



Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA) for the VA IT System called:

MVP Online (REEF)

Veterans Health Administration

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Abstract

The abstract provides the simplest explanation for “what does the system do?” and will be published online to accompany the PIA link.

MVP Online (REEF) is a Commercial off the Shelf (COTS) product hosted in AWS GovCloud capable of carrying out recruitment, enrollment, and engagement activities with potential and active study participants. This application will enhance the current methodologies and modalities of participant engagement with a state-of-the-art interface that simultaneously supports bidirectional communication between MVP and candidates/participants across multiple platforms (e.g. physical mail, email, text, mobile application, desktop application). Deployment of a mixed-platform, Veteran-facing product has the capacity to revolutionize the recruitment, enrollment, and engagement efforts of MVP, in turn making MVP more easily accessible to every Veteran and reaching new subsets of the Veteran population. Through increased, tailored engagement with potential and active enrollees at every stage of the recruitment, enrollment, and engagement process, MVP also aims to improve retention of MVP participants and participation in future studies.

Overview

The overview is the most important section of the PIA. A thorough and clear overview gives the reader the appropriate context to understand the responses in the PIA. The overview should contain the following elements:

1. General Description

A. The IT system name and the name of the program office that owns the IT system.

MVP Online (REEF) owned by Office of Research & Development (ORD)

B. The business purpose of the program, IT system, or technology and how it relates to the program office and agency mission.

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) established its leadership in genomic medicine by undertaking a ground-breaking program called the Million Veteran Program (MVP) in January 2011, which aims to enroll one million Veterans to perform genome-phenome (“Genotype” is an organism’s full hereditary information. It is the unique genome that would be revealed by personal genome sequencing. “Phenotype” is an organism’s actual observed properties, such as morphology, development, or behavior)and environment interaction analysis in treatment and healthcare. This program was identified as one of the VA’s transformative initiatives and has high visibility at the level of the VA Secretary, Department of Defense (DoD) Secretary and the White House.

C. Indicate the ownership or control of the IT system or project.

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2. Information Collection and Sharing

D. *The expected number of individuals whose information is stored in the system and a brief description of the typical client or affected individual.*

Current estimated enrollment of 900 thousand veterans

E. *A general description of the information in the IT system and the purpose for collecting this information.*

VA Research-Related Data from the baseline and lifestyle surveys completed by the Veteran

F. *Any information sharing conducted by the IT system. A general description of the modules and subsystems, where relevant, and their functions.*

Information sharing is conducted between the MVP Online (REEF) and system within the VA internal network. The key systems in support of MVP Online (REEF) are the VA Identity Access Management (IAM) and the VA Corporate Data Warehouse (CDW). The IAM provide the Integration Control Number (ICN) for identity verification and the CDW provides PII, Name phone and email.

G. *Whether the system is operated in more than one site, and if so, a description of how use of the system and PII is maintained consistently in all sites and if the same controls are used across sites.*

It is hosted in AWS GovCloud, which has a FedRAMP ATO

3. *Legal Authority and SORN*

H. *A citation of the legal authority to operate the IT system.*

Title 38, United States Code, Section 501 is the authority for maintenance and operation of this system. Systems of Record Notice (SORN) 34VA12/86 FR 33015 - Veteran, Patient, Employee, and Volunteer Research and Development Project Records-VA. e <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2021-06-23/pdf/2021-13141.pdf>

I. *If the system is in the process of being modified and a SORN exists, will the SORN require amendment or revision and approval? If the system is using cloud technology, does the SORN for the system cover cloud usage or storage?*

NA

D. *System Changes*

J. *Whether the completion of this PIA will result in circumstances that require changes to business processes*

NA

K. *Whether the completion of this PIA could potentially result in technology changes*

NA

Section 1. Characterization of the Information

The following questions are intended to define the scope of the information requested and collected as well as the reasons for its collection as part of the program, IT system, or technology being developed.

1.1 What information is collected, used, disseminated, created, or maintained in the system?

Identify and list all Sensitive Personal Information (SPI) that is collected and stored in the system, including Individually Identifiable Information (III), Individually Identifiable Health Information (IIHI), Protected Health Information (PHI), and Privacy- Protected Information. For additional information on these information types and definitions, please see VA Directives and Handbooks in the 6500 series (<https://vaww.va.gov/vapubs/>). If the system creates information (for example, a score, analysis, or report), list the information the system is responsible for creating.

