

**PRIVACY IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR
FEDERALREPORTING.GOV RECIPIENT REGISTRATION SYSTEM**

1. What information is being collected in the system?

The FederalReporting.gov Recipient Registration System (FRRS) contains information on individuals who have registered and established accounts to access FederalReporting.gov, the web-based inbound reporting system utilized by the Recovery Accountability and Transparency Board (Board) to facilitate the collection of information required by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Public Law No. 111-5 (Recovery Act). The information maintained by the FRRS includes the first name, last name, phone number, extension, agency code (for individuals associated with a federal agency), and DUNS number. The individual registering for FederalReporting.gov will also generate a self-assigned password that will be stored on the FRRS, but will only be accessible to the registering individual. The system will also store other system-generated data such as the registration date, time, and other identifiers for internal tracking.

2. Why is the information being collected?

The Recovery Act was enacted on February 17, 2009, to make supplemental appropriations for job preservation and creation, infrastructure investment, energy efficiency and science, assistance to the unemployed, and State and local fiscal stabilization. FederalReporting.gov is the Board's inbound Recovery reporting solution. Recipients of Recovery funds are required to disclose certain information, which must then be posted on the public-facing website, Recovery.gov. FRRS was developed to protect the Board and FederalReporting.gov users from individuals seeking to gain unauthorized access to user accounts on FederalReporting.gov. The information contained in records maintained in the FRRS is used for the purpose of: verifying the identity of the individual; allowing individual users to establish an account on FederalReporting.gov; providing individual users access to their FederalReporting.gov account for reporting data; allowing individual users to customize; update or terminate their account with FederalReporting.gov; renewing or revoking an individual user's account on FederalReporting.gov; supporting the FederalReporting.gov help desk functions; investigating possible fraud and verifying compliance with program regulations; and initiating legal action

against an individual involved in program fraud, abuse, or noncompliance. The information is also used to provide authenticated protected access to FederalReporting.gov, thereby protecting FederalReporting.gov and FederalReporting.gov users from potential harm caused by individuals with malicious intentions gaining unauthorized access to the system.

3. How will the information be used?

FRRS records will be used to facilitate registering FederalReporting.gov system users, issuing a username and password, and subsequently, verifying an individual's identity as he/she seeks to gain routine access to his/her account. In some cases, the organizational point of contact has the ability to deny access or reporting privileges for the organization, based on the registration information provided by the user. The system has secondary uses that include: using the established username to facilitate tracking service calls or e-mails from the user in the event that there is a change in registration status or a problem the user has with FederalReporting.gov; and facilitating the retrieval of user actions (e.g., historical submissions and help tickets) and events while on the FederalReporting.gov system. The records may also be subsequently used for auditing or other internal purpose of the Board, including but not limited to: instances where enforcement of the conditions of using FederalReporting.gov are necessary; investigation of possible fraud involving a registered user; litigation purposes related to information reported to the Board; contacting the individual in the event of a system modification; a change to FederalReporting.gov; or modification, revocation or termination of a user's access privileges to FederalReporting.gov.

4. Who will have access to the information?

This system limits access to Board and contract staff on a need-to-know basis, and controls individuals' ability to access and alter records within the system.

5. With whom will the information be shared?

Apart from access to the system, as described above, the information contained within the system may be disclosed as detailed in the system of records notice published at 74 Fed. Reg. 40155.

6. Do individuals have the opportunity to decline to provide information or to consent to particular uses of the information?

No.

7. How will the information be secured?

The Board has minimized the risk of unauthorized access to the system by establishing a secure environment for exchanging electronic information. Physical access uses a defense in-depth approach restricting access at each layer closest to where the actual system resides. The entire complex is patrolled by security during non-business hours. Physical access to the data system housed within the facility is controlled by a computerized badge-reading system. Multiple levels of security are maintained via dual-factor authentication for access using biometrics. The computer system offers a high degree of resistance to tampering and circumvention. This system limits data access to Board and contract staff on a need-to-know basis, and controls individuals' ability to access and alter records within the system. All users of the system of records are given a unique user identification (ID) with personal identifiers. All interactions between the system and the authorized individual users are recorded.

8. Is there a system of records for this information?

Yes, at 74 Fed. Reg. 40155.