

postsecondary enrollment, progress, and completion. Social and behavioral competencies include social and emotional skills, attitudes, and behaviors that are important to academic and post-academic success. Employment and earnings outcomes include hours of employment, job stability, and wages and benefits, and may be measured in addition to student academic outcomes.

6. *Continuation Awards*: In making a continuation award under 34 CFR 75.253, IES considers, among other things: whether a grantee has made substantial progress in achieving the goals and objectives of the project; whether the grantee has expended funds in a manner that is consistent with its approved application and budget; whether a grantee is in compliance with the IES policy regarding public access to research; and if IES has established performance measurement requirements, whether the grantee has made substantial progress in achieving the performance targets in the grantee's approved application.

In making a continuation award, IES also considers whether the grantee is operating in compliance with the assurances in its approved application, including those applicable to Federal civil rights laws that prohibit discrimination in programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance from the Department (34 CFR 100.4, 104.5, 106.4, 108.8, and 110.23).

## VII. Other Information

*Accessible Format*: On request to the program contact person listed in **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**, as well as in the relevant RFA and application package, individuals with disabilities can obtain this document and a copy of the RFA in an accessible format. The Department will provide the requestor with an accessible format that may include Rich Text Format (RTF) or text format (txt), a thumb drive, an MP3 file, braille, large print, audiotape, compact disc, or other accessible format.

*Electronic Access to This Document*: The official version of this document is the document published in the **Federal Register**. You may access the official edition of the **Federal Register** and the Code of Federal Regulations at [www.govinfo.gov](http://www.govinfo.gov). At this site you can view this document, as well as all other Department documents published in the **Federal Register**, in text or Portable Document Format (PDF). To use PDF you must have Adobe Acrobat Reader, which is available free at the site.

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**Matthew Soldner**,

*Acting Director, Institute of Education Sciences.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

**AGENCY**: U.S. Department of Energy.

**ACTION**: Notice of a modified system of records.

**SUMMARY**: As required by the Privacy Act of 1974 and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circulars A–108 and A–130, the Department of Energy (DOE or the Department) is publishing notice of a modification to an existing Privacy Act system of records. DOE proposes to amend System of Records DOE–14 Report of Compensation. This System of Records Notice (SORN) is being modified to align with new formatting requirements, published by OMB, and to ensure appropriate Privacy Act coverage of business processes and Privacy Act information.

**DATES**: This modified SORN will become applicable following the end of the public comment period on January 21, 2025 unless comments are received that result in a contrary determination.

**ADDRESSES**: Written comments should be sent to Ken Hunt, Chief Privacy Officer, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Rm. 8H–085, Washington, DC 20585, by facsimile at (202) 586–8151, or by email at [privacy@hq.doe.gov](mailto:privacy@hq.doe.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**: Ken Hunt, Chief Privacy Officer, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Rm. 8H–085, Washington, DC 20585, by facsimile at (202) 586–8151, by email at [privacy@hq.doe.gov](mailto:privacy@hq.doe.gov), or by telephone at (240) 686–9485.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**: On January 9, 2009, DOE published a Compilation of its Privacy Act Systems of Records, which included System of Records DOE–14 Report of Compensation. This notice proposes the following amendments. The following addresses have been updated: John A. Gordon Albuquerque Complex, both Office of Science addresses, Golden Field Office, all three National Energy

Technology Laboratory locations, the Office of River Protection, and the Richland Operations Office. The National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) Headquarters address has been added. The NNSA Naval Reactors Field Office has been removed. The system manager's office has been updated to reflect the current system manager, which is the Contractor Human Resources Policy Division. The "Categories of Individuals Covered by the System" section has been revised to include contractor employees of management and operating (M&O) contractors, non-M&O major site and facility contractors, and contractors that require DOE approval of contractor compensation and benefits for reasonableness. Magnetic tape and paper records have been removed from "Policies and Practices for Storage of Records." Employee name, job title, and contractor name have been added to "Policies and Practices for Retrieval of Records." The Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013 and DOE Order 350.1, *Contractor Human Resource Management Programs*, have been added to the "Authorities" section. Per the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013 and DOE Order 350.1, both authorize and limit the amount of reimbursement of compensation costs for all contractor employees. In the "Routine Uses" section, this modified notice deletes a previous routine use concerning efforts responding to a suspected or confirmed loss of confidentiality of information as it appears in DOE's compilation of its Privacy Act Systems of Records (January 9, 2009) and replaces it with one to assist DOE with responding to a suspected or confirmed breach of its records of Personally Identifiable Information (PII), modeled with language from OMB's Memorandum M–17–12, "Preparing for and Responding to a Breach of Personally Identifiable Information" (January 3, 2017). Further, this notice adds one new routine use to ensure that DOE may assist another agency or entity in responding to the other agency's or entity's confirmed or suspected breach of PII, as appropriate, as aligned with OMB's Memorandum M–17–12. An administrative change required by the FOIA Improvement Act of 2016 extends the length of time a requestor is permitted to file an appeal under the Privacy Act from 30 to 90 days. Both the "System Locations" and "Administrative, Technical and Physical Safeguards" sections have been modified to reflect the Department's usage of cloud-based services for records storage. Language throughout the SORN has been updated to align

with applicable Federal privacy laws, policies, procedures, and best practices.