If a requesting system receives information from another system, such as a response to a background check, describe what information is returned to the requesting system.

This question is related to privacy control AP-1, Authority To Collect, and AP-2, Purpose Specification.

The information selected below must match the information provided in question 2.1 as well as the data elements columns in 4.1 and 5.1.

Please check any information listed below that your system collects, uses, disseminates, creates, or maintains. If additional SPI is collected, used, disseminated, created, or maintained, please list those in the text box below:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Name | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Insurance | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Integration Control |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social Security | Beneficiary Numbers | Number (ICN) |
| Number | Account numbers | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Military |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Date of Birth | <input type="checkbox"/> Certificate/License | History/Service |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mother's Maiden Name | numbers | Connection |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Personal Mailing | <input type="checkbox"/> Vehicle License Plate | <input type="checkbox"/> Next of Kin |
| Address | Number | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Unique |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Personal Phone | <input type="checkbox"/> Internet Protocol (IP) | Identifying Information |
| Number(s) | Address Numbers | (list below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Fax Number | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Current Medications | GenISIS ID |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Personal Email | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Previous Medical | Activity Date |
| Address | Records | Activity status |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Contact | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Race/Ethnicity | Survey Answers/Codes |
| Information (Name, Phone | <input type="checkbox"/> Tax Identification | Signed Consent |
| Number, etc. of a different | Number | |
| individual) | <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Record | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Financial Account | Number | |
| Information | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gender | |

PII Mapping of Components

MVP Online consists of Four key components (databases). Each component has been analyzed to determine if any elements of that component collect PII. The type of PII collected by MVP Online and the reasons for the collection of the PII are in the table below.

PII Mapped to Components

Note: Due to the PIA being a public facing document, please do not include the server names in the table. **The first table of 3.9 in the PTA should be used to answer this question.**

PII Mapped to Components

Database Name of the information system collecting/storing PII	Does this system collect PII? (Yes/No)	Does this system store PII? (Yes/No)	Type of PII (SSN, DOB, etc.)	Reason for Collection/Storage of PII	Safeguards
mautic-mvp-gc-production	Yes	Yes	First name, Last name, email	Needed for normal processing	Database resides in AWS and not on same servers where processing takes place. Database credentials are not stored within application logic in the code repository.
metabase-mvp-gc-production	Yes	Yes	Name, DOB, Personal Mailing Address, Personal Phone Number(s), Personal Email, Current Medications, Previous Medical Records, Race/Ethnicity, Gender, Integration	Needed for normal processing	Database resides in AWS and not on same servers where processing takes place. Database credentials are not

			control Number (ICN), Military Branch, Genesis ID, Activity Date, Activity Status, Survey Answers/Codes, Singed Consent		stored within application logic in the code repository.
mvp-reef-db-production	Yes	Yes	Name, DOB, Personal Mailing Address, Personal Phone Number(s), Personal Email, Current Medications, Previous Medical Records, Race/Ethnicity, Gender, Integration control Number (ICN), Military Branch, Genesis ID, Activity Date, Activity Status, Survey Answers/Codes, Singed Consent	Needed for normal processing	Database resides in AWS and not on same servers where processing takes place. Database credentials are not stored within application logic in the code repository.
mvp-reef-prod-aem-db	Yes	Yes	Name, DOB, Personal Mailing Address, Personal Phone Number(s), Personal Email, Current Medications, Previous Medical Records, Race/Ethnicity, Gender, Integration control Number (ICN), Military Branch, Genesis ID, Activity Date,	Needed for normal processing	Database resides in AWS and not on same servers where processing takes place. Database credentials are not stored within application logic in the code repository.

			Activity Status, Survey Answers/Codes, Signed Consent		
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1.2 What are the sources of the information in the system?

List the individual, entity, or entities providing the specific information identified above. For example, is the information collected directly from the individual as part of an application for a benefit, or is it collected from other sources such as commercial data aggregators?

Describe why information from sources other than the individual is required. For example, if a program’s system is using data from a commercial aggregator of information or data taken from public Web sites, state the fact that this is where the information is coming from and then in question 1.3 indicate why the system is using this source of data.

If the system creates information (for example, a score, analysis, or report), list the system as a source of information.

This question is related to privacy controls DI-1, Data Quality, and IP-1, Consent.

