

# FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

## Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

**AGENCY:** Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

**ACTION:** Notice of Modified Systems of Records.

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**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:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- *Agency Website:* <https://www.FDIC.gov/regulations/laws/federal>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments on the FDIC website.
- *Email:* [Comments@fdic.gov](mailto:Comments@fdic.gov).
- *Mail:* Gary Jackson, Counsel, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, 550 17<sup>th</sup> Street NW, Virginia Square D-8012, Washington, DC 20429.
- *Hand Delivery:* Comments may be hand-delivered to the guard station at the rear of the 17<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:sdahn@fdic.gov); or Gary Jackson, Counsel, Phone (703) 562-2677, Email, [gjackson@fdic.gov](mailto: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](http://www.fdic.gov/about/privacy).

**SYSTEM NAME AND NUMBER:** Investigative Files of the Office of Inspector General, FDIC-30-64-0010.

**SECURITY CLASSIFICATION:** Unclassified.

**SYSTEM LOCATION:** FDIC Office of Inspector General (OIG), 3501 Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22226. In addition, records are maintained in OIG field offices. OIG field office locations can be obtained by contacting the Assistant Inspector General for Investigations at said address.

**SYSTEM MANAGER(S):** Assistant Inspector General for Investigations, FDIC Office of Inspector General, 3501 Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22226.

**AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:** Section 9 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1819); the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended (5 U.S.C. App.).

**PURPOSE(S) OF THE SYSTEM:** Pursuant to the Inspector General Act, the system is maintained for the purposes of (1) conducting and documenting investigations by the OIG or other investigative agencies regarding FDIC programs and operations in order to determine whether employees or other individuals have been or are engaging in violations of laws, regulations, contracts, etc., waste, fraud and abuse with respect to the FDIC's programs or operations and reporting the results of investigations to other Federal agencies, other public authorities or professional organizations which have the authority to bring criminal or civil or administrative actions, or to impose other disciplinary sanctions; (2) documenting the outcome of OIG investigations; (3) maintaining a record of the activities which were the subject of investigations; (4) reporting investigative findings to other FDIC Divisions or Offices for their use in operating and evaluating their programs or operations, and in the imposition of civil or administrative sanctions; and (5) acting as a repository and source for information necessary to fulfill the reporting requirements of the Inspector General Act or those of other federal instrumentalities.

**CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:** Current and former FDIC employees and individuals involved in or associated with FDIC programs and operations

including contractors, subcontractors, vendors and other individuals associated with investigative inquiries and investigative cases, to include but not be limited to witnesses, complainants, suspects and those contacting the OIG Hotline.

**CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:** Investigative files, including memoranda, computer-generated background information, correspondence including payroll records, call records, email records, electronic case management, forensic, and tracking files, OIG Hotline-related records, reports of investigations with related exhibits, statements, affidavits, records or other pertinent documents, reports from or to other law enforcement bodies, pertaining to violations or potential violations of criminal laws, fraud, waste, and abuse with respect to administration of FDIC programs and operations, and violations of employee and contractor Standards of Conduct as set forth in section 12(f) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1822(f)), 12 CFR parts 336, 366, and 5 CFR parts 2634, 2635, and 3201. Records in this system may contain personally identifiable information such as names, social security numbers, dates of birth and addresses. This system may also contain such information as employment history, bank account numbers and information, drivers licenses, educational records, criminal history, photographs, voice recordings, and other information of a personal nature provided or obtained in connection with an investigation.

**RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:** Official records of the FDIC; current and former employees of the FDIC, other government employees, private individuals, vendors, contractors, subcontractors, witnesses and informants. Records in this system may have originated in other FDIC systems of records and subsequently transferred to this system.

**ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND 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 the appropriate Federal, State, local, foreign or international agency or authority which has responsibility for investigating or prosecuting a violation of or for enforcing or implementing a statute, rule, regulation, or order to assist such agency or authority in fulfilling these responsibilities when the record, either by itself or in combination with other information, indicates a violation or potential violation of law, or contract, 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, alternative dispute resolution mediator or administrative tribunal (collectively referred to as the adjudicative bodies) 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 (collectively, the litigated proceedings) when the FDIC or OIG is a party to the proceeding or has a significant interest in the proceeding and the information is determined to be relevant and necessary in order for the adjudicatory bodies, or any of them, to perform their official functions in connection with the presentation of evidence relative to the litigated proceedings;

- (3) To the FDIC's or another Federal agency's legal representative, including the U.S. Department of Justice or other retained counsel, when the FDIC, OIG or any employee thereof is a party to litigation or administrative proceeding or has a significant interest in the litigation or proceeding to assist those representatives by providing them with information or evidence for use in connection with such litigation or proceedings;
- (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 a grand jury agent pursuant either to a Federal or State grand jury subpoena or to a prosecution request that such record be released for the purpose of its introduction to a grand jury;
- (7) To the subjects of an investigation and their representatives during the course of an investigation and to any other person or entity that has or may have information relevant or pertinent to the investigation to the extent necessary to assist in the conduct of the investigation;
- (8) To third-party sources during the course of an investigation only such information as determined to be necessary and pertinent to the investigation in order to obtain information or assistance relating to an audit, trial, hearing, or any other authorized activity of the OIG;
- (9) To a congressional office in response to a written inquiry made by the congressional office at the request of the individual to whom the records pertain;
- (10) To a Federal, State, or local agency maintaining civil, criminal, or other relevant enforcement information or other pertinent information, such as current licenses, if necessary for the FDIC to obtain information concerning the hiring or retention of an employee, a security clearance determination or adjudication, the letting of a contract, or the issuance of a license, grant, or other benefit;
- (11) To a Federal agency responsible for considering suspension or debarment action where such record is determined to be necessary and relevant to that agency's consideration of such action;
- (12) To a consultant, person or entity who contracts or subcontracts with the FDIC or OIG, to the extent necessary for the performance of the contract or subcontract. The recipient of the records shall be required to comply with the requirements of the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended (5 U.S.C. 552a);
- (13) To contractors, grantees, volunteers, and others performing or working on a contract, service, grant, cooperative agreement, or project for the OIG, the FDIC or the Federal