**SYSTEM NAME AND NUMBER:**

DOE-14 Report of Compensation.

**SECURITY CLASSIFICATION:**

Unclassified.

**SYSTEM LOCATIONS:**

Systems leveraging this SORN may exist in multiple locations. All systems storing records in a cloud-based server are required to use government-approved cloud services and follow National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) security and privacy standards for access and data retention. Records maintained in a government-approved cloud server are accessed through secure data centers in the continental United States.

U.S. Department of Energy, Headquarters, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585.

U.S. Department of Energy, NNSA Headquarters, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585.

U.S. Department of Energy, John A. Gordon Albuquerque Complex, 24600 20th Street SE, Albuquerque, NM 87116.

U.S. Department of Energy, NNSA Naval Reactors Field Office, Pittsburgh Naval Reactors, P.O. Box 109, West Mifflin, PA 15122-0109.

U.S. Department of Energy, Naval Petroleum Reserves in California, P.O. Box 11, Tupman, CA 93276.

U.S. Department of Energy, Naval Petroleum and Oil Shale Reserves, 907 North Poplar, Suite 150, Casper, WY 82601.

U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Science, Chicago Office, Consolidated Service Center, 9800 South Cass Avenue, Lemont, IL 60439.

U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Science, Consolidated Service Center, P.O. Box 2001, Oak Ridge, TN 37831.

U.S. Department of Energy, Golden Field Office, 15013 Denver West Parkway, Golden, CO 80401.

U.S. Department of Energy, Idaho Operations Office, 1955 Fremont Avenue, Idaho Falls, ID 83415.

U.S. Department of Energy, National Energy Technology Laboratory (Pittsburgh), 626 Cochran Mill Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15236.

U.S. Department of Energy, National Energy Technology Laboratory (Morgantown), 3610 Collins Ferry Road, Morgantown, WV 26505.

U.S. Department of Energy, National Energy Technology Laboratory (Albany), 1450 Queen Avenue SW, Albany, OR 97321.

U.S. Department of Energy, Hanford Field Office, P.O. Box 550, Richland, WA 99352.

U.S. Department of Energy, Savannah River Operations Office, P.O. Box A, Aiken, SC 29801.

U.S. Department of Energy, Strategic Petroleum Reserve Project Management Office, 900 Commerce Road East, New Orleans, LA 70123.

**SYSTEM MANAGER(S):**

*Headquarters:* Director, Contractor Human Resources Policy Division, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585.

*Field Offices:* Field Directors, Office of Contractor Human Resources Policy Division, of the "System Locations" listed above are the system managers for their respective portions of this system.

**AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:**

42 U.S.C. 7101 *et seq.*; 50 U.S.C. 2401 *et seq.*; The Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013; and DOE Order 350.1, *Contractor Human Resource Management Programs*, (most up-to-date version).

**PURPOSE(S) OF THE SYSTEM:**

Records in this system are maintained and used by DOE to aid managers of field offices, program secretarial officers, and Headquarters program managers in determining the limits on the amount of reimbursement for compensation costs for all contractor employees, the allowability and reasonableness of compensation paid to top-level contractor employees, and to monitor the growth of contractor compensation at all levels.

**CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:**

Contractor employees of DOE, including the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA), contractor employees of management and operating (M&O) contractors, non-M&O major site and facility contractors, and contractors that require DOE approval of contractor compensation and benefits for reasonableness review.

**CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:**

Name, job title, contractor, current salary meeting the threshold level for reporting as specified in the respective contract, amount reimbursed, and other compensation information.

**RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:**

Contractor salary administrative personnel.

**ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:**

1. A record from this system may be disclosed as a routine use for the purpose of an investigation, settlement

of claims, or the preparation and conduct of litigation to (1) persons representing the Department in the investigation, settlement or litigation, and to individuals assisting in such representation; (2) others involved in the investigation, settlement, and litigation, and their representatives and individuals assisting those representatives; (3) witnesses, potential witnesses, or their representatives and assistants; and (4) any other persons who possess information pertaining to the matter when it is relevant and necessary to obtain information or testimony relevant to the matter.

2. A record from this system may be disclosed as a routine use in court or administrative proceedings to the tribunals, counsel, other parties, witnesses, and the public (in publicly available pleadings, filings, or discussion in open court) when such disclosure: (1) is relevant to, and necessary for, the proceeding; (2) compatible with the purpose for which the Department collected the records; and (3) the proceedings involve:

a. The Department, its predecessor agencies, current or former contractor of the Department, or other United States Government agencies and their components, or

b. A current or former employee of the Department and its predecessor agencies, current or former contractors of the Department, or other United States Government agencies and their components, who is acting in an official capacity or in any individual capacity where the Department or other United States Government agency has agreed to represent the employee.

3. A record from this system may be disclosed as a routine use to DOE contractors in performance of their contracts, and their officers and employees who have a need for the record in the performance of their duties. Those provided information under this routine use are subject to the same limitations applicable to Department officers and employees under the Privacy Act.