Sources of information in MVP REEF:

- 1) MVP Admin app that serves as authoritative source for program forms and surveys.
- 2) MAVERIC team database called GenISIS that serves as the authoritative source for activity status tracking for each participant as well as program requirements and documents completed prior to REEF implementation.

1.3 How is the information collected?

This question is directed at the means of collection from the sources listed in question 1.2. Information may be collected directly from an individual, received via electronic transmission from another system, or created by the system itself. Specifically, is information collected through technologies or other technology used in the storage or transmission of information in identifiable form?

If the information is collected on a form and is subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act, give the form’s OMB control number and the agency form number.

This question is related to privacy controls DI-1, Data Quality, and IP-1, Consent.

- 1) RESTful MVP Web Services
- 2) Directly from individual Veterans filling out electronic cloud-based surveys and forms.

1.4 How will the information be checked for accuracy? How often will it be checked?

Discuss whether and how often information stored in the system is checked for accuracy. Is information in the system checked against any other source of information (within or outside your organization) before the information is used to make decisions about an individual? For example, is there a computer matching agreement in place with another government agency? For systems that receive data from internal data sources or VA IT systems, describe the system checks to ensure that data corruption has not occurred during transmission.

If the system checks for accuracy by accessing a commercial aggregator of information, describe this process and the levels of accuracy required by the contract.

This question is related to privacy controls DI-1, Data Quality, and DI-2, Data Integrity and Integrity Board.

The Baseline and Lifestyle surveys have rule-based questions that follow basic validation criteria. Additionally, logic is built into the electronic surveys that reset sub-questions to an unanswered state when the answer to their parent question is changed by the Veteran filling out the surveys.

1.5 What specific legal authorities, arrangements, and agreements defined the collection of information?

List the full legal authority for operating the system, specifically the authority to collect the information listed in question 1.1. Provide the authorities in a manner understandable to any potential reader, i.e., do not simply provide a legal citation; use statute names or regulations in addition to citations. Legal authorities include Federal laws, regulations, statutes, and Executive Orders.

This question is related to privacy control AP-1, Authority to Collect

The authority for the system is Veterans' Benefits: Functions of Veterans Health Administration, 38 U.S. Code § 7303, which states, in part:

(a)(1) In order to carry out more effectively the primary function of the Administration and in order to contribute to the Nation's knowledge about disease and disability, the Secretary shall carry out a program of medical research in connection with the provision of medical care and treatment to veterans. Funds appropriated to carry out this section shall remain available until expended.

(2) Such program of medical research shall include biomedical research, mental illness research, prosthetic and other rehabilitative research, and health-care-services research.

A Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) authorization was obtained from individual patients under the MVP research study to access, collect and store their health information and blood sample(s) for future research use.

As stated in Privacy Act Systems of Record Notice (SORN) 34VA12, Veteran, Patient, Employee, and Volunteer Research and Development Project Records-VA. Title 38, United States Code, Section 501 is the authority for maintenance and operation of this system.

1.6 PRIVACY IMPACT ASSESSMENT: Characterization of the information

Consider the specific data elements collected and discuss the potential privacy risks and what steps, if any are currently being taken to mitigate those identified risks.

Consider the following Fair Information Practice Principles (FIPPs) when assessing the risk to individual privacy:

Principle of Purpose Specification: Explain how the collection ties with the purpose of the underlying mission of the organization and its enabling authority.

Principle of Minimization: Is the information directly relevant and necessary to accomplish the specific purposes of the program?

Principle of Individual Participation: Does the program, to the extent possible and practical, collect information directly from the individual?

*Principle of Data Quality and Integrity: Are there policies and procedures for VA to ensure that personally identifiable information is accurate, complete, and current?
This question is related to privacy control AR-1, Governance and Privacy Program, and AR-2, Privacy Impact and Risk Assessment.*

Follow the format below when entering your risk assessment:

Privacy Risk: As with any IT system maintaining large robust data sets, there is a risk that data contained in MVP Online may be shared with unauthorized individuals or that authorized users may share it with other unauthorized users.

Mitigation: The Department of Veterans Affairs is careful to only collect the information necessary to complete the mission of the Office of Research and Development (ORD). Once an incident is reported, the VA makes all efforts to identify the parties involved in an incident, identify potential issues and concerns, and offer assistance to the affected parties so that they may find the help they need to get through their crisis. By only collecting the minimum necessary information, the VA is able to better protect the individual's information.

