year. All other records are retained six years, except that documents needed in an ongoing investigation will be retained until no longer needed in the investigation. Entries maintained in electronic media are deleted, except that paper format documents and electronic media entries needed in an ongoing investigation will be retained until no longer needed for the investigation. Disposal is by shredding or other appropriate disposal methods.

ADMINISTRATIVE, TECHNICAL, AND PHYSICAL SAFEGUARDS: Electronic records are password-protected and accessible only by authorized personnel. Paper records are maintained in lockable metal file cabinets accessible only to authorized personnel.

RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES: Individuals wishing to request access to records about them in this system of records must submit their request in writing to the FDIC FOIA & Privacy Act Group, 550 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20429, or email efoia@fdic.gov. Requests must include full name, address, and verification of identity in accordance with FDIC regulations at 12 CFR part 310.

CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES: Individuals wishing to contest or request an amendment to their records in this system of records must submit their request in writing to the FDIC FOIA & Privacy Act Group, 550 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20429, or email efoia@fdic.gov. Requests must specify the information being contested, the reasons for contesting it, and the proposed amendment to such information in accordance with FDIC regulations at 12 CFR part 310.

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES: Individuals wishing to know whether this system contains information about them must submit their request in writing to the FDIC FOIA & Privacy Act Group, 550 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20429, or email efoia@fdic.gov. Requests must include full name, address, and verification of identity in accordance with FDIC regulations at 12 CFR part 310.

EXEMPTIONS PROMULGATED FOR THE SYSTEM: None.

HISTORY: 80 FR 66981 (October 30, 2015).