Environmental Protection Agency. An updated listing of Federal agencies that have published LEP Guidance can be found at http://www.lep.gov/. The DOJ Recipient LEP Guidance in particular provides many helpful examples of how to apply the four-factor analysis when making decisions about the need for translating documents, obtaining interpreter, and hiring bilingual staff. See 67 FR 41466 (June 18, 2002).

Recipients may also benefit from learning about the enforcement actions of several agencies since the DOJ Guidance was first issued in 2002. For example, DOJ has entered into several agreements that are available online at http://www.lep.gov. In addition, HHS has resolved several LEP enforcement actions against health service providers. Those resolution agreements are available at http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/civilrights/activities/examples/LEP/index.html. In any compliance and enforcement activity, DHS will review the facts and circumstances pertaining to the recipient to determine whether the recipient has complied with its obligations under this guidance.

Area-specific guidance and LEP planning tools for a number of types of recipients, including municipal governments, law enforcement agencies, and recipients engaged in emergency preparedness can be found at http://www.lep.gov/resources/resources.html. Recipients are encouraged to avail themselves of these resources. In addition, the Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties is available to provide technical assistance to recipients on the provision of language services to LEP persons served or encountered in a recipient’s program.

As explained in this guidance, all recipients of Federal financial assistance from DHS must meet the obligation to take reasonable steps to ensure access to programs and activities by LEP persons. This guidance clarifies the Title VI regulatory obligation to address the language needs of LEP persons, in appropriate circumstances and in a reasonable manner by applying the four-factor analysis. In the context of emergency planning and response, health and safety, and law enforcement operations, where the potential for greater consequences are at issue, DHS will look for strong evidence that recipients have taken reasonable steps to ensure access.

Margo Schlander, Officer for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Office of the Secretary

Privacy Act of 1974: Consolidation of System of Records

AGENCY: Privacy Office, DHS.

ACTION: Notice to consolidate one Privacy Act system of records notice.


DATES: Effective Date: May 18, 2011.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary Ellen Callahan, Chief Privacy Officer, Department of Homeland Security, Washington, DC 20528, by telephone (703) 235–0780 or facsimile 1–866–466–5370.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. 552a, and as part of its ongoing integration and management efforts, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is giving notice that it proposes to consolidate one Privacy Act system of records notice (SORN) from its inventory of record systems titled, DHS/Directorate of Science and Technology (S&T)—0001 Support Anti-Terrorism by Fostering Effective Technologies Act of 2002, September 26, 2003, into the existing DHS SORN titled, DHS/ALL—002 Mailing and Other Lists System, (73 FR 71659, November 25, 2008).

DHS originally created the DHS/S&T—0001 Support Anti-Terrorism by Fostering Effective Technologies Act of 2002 SORN in September 2003. This system was originally established in order to maintain records on individuals who submit applications for technologies seeking liability protection under provisions of the Support Anti-Terrorism by Fostering Effective Technologies Act. Given that these records are limited to contact information of individuals (business phone number, mailing address, e-mail address), DHS has determined this system can be covered under the DHS/ALL—002 Mailing and Other List Systems SORN.

Consolidating this SORN will have no adverse impact on individuals, but will promote the overall streamlining and management of DHS Privacy Act record systems.

Dated: April 12, 2011.

Mary Ellen Callahan, Chief Privacy Officer, Department of Homeland Security.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Office of the Secretary

Privacy Act of 1974; Department of Homeland Security/Office of Health Affairs—001 Contractor Occupational Health and Immunization Records System of Records

AGENCY: Privacy Office, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of Privacy Act system of records.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 the Department of Homeland Security proposes to establish a new Department of Homeland Security system of records notice titled, “Department of Homeland Security/Office of Health Affairs—001 Contractor Occupational Health and Immunization Records System of Records.” This system collects occupational health and immunization management records. These records are collected as part of the Directorate of Science and Technology’s laboratories and field sites occupational health surveillance operations, in support of the Office of Health Affairs’ responsibilities for medical and health matters. This newly established system will be included in the Department of Homeland Security’s inventory of record systems.

DATES: Submit comments on or before May 18, 2011. This new system will be effective May 18, 2011.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number DHS–2011–0013 by one of the following methods:
• Fax: 703–483–2999.
• Mail: Mary Ellen Callahan, Chief Privacy Officer, Privacy Office, Department of Homeland Security, Washington, DC 20528.