REEF meets all VHA Security, Privacy, and Identity Management requirements including VA Handbook 6500. The MVP Online solution shall be designed to comply with the applicable approved Enterprise Service Level Agreement (SLA).

Section 2. Uses of the Information

The following questions are intended to clearly delineate the use of information and the accuracy of the data being used.

2.1 Describe how the information in the system will be used in support of the program's business purpose.

Identify and list each use (both internal and external to VA) of the information collected or maintained.

This question is related to privacy control AP-2, Purpose Specification.

- **Name:** Used to identify the veteran.
- **Date of Birth:** Used to verify the identity of the veteran– Used for statistical reporting.
- **Phone Number(s)** – Communication with veteran.
- **Email Address** – Communication with veteran.
- **Integrated Control Number (ICN)** - Verify the identity of the person accessing the REEF system
- **Current Medications:** Used to record current health and medical conditions of the veterans such as: Hepatitis C registry, Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) registry, problems, diagnosis, therapeutic procedures, X-rays, laboratory tests, statistical reporting and operations.
- **Previous Medical History:** Used to record the history of health and medical conditions of the veterans such as: Hepatitis C registry, Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) registry, problems, diagnosis, therapeutic procedures, X-rays, laboratory tests, statistical reporting and operations.
- **Race/Ethnicity** – used for statistical reporting and research.
- **VA Research-Related Data** – use for data analysis as part of research study.
- **Military History** - used for statistical reporting and research.
- **GenISIS ID – Unique vendor DB identifier**
- **Activity Date – Records on what date status of an activity changes**
- **Activity status – Indicates current status of an activity.**
- **Survey Answers/Codes** - used for data analysis as part of research study.
- **Signed Consent** – Used to allow participation and use of information provide.

2.2 What types of tools are used to analyze data and what type of data may be produced?

Many systems sift through large amounts of information in response to a user inquiry or programmed functions. Systems may help identify areas that were previously not obvious and need additional research by agents, analysts, or other employees. Some systems perform complex analytical tasks resulting in, among other types of data, matching, relational analysis, scoring, reporting, or pattern analysis. Describe any type of analysis the system conducts and the data that is created from the analysis.

If the system creates or makes available new or previously unutilized information about an individual, explain what will be done with the newly derived information. Will it be placed in the individual's existing record? Will a new record be created? Will any action be taken against or for the individual identified because of the newly derived data? If a new record is created, will the newly created information be accessible to Government employees who make determinations about the individual? If so, explain fully under which circumstances and by whom that information will be used.

This question is related to privacy controls DI-1, Data Quality, DI-2, Data Integrity and Integrity Board, and SE-1, Inventory of Personally Identifiable Information

Research and statistical analysis tools relevant for MVP research for e.g. clinical datasets and phenotyping (observable characteristics influenced by genotype and the environment) tools, ETL (Extracted, Transferred and Loaded) tools, etc..

2.3 How is the information in the system secured?

2.3a What measures are in place to protect data in transit and at rest?

Sensitive values, for example, email and password are masked in the logs. Requests are conducted through HTTPS rather than HTTP.

2.3b If the system is collecting, processing, or retaining Social Security Numbers, are there additional protections in place to protect SSNs?

The system does not process SSNs.

2.3c How is PII/PHI safeguarded in accordance with OMB Memorandum M-06-15?

MVP Online (REEF) databases are encrypted at rest and in transit. User access to the data is granted upon successful authentication against the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), VHA 2-Factor Authentication (2FA), and only accessible on the VA Network to those users with a need-to-know will have access to the data.

This question is related to security and privacy controls SC-9, Transmission Confidentiality, and SC-28, Protection of Information at Rest

2.4 PRIVACY IMPACT ASSESSMENT: Use of the information. How is access to the PII determined? Are criteria, procedures, controls, and responsibilities regarding access documented? Does access require manager approval? Is access to the PII being monitored, tracked, or recorded? Who is responsible for assuring safeguards for the PII?

Describe any types of controls that may be in place to ensure that information is handled in accordance with the uses described above. Example: Describe if training for users of the project covers how to appropriately use information. Describe the disciplinary programs or system controls (i.e. denial of access) that are in place if an individual is inappropriately using the information.

