

**U.S. Department of Commerce  
Office of Human Resources Management  
(OHRM)**



**Privacy Threshold Analysis  
for the  
WebTA and Archive Time Application**

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### WebTA and Archive Time Application

#### **Unique Project Identifier: DOC WebTA-ArchiveTime is an OS-059 Enterprise Application System**

**Introduction:** This Privacy Threshold Analysis (PTA) is a questionnaire to assist with determining if a Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA) is necessary for this IT system. This PTA is primarily based from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) privacy guidance and the Department of Commerce (DOC) IT security/privacy policy. If questions arise or further guidance is needed in order to complete this PTA, please contact your Bureau Chief Privacy Officer (BCPO).

**Description of the information system and its purpose:** *Provide a general description (in a way that a non-technical person can understand) of the information system that addresses the following elements:*

The E-Government Act of 2002 defines “information system” by reference to the definition section of Title 44 of the United States Code. The following is a summary of the definition: “Information system” means a discrete set of information resources organized for the collection, processing, maintenance, use, sharing, dissemination, or disposition of information. See: 44. U.S.C. § 3502(8).

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

The OHRM is responsible for planning, developing, administering and evaluating the human resources management programs of the Department. This enables the Department to acquire and manage a dedicated, diverse, motivated, and highly qualified workforce to accomplish its mission and achieve its goals, while ensuring compliance with pertinent Federal, Office of Personnel Management, Office of Management and Budget, and Department of Labor, policy and administrative mandates.

- WebTA is Kronos Proprietary software – Used to record DOC employee’s time and attendance data. The employees enter their own time and attendance data. The data is transmitted bi-weekly to NFC for employees pay processing.
- ArchiveTime is a data archiving and report application that sits on top of the WebTA 3.8 database so DOC can access past years of historical data (WebTA 4.2, which is in production, only converted 26 prior pay periods of data) for audits and reports.

*b) System location*

The systems are primarily managed by resources located at the CBS Solution Center in Gaithersburg, MD. The system is physically located at the Federal Aviation Administration Data Center (DOT/FAA/ESC) in Oklahoma City, OK.

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

NIST uses a supplemental file from WebTA to obtain a labor/cost estimate and loads timesheet data from an extracted file. Census uses it to validate accounting against CBS valid accounts as well as with an interface to import Decennial Census payroll data. NOAA loads timesheet data from files sent from ships.

*d) The purpose that the system is designed to serve*

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*e) The way the system operates to achieve the purpose*

WebTA is a timekeeping system that stores PII for the purposes of passing information to the NFC Payroll system. The system collects data daily from user input. This input consists of Work Data, Leave Data and Dollar Transaction Data.

Work Data consists of weekly (and ultimately, bi-weekly pay period) input of daily labor descriptive data related to daily work duties. A daily occurrence, consists of a transaction code describing the nature of the work duty, an accounting code for where the financial system will charge this time and the actual time worked. It is also possible to include a clock time range worked within each work day. There may be multiple occurrences of work data in a given pay period, and multiple occurrence of work data in a given day.

Leave Data includes weekly (ultimately, bi-weekly pay period) input of daily time off and time off award data, a transaction code describing the type of leave being taken, an account code to trigger the correct chargeback in downstream financial systems and actual time taken as leave. There may be multiple occurrences of work data in a given pay period, and multiple occurrences of leave data in a given day.

Dollar Transactions include employee requests for reimbursement related to work-incurred expenses. This includes a transaction code describing the type of expense incurred, an accounting code to charge this expense and the actual expense amount requested.

This data is collected, maintained and used for payroll generation via downstream system, ad-hoc research and reporting and leave-related reporting and tracking.

WebTA has its own credential assignment function. Each user receives a unique user ID and password. The password is required to adhere to Federal IA standards. Each user can be assigned a variety of roles that allow varying levels of data access. These permissions range from basic employee-related time and leave entry to Master User and Administrator, who can

see and manipulate much larger data populations and affect system administration-type changes to system operational parameters and functions.

WebTA collects bi-weekly payroll data from this input to create and transmit a payroll time and attendance file to NFC, the payroll processor at USDA. This is a secure SFTP transmission configured and monitored by a WebTA Administrator, with password maintenance and access provided by NFC.

CENSUS, NIST, and NOAA extract a version of this payroll file via a vendor provided custom process, and upload it to downstream financial systems for budget analysis.

CENSUS receives remote input from WebTA to timesheets via a vendor provided custom interface from a system called WebFRED. The NIST System, which is based on WebFRED is called Maximo. The remote users do not have direct access to WebTA's timesheet entry and maintenance functions, so this system replaces it to the extent that the remote offices need it to. This remote system also has assigned and restricted access and is limited to timesheet and code-related maintenance.

*f) A general description of the type of information collected, maintained, use, or disseminated by the system*

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*g) Identify individuals who have access to information on the system*

Access to WebTA and Archive Time are role based. Security is provided by granting and revoking privileges on a person-by-person and role-by-role basis.

WebTA – It is the responsibility of the WebTA Security Officers/Timekeepers to keep a record of all WebTA accesses that they granted resulting from the SHRO's established enter-on-duty procedures.