4. A record from this system may be disclosed as a routine use to a member of Congress submitting a request involving a constituent when the constituent has requested assistance from the member concerning the subject matter of the record. The member of Congress must provide a copy of the constituent's signed request for assistance.

5. A record from this system may be disclosed as a routine use to appropriate agencies, entities, and persons when (1) the Department suspects or has confirmed that there has been a breach

of the system of records; (2) the Department has determined that as a result of the suspected or confirmed breach there is a risk of harm to individuals, DOE (including its information systems, programs, and operations), the Federal Government, or national security; and (3) the disclosure made to such agencies, entities, and persons is reasonably necessary to assist in connection with the Department's efforts to respond to the suspected or confirmed breach or to prevent, minimize, or remedy such harm.

6. A record from this system may be disclosed as a routine use to another Federal agency or Federal entity, when the Department determines that information from this system of records is reasonably necessary to assist the recipient agency or entity in (1) responding to a suspected or confirmed breach or (2) 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.

**POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORAGE OF RECORDS:**

Records will be stored as electronic documents.

**POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR RETRIEVAL OF RECORDS:**

Records are retrieved by contractor employee name, job title, or contractor name.

**POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR RETENTION AND DISPOSAL OF RECORDS:**

Retention and disposition of these records is in accordance with the National Archives and Records Administration approved records disposition schedule with a retention of 6 years after final payment.

**ADMINISTRATIVE, TECHNICAL, AND PHYSICAL SAFEGUARDS:**

Electronic records may be secured and maintained on a cloud-based software server and operating system that resides in Federal Risk and Authorization Management Program (FedRAMP) and Federal Information Security Modernization Act (FISMA) hosting environment. Data located in the cloud-based server is firewalled and encrypted at rest and in transit. The security mechanisms for handling data at rest and in transit are in accordance with DOE encryption standards. Records are protected from unauthorized access through the following appropriate safeguards:

- *Administrative:* Access to all records is limited to lawful government purposes only, with access to electronic records based on role and either two-factor authentication or password protection. The system requires passwords to be complex and to be changed frequently. Users accessing system records undergo frequent training in Privacy Act and information security requirements. Security and privacy controls are reviewed on an ongoing basis.

- *Technical:* Computerized records systems are safeguarded on Departmental networks configured for role-based access based on job responsibilities and organizational affiliation. Privacy and security controls are in place for this system and are updated in accordance with applicable requirements as determined by NIST and DOE directives and guidance.

- *Physical:* Computer servers on which electronic records are stored are located in secured Department facilities, which are protected by security guards, identification badges, and cameras. Paper copies of all records are locked in file cabinets, file rooms, or offices and are under the control of authorized personnel. Access to these facilities is granted only to authorized personnel and each person granted access to the system must be an individual authorized to use or administer the system.

**RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:**

The Department follows the procedures outlined in title 10 CFR 1008.4. Valid identification of the individual making the request is required before information will be processed, given, access granted, or a correction considered, to ensure that information is processed, given, corrected, or records disclosed or corrected only at the request of the proper person.

**CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:**

Any individual may submit a request to the System Manager and request a copy of any records relating to them. In accordance with 10 CFR 1008.11, any individual may appeal the denial of a request made by him or her for information about or for access to or correction or amendment of records. An appeal shall be filed within 90 calendar days after receipt of the denial. When an appeal is filed by mail, the postmark is conclusive as to timeliness. The appeal shall be in writing and must be signed by the individual. The words "PRIVACY ACT APPEAL" should appear in capital letters on the envelope and the letter. Appeals relating to DOE

records shall be directed to the Director, Office of Hearings and Appeals (OHA), 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585.

**NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES:**

In accordance with the DOE regulation implementing the Privacy Act, 10 CFR part 1008, a request by an individual to determine if a system of records contains information about themselves should be directed to the U.S. Department of Energy, Headquarters, Privacy Act Officer. The request should include the requester's complete name and the time period for which records are sought.

**EXEMPTIONS PROMULGATED FOR THE SYSTEM:**

None.

**HISTORY:**

This SORN was last published in the **Federal Register**, 74 FR 1014–1016, on January 9, 2009.

**Signing Authority**

This document of the Department of Energy was signed on December 13, 2024, by Ann Dunkin, Senior Agency Official for Privacy, pursuant to delegated authority from the Secretary of Energy. That document with the original signature and date is maintained by DOE. For administrative purposes only, and in compliance with requirements of the Office of the Federal Register, the undersigned DOE Federal Register Liaison Officer has been authorized to sign and submit the document in electronic format for publication, as an official document of the Department of Energy. This administrative process in no way alters the legal effect of this document upon publication in the **Federal Register**.

Signed in Washington, DC, on December 17, 2024.

**Jennifer Hartzell,**

*Alternate Federal Register Liaison Officer,  
U.S. Department of Energy.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Industrial Technology Innovation Advisory Committee**

**AGENCY:** Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces an open virtual meeting of the Industrial Technology Innovation Advisory Committee (ITIAC). The Federal Advisory Committee Act requires that