Consider the following FIPPs below to assist in providing a response:

Principle of Transparency: Is the PIA and SORN, if applicable, clear about the uses of the information?

Principle of Use Limitation: Is the use of information contained in the system relevant to the mission of the project?

This question is related to privacy control AR-4, Privacy Monitoring and Auditing, AR-5, Privacy Awareness and Training, and SE-2, Privacy Incident response.

Add answer here:

Access to the MVP Online system is provided based on three related processes:

- 1) VA enterprise IAM/MVI Authentication
- 2) Currently, all Veterans who access MVP Online must have a valid VA GenISIS ID.
- 3) Multi-factor authentication requirement for logging onto the system.

VA Training and Research Credentialing: VA staff accessing MVP Online undergoes annual trainings in research ethics, HIPAA and security. These trainings are provided via the online Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI) program as well as the VA's Talent Management System (TMS). In order to access the system, staff must also undergo "MVP User Training" provided by MVP staff. They must also adhere to the MVP Online rules of conduct. In addition, all data is encrypted at rest and in transit and access into the MVP Online system environment is logged and monitored as per the NIST SP 800-53 Access Control, Audit & Accountability, and System & Communication Protection controls.

VA Records Management Policy (VA Handbook 6300.1) and the VA Rules of Behavior are in place to mitigate some of the risk that information is not handled properly. All VA annual privacy and security awareness training is recorded in the Talent Management System (TMS). The rules of behavior (VA handbook) govern how veterans' information is used, stored, and protected.

Section 3. Retention of Information

The following questions are intended to outline how long information will be retained after the initial collection.

3.1 What information is retained?

Identify and list all information collected from question 1.1 that is retained by the system. This question is related to privacy controls DM-1, Minimization of Personally Identifiable Information, and DM-2, Data Retention and Disposal

- Name
- Date of Birth
- Phone Number(s)
- Email Address
- Integrated Control Number (ICN)
- Current Medications
- Previous Medical History
- Race/Ethnicity
- VA Research-Related Data
- Military History
- GenISIS ID
- Activity Date
- Activity status

- Survey Answers/Codes
- Signed Consent

3.2 How long is information retained?

In some cases VA may choose to retain files in active status and archive them after a certain period of time. State active file retention periods, as well as archived records, in number of years, for the information and record types. For example, financial data held within your system may have a different retention period than medical records or education records held within your system, please be sure to list each of these retention periods. If the system is using cloud technology, will it be following the NARA approved retention length and schedule?

The VA records officer should be consulted early in the development process to ensure that appropriate retention and destruction schedules are implemented. This question is related to privacy control DM-2, Data Retention and Disposal.

Data is expected to be maintained for the duration of the MVP Online. VHA policy requires that all research records must be retained for a minimum of 5 years after the completion of a protocol and in accordance with VHA's Records Control Schedule (RCS 10-1), applicable FDA (Food and Drug Administration) and HHS (Health and Human Service) regulations, and then destroyed in accordance with VHA's RCS 10-1 requirements.

3.3 Has the retention schedule been approved by the VA records office and the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA)? If so please indicate the name of the records retention schedule.

An approved records schedule must be obtained for any IT system that allows the retrieval of a record via a personal identifier. The VA records officer will assist in providing a proposed schedule. The schedule must be formally offered to NARA for official approval. Once NARA approves the proposed schedule, the VA records officer will notify the system owner. This question is related to privacy control DM-2, Data Retention and Disposal.

MVP Online is a research system falling under 34VA12 (Veteran, Patient, Employee, and Volunteer Research and Development Project Records-VA). Record retention will fall under Research Investigator Files (8300-6) (Records Control Schedule RCS 10-1). This system will span the entire lifecycle of the project with a cutoff at the end of the fiscal year after completion of the research project. Destroy 6 years after cutoff and may retain longer if required by other Federal regulations.

The records schedule can be found at https://www.archives.gov/files/records-mgmt/rcs/schedules/departments/department-of-veterans-affairs/rg-0015/daa-0015-2015-0004_sf115.pdf

3.4 What are the procedures for the elimination of SPI?

Explain how records are destroyed or eliminated at the end of the retention period. Please give the details of the process. For example, are paper records shredded on site, or by a shredding company and accompanied by a certificate of destruction, etc?

