

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**Patent and Trademark Office**

[Docket No. PTO-C-2023-0022]

Request for Comments on Southeast Regional Office and Community Outreach Office Locations*Correction*

In notice document 2023-11987, appearing on page 37037 through 37039 in the issue of Tuesday, June 6, 2023, make the following correction:

On page 37038, in the third column, on the 33rd line from the top, the link should read:

“https://iqconnect.igfed.com/iqextranet/EForm.aspx?cid=USPTO&_fid=100155”.

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED**Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records**

AGENCY: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Office of Inspector General.

ACTION: Notice of new privacy act system of records.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 and OMB Circular A-108, the U.S. AbilityOne Commission, Office of Inspector General proposes to establish a new U.S. AbilityOne Commission, Office of Inspector General system of records titled, AbilityOne/OIG-001 Case Management System. This system of records will allow U.S. AbilityOne Commission, Office of Inspector General to collect and maintain records on individuals who may be complainants, subjects, witnesses, and others who may be identified during an investigation. The records and information collected and maintained in this system are used to document the processing of allegations of violations of criminal, civil, and administrative laws and regulations relating to U.S. AbilityOne Commission/OIG programs, operations, and employees, as well as contractors and other individuals and entities associated with U.S. AbilityOne Commission/OIG. Additionally, the U.S. AbilityOne Commission, Office of Inspector General is issuing a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to exempt this system from certain provisions of the Privacy Act.

DATES: Submit comments on or before July 21, 2023. This new system will be effective July 21, 2023.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by any of the following methods:

Federal Rulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

Mail: U.S. AbilityOne Commission Office of Inspector General, 355 E Street SW (OIG Suite 335), Washington, DC 20024.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name and docket number for this **Federal Register** document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general questions, please contact: Kamil Ali, Attorney-Advisor, U.S. AbilityOne Commission Office of Inspector General, 355 E Street SW (OIG Suite 335), Washington, DC 20024. (202) 603-2248, kali@oig.abilityone.gov. For privacy questions, please contact: Mr. Kamil Ali, Attorney-Advisor, U.S. AbilityOne Commission Office of Inspector General, 355 E Street SW (OIG Suite 335), Washington, DC 20024. Phone: (202) 603-2248, Email: kali@oig.abilityone.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Background**

In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. 552a, the U.S. AbilityOne Commission, Office of Inspector General (AbilityOne/OIG) proposes to establish a new system of records titled, “AbilityOne/OIG-001 Case Management System of Records.” This system of records will allow the U.S. AbilityOne Commission Office of the Inspector General to collect and maintain records on individuals who may be complainants, subjects, witnesses, and others who may be identified during the course of an investigation. The U.S. AbilityOne Inspector General is responsible for conducting and supervising independent and objective audits, inspections, and investigations of the programs and operations of the Commission. OIG promotes economy, efficiency, and effectiveness within the AbilityOne/OIG and prevents and detects fraud, waste, and abuse in its programs and operations. OIG’s Office of Investigations investigates allegations of criminal, civil, and administrative

misconduct involving U.S. AbilityOne Commission employees, contractors, and Commission programs and activities. This includes investigating for violations of criminal laws by entities regulated by U.S. AbilityOne Commission, regardless of whether they receive Federal funds. These investigations can result in criminal prosecutions, fines, civil monetary penalties, and administrative sanctions.

The AbilityOne/OIG-001 Case Management System system of records assists the OIG with receiving and processing complaints of violations of criminal, civil, and administrative laws and regulations relating to U.S. AbilityOne Commission employees, contractors, regulated persons, and other individuals and entities associated with AbilityOne. The system includes both paper investigative files and OIG’s electronic case management and tracking information system which also generates reports. The case management system allows OIG to manage information provided during its investigations, and, in the process, to facilitate its management of investigations and investigative resources. Through this system, OIG can create a record showing disposition of allegations; track actions taken by management regarding misconduct; track legal actions taken following referrals to the U.S. Department of Justice for prosecution or civil action; provide a system for creating and reporting statistical information; and track government property and other resources used in investigative activities.

Additionally, the U.S. AbilityOne Commission, Office of Inspector General is issuing a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to exempt this system from certain provisions of the Privacy Act.

II. Privacy Act

The Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a) governs the means by which the Federal Government collects, maintains, and uses personally identifiable information (PII) in a System of Records. A “System of Records” is a group of any records under the control of a federal agency from which information about individuals is retrieved by name or other personal identifier. The Privacy Act requires each agency to publish in the **Federal Register** a System of Records notice (SORN) identifying and describing each System of Records the agency maintains, including the purposes for which the agency uses PII in the system, the routine uses for which the agency discloses such information outside the agency, and how individuals to whom a Privacy Act