- Government in order to assist those entities or individuals in carrying out their obligation under the related contract, grant, agreement or project;
- (14) To the U.S. Office of Personnel Management, Government Accountability Office, Office of Government Ethics, Merit Systems Protection Board, Office of Special Counsel, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Department of Justice, Office of Management and Budget or the Federal Labor Relations Authority of records or portions thereof determined to be relevant and necessary to carrying out their authorized functions, including but not limited to a request made in connection with hiring or retaining an employee, rendering advice requested by OIG, making a security clearance determination or adjudication, reporting an investigation of an employee, reporting an investigation of prohibited personnel practices, letting a contract or issuing a grant, license, or other benefit by the requesting agency, but only to the extent that the information disclosed is necessary and relevant to the requesting agency's decision on the matter;
  - (15) 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;
  - (16) 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;
  - (17) To officials of a labor organization when relevant and necessary to their duties of exclusive representation concerning personnel policies, practices, and matters affecting working conditions;
  - (18) To a financial institution affected by enforcement activities or reported criminal activities authorities to ascertain the knowledge of or involvement in matters that have been developed during the course of the investigation;
  - (19) To the Internal Revenue Service and appropriate State and local taxing authorities for their use in enforcing the relevant revenue and taxation law and related official duties;
  - (20) To other Federal, State or foreign financial institutions supervisory or regulatory authorities for their use in administering their official functions, to include examination, supervision, litigation, and resolution authorities with respect to financial institutions, receiverships, liquidations, conservatorships, bridge institutions, and similar functions;
  - (21) To appropriate Federal agencies and other public authorities for use in records management inspections;
  - (22) To a governmental, public or professional or self-regulatory licensing organization for use in licensing or related determinations when such record indicates, either by itself or in combination with other information, a violation or potential violation of professional standards, or reflects on the moral, educational, or professional qualifications of an individual who is licensed or who is seeking to become licensed;
  - (23) To the Department of the Treasury, federal debt collection centers, other appropriate federal agencies, and private collection contractors or other third parties authorized by law, for the purpose of collecting or assisting in the collection of delinquent debts owed to the FDIC or to obtain information in the course of an investigation (to the extent permitted by law). Disclosure of information contained in these records will be limited to the individual's name, Social Security number, and other information necessary to

establish the identity of the individual, and the existence, validity, amount, status and history of the debt; and

- (24) To other Federal Offices of Inspector General or other entities for the purpose of conducting quality assessments or peer reviews of the OIG, or its investigative components, or for statistical purposes.

Note: In addition to the foregoing, a record which is contained in this system and derived from another FDIC system of records may be disclosed as a routine use as specified in the published notice of the system of records from which the record is derived.

**DISCLOSURE TO CONSUMER REPORTING AGENCIES:** Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(b)(12), disclosures may be made from this system to consumer reporting agencies as defined in the Fair Credit Reporting Act (15 U.S.C. 1681a(f)) or the Federal Claims Collection Act of 1966 (31 U.S.C. 3701(a)(3)).

**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 indexed and retrieved by name of individual, unique investigation number assigned, referral number, social security number, or investigative subject matter.

**POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR RETENTION AND DISPOSAL OF RECORDS:** Records regarding “significant” investigations (i.e., those receiving national media attention, involving a Congressional investigation, or otherwise having been deemed to have historic value) are retained permanently, with offering to the National Archives and Records Administration after ten years. For records that are investigative in nature but not related to a specific investigation, the retention period is five years. For records related to a specific investigation, except significant investigations (national media attention, Congressional investigation, or substantive changes in agency policies and procedures), the retention period is ten years after the Office of Investigations’ closure of the file. Records in this system having reached the end of their retention period, and not subject to any litigation or other holds are to be destroyed or placed in secured bins for destruction by an FDIC contractor.

**ADMINISTRATIVE, TECHNICAL, AND PHYSICAL SAFEGUARDS:** The electronic system files are accessible only by authorized personnel and are safeguarded with user passwords or passcodes and authentication verification, network/database permission, and software controls. File folders are maintained in safes or lockable metal file cabinets and lockable offices accessible only by 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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:** This system of records, to the extent that it consists of information compiled for the purpose of criminal investigations, has been exempted from the requirements of subsections (c)(3) and (4); (d); (e)(1), (2) and (3); (e)(4)(G) and (H); (e)(5); (e)(8); (e)(12); (f); (g); and (h) of the Privacy Act pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(j)(2). In addition, this system of records, to the extent that it consists of investigatory material compiled: (A) for other law enforcement purposes (except where an individual has been denied any right, privilege, or benefit for which he or she would otherwise be entitled to or eligible for under Federal law, so long as the disclosure of such information would not reveal the identity of a source who furnished information to the FDIC under an express promise that his or her identity would be kept confidential); or (B) solely for purposes of determining suitability, eligibility, or qualifications for Federal civilian employment or Federal contracts, the release of which would reveal the identity of a source who furnished information to the FDIC on a confidential basis, has been exempted from the requirements of subsections (c)(3); (d); (e)(1); (e)(4)(G) and (H); and (f) of the Privacy Act pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(k)(2) and (k)(5), respectively. Note, records in this system that originated in another system of records shall be governed by the exemptions claimed for this system as well as any additional exemptions claimed for the other system.

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