This question is related to privacy control DM-2, Data Retention and Disposal

Electronic media sanitization, when the records are authorized for destruction (or upon system decommission), will be carried out in accordance with VA Directive 6500, VA Cybersecurity Program. The Austin Information Technology Center (AITC) has an exception memorandum, dated 13 Apr 2015, allowing the center to locally destroy media. The memorandum lists specific methods of sanitization which are approved methods in accordance with VA 6500.1.

Disposition of Printed Data: Forms and other types of printed output produced by any computer systems and related peripherals will be evaluated by the responsible staff member for data sensitivity. Printed output containing sensitive data will be stored in locked cabinets or desks and disposed of properly (when the approved records schedule permits destruction) by shredding or similar VA approved methods in accordance with VA Directive 6371. Program listings and documentation relating to the use of or access to a computer system require special handling if the listings or documentation provide information about a system which processes sensitive data. VA personnel are responsible for retrieving/removing all printed outputs they request from printers.

AITC has a local shred contract (VA200R-1307) covering the destruction of printed data.

3.5 Does the system, where feasible, use techniques to minimize the risk to privacy by using PII for research, testing, or training?

Organizations often use PII for testing new applications or information systems prior to deployment. Organizations also use PII for research purposes and for training. These uses of PII increase the risks associated with the unauthorized disclosure or misuse of the information. Please explain what controls have been implemented to protect PII used for testing, training and research. Have policies and procedures been developed to minimize the use of PII for testing, training, and research?

This question is related to privacy control DM-3, Minimization of PII Used in Testing, Training and Research

Yes. Role-based access is strictly maintained. No production data is used in test/training environments.

3.6 PRIVACY IMPACT ASSESSMENT: Retention of information

Discuss the risks associated with the length of time data is retained and what steps, if any, are currently being taken to mitigate those identified risks.

While we understand that establishing retention periods for records is a formal process, there are policy considerations behind how long a project keeps information. The longer a project retains information, the longer it needs to secure the information and assure its accuracy and integrity. The proposed schedule should match the requirements of the Privacy Act to keep the minimum amount of PII for the minimum amount of time, while meeting the Federal Records Act. The schedule should align with the stated purpose and mission of the system.

Consider the following FIPPs below to assist in providing a response:

Principle of Minimization: Does the project retain only the information necessary for its purpose? Is the PII retained only for as long as necessary and relevant to fulfill the specified purposes?

Principle of Data Quality and Integrity: Has the PIA described policies and procedures for how PII that is no longer relevant and necessary is purged?

This question is related to privacy controls DM-1, Minimization of Personally Identifiable Information, and DM-2, Data Retention and Disposal.

Follow the format below:

Privacy Risk: There is a risk that the information maintained by MVP Online could be retained for longer than is necessary to fulfill the VA mission. Records held longer than required are at greater risk of being unintentionally released or breached.

Mitigation: To mitigate the risk posed by information retention, MVP Online adheres to the Records Schedule approved by NARA. When the retention date is reached for a record, the data is carefully disposed of by the approved method as described in Records Schedule in accordance with VA Handbook 6500.1 media and destruction policies.

Records Schedule Number DAA-0015-2015-0004 was approved by the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) and published on 7/13/2015

Section 4. Internal Sharing/Receiving/Transmitting and Disclosure

The following questions are intended to define the scope of information sharing/receiving/transmitting within VA.

4.1 With which internal organizations is information shared/received/transmitted? What information is shared/received/transmitted, and for what purpose? How is the information transmitted?

NOTE: Question 3.9 (second table) on Privacy Threshold Analysis should be used to answer this question.

Identify and list the names of any program offices, contractor-supported IT systems, and any other organization or IT system within VA with which information is shared.

State the purpose for the internal sharing. If you have specific authority to share the information, provide a citation to the authority.

For each interface with a system outside your program office, state what specific data elements (PII/PHI) are shared with the specific program office, contractor-supported IT system, and any other organization or IT system within VA.

Describe how the information is transmitted. For example, is the information transmitted electronically, by paper, or by some other means? Is the information shared in bulk, on a case-by-case basis, or does the sharing partner have direct access to the information?

This question is related to privacy controls AP-2, Purpose Specification, AR-3, Privacy Requirements for Contractors and Service Providers, AR-8, Accounting of Disclosures, TR-1, Privacy Notice, and UL-1, Internal Use.