Archive Time – It is the responsibility of the Archive Time Security Officers to keep a record of the HR employees they provided system access to. Information to be recorded include: name, user ID, date access was granted, and the level of access. This record must be made available to the Office of Human Resources Management, auditors, and other authorized persons upon request.

*h) How information in the system is retrieved by the user*

Users can print reports containing only data that is allowed by their role within all of WebTA and Archive Time. It is the responsibility of the users to handle printed media in accordance with established policies/procedures/rules of behavior and governmental record retention regulations of their bureau and DOC. Users can download information, again based on their assigned user role within WebTA and Archive Time, to removable media and it is their responsibility to handle

digital media in accordance with established policies/procedures/rules of behavior and governmental record retention regulations of their bureau and DOC.

*i) How information is transmitted to and from the system*

Information is transmitted across approved encryption protocols such as HTTPS, SSH, and SFTP. Sensitive data transmissions are encrypted according to NIST 800-18, Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) 186, Digital Signature Standard and FIPS 180-1, and Secure Hash Standard issued by NIST when necessary.

**Questionnaire:**

1. What is the status of this information system?

- This is a new information system. *Continue to answer questions and complete certification.*
- This is an existing information system with changes that create new privacy risks. *Complete chart below, continue to answer questions, and complete certification.*

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 not a SAOP approved Privacy Impact Assessment. *Continue to answer questions and complete certification.*
- This is an existing information system in which changes do not create new privacy risks, and there is a SAOP approved Privacy Impact Assessment (version 01-2015). *Continue to answer questions and complete certification.*
- This is an existing information system in which changes do not create new privacy risks, and there is a SAOP approved Privacy Impact Assessment (version 01-2017 or later). *Skip questions and complete certification.*

2. Is the IT system or its information used to support any activity which may raise privacy concerns?

NIST Special Publication 800-53 Revision 4, Appendix J, states “Organizations may also engage in activities that do not involve the collection and use of PII, but may nevertheless raise privacy concerns and associated risk. The privacy controls are equally applicable to those activities and can be used to analyze the privacy risk and mitigate such risk when necessary.” Examples include, but are not limited to, audio recordings, video surveillance, building entry readers, and electronic purchase transactions.

Yes. *(Check all that apply.)*

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

No.

3. Does the IT system collect, maintain, or disseminate business identifiable information (BII)?

As per DOC Privacy Policy: "For the purpose of this policy, business identifiable information consists of (a) information that is defined in the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) as "trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person [that is] privileged or confidential." (5 U.S.C.552(b)(4)). This information is exempt from automatic release under the (b)(4) FOIA exemption. "Commercial" is not confined to records that reveal basic commercial operations" but includes any records [or information] in which the submitter has a commercial interest" and can include information submitted by a nonprofit entity, or (b) commercial or other information that, although it may not be exempt from release under FOIA, is exempt from disclosure by law (e.g., 13 U.S.C.)."

Yes, the IT system collects, maintains, or disseminates BII.

No, this IT system does not collect any BII.

4. Personally Identifiable Information (PII)

4a. Does the IT system collect, maintain, or disseminate PII?

As per OMB 17-12: "The term PII refers to information that can be used to distinguish or trace an individual's identity either alone or when combined with other information that is linked or linkable to a specific individual."

Yes, the IT system collects, maintains, or disseminates PII about: *(Check all that apply.)*

- DOC employees
- National Institute of Standards and Technology Associates
- Contractors working on behalf of DOC
- Other Federal Government personnel
- Members of the public

No, this IT system does not collect any PII.

***If the answer is "yes" to question 4a, please respond to the following questions.***

4b. Does the IT system collect, maintain, or disseminate Social Security numbers (SSNs), including truncated form?

Yes, the IT system collects, maintains, or disseminates SSNs, including truncated form.

Provide an explanation for the business need requiring the collection of SSNs, including truncated form.

Provide the legal authority which permits the collection of SSNs, including truncated form.

\_\_\_\_\_ No, the IT system does not collect, maintain, or disseminate SSNs, including truncated form.

4c. Does the IT system collect, maintain, or disseminate PII other than user ID?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, the IT system collects, maintains, or disseminates PII other than user ID.

\_\_\_\_\_ No, the user ID is the only PII collected, maintained, or disseminated by the IT system.

4d. Will the purpose for which the PII is collected, stored, used, processed, disclosed, or disseminated (context of use) cause the assignment of a higher PII confidentiality impact level?

Examples of context of use include, but are not limited to, law enforcement investigations, administration of benefits, contagious disease treatments, etc.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, the context of use will cause the assignment of a higher PII confidentiality impact level.

\_\_\_\_\_ No, the context of use will not cause the assignment of a higher PII confidentiality impact level.

***If any of the answers to questions 2, 3, 4b, 4c, and/or 4d are “Yes,” a Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA) must be completed for the IT system. This PTA and the approved PIA must be a part of the IT system’s Assessment and Authorization Package.***

### CERTIFICATION

  X   I certify the criteria implied by one or more of the questions above **apply** to the DOC WebTA-ArchiveTime system and as a consequence of this applicability, I will perform and document a PIA for this IT system.

       I certify the criteria implied by the questions above **do not apply** to WebTA-ArchiveTime and as a consequence of this non-applicability, a PIA for this IT system is not necessary.

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