Data Shared with Internal Organizations

List the Program Office or IT System information is shared/received with	List the purpose of the information being shared /received with the specified program office or IT system	List the specific PII/PHI data elements that are processed (shared/received/transmitted) with the Program Office or IT system	Describe the method of transmittal
VA Identity Access Management (IAM)	To verify the identity of the person accessing the REEF system by comparing the data provided against the Identity Services/Master Veteran Index (MVI)	Integration Control Number (ICN)	Encrypted Security Assertion Markup Language (SAML)
VA Corporate Data Warehouse (CDW)	Web Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name • Phone • Email 	Extract Transform Load (ETL)

4.2 PRIVACY IMPACT ASSESSMENT: Internal sharing and disclosure

Discuss the privacy risks associated with the sharing of information within the Department and what steps, if any, are currently being taken to mitigate those identified risks.

This question is related to privacy control UL-1, Internal Use.

Follow the format below:

Privacy Risk: There is the risk of unauthorized access and impermissible disclosure which exists with any IT system maintaining IIHI/PHI to which individuals are given access. The data contained in MVP Online may be shared inadvertently with unauthorized individuals or authorized users may share it with other unauthorized individuals. Examples of this risk would be an unauthorized person breached the system or a VA sponsored user shares data outside of the VA boundary without legal authority.

Mitigation: Authorized users are required to sign the National Rules of Behavior (or Contractor Rules of Behavior) as part of the annual Privacy and Security Awareness training, which is documented in the VA Talent Management System (TMS).

MVP Online mitigates this privacy risk by requiring all users to have on file with their Institutional Review Board (IRB) of record a complete security and privacy awareness training, which includes appropriate and inappropriate uses and disclosures of the information accessible to them as part of their official duties. User activity in the system is monitored and audited. Should a user inappropriately use or disclose information, he or she is subject to loss of access and the disclosure will be referred to the appropriate internal investigation.

Section 5. External Sharing/Receiving and Disclosure

The following questions are intended to define the content, scope, and authority for information sharing external to VA, which includes Federal, State, and local governments, and the private sector.

5.1 With which external organizations (outside VA) is information shared/received? What information is shared/received, and for what purpose? How is the information transmitted and what measures are taken to ensure it is secure?

Is the sharing of information outside the agency compatible with the original collection? If so, is it covered by an appropriate routine use in a SORN? If not, please describe under what legal mechanism the IT system is allowed to share the information in identifiable form or personally identifiable information outside of VA.

NOTE: Question 3.10 on Privacy Threshold Analysis should be used to answer this question.

Identify and list the names of any Federal, State, or local government agency or private sector organization with which information is shared.

For each interface with a system outside VA, state what specific data elements (PII/PHI) are shared with each specific partner.

What legal mechanisms, authoritative agreements, documentation, or policies are in place detailing the extent of the sharing and the duties of each party? For example, is the sharing of data compatible with your SORN? Then list the SORN and the applicable routine use from the SORN. Is there a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), Computer Matching Agreement (CMA), or law that mandates the sharing of this information?

Describe how the information is transmitted to entities external to VA and what security measures have been taken to protect it during transmission.

This question is related to privacy control UL-2, Information Sharing with Third Parties

Data Shared with External Organizations

List External Program Office or IT System information is shared/received with	List the purpose of information being shared / received / transmitted with the specified program office or IT system	List the specific PII/PHI data elements that are processed (shared/received/transmitted)with the Program or IT system	List the legal authority, binding agreement, SORN routine use, etc. that permit external sharing (can be more than one)	List the method of transmission and the measures in place to secure data
Amazon Web Services (AWS GOV CLOUD)	Registration of veteran, data collation for research, and generated signed PDF form(s)	Name, email, Phone, appointment_site_id, appointment_start_time, email, firstname, genisis_id, lastname, phone, registration_zip, dob, email, first_name, genisis_id, last_name ,phone, registration_zip, va_eauth_icn, Signed consents (ICF/HIPAA)	MOU/ISA	Site to Site (S2S) VPN

5.2 PRIVACY IMPACT ASSESSMENT: External sharing and disclosure

Discuss the privacy risks associated with the sharing of information outside the Department and what steps, if any, are currently being taken to mitigate those identified risks.

Discuss whether access controls have been implemented and whether audit logs are regularly reviewed to ensure appropriate sharing outside of the Department. For example, is there a Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU), contract, or agreement in place with outside agencies or foreign governments.

Discuss how the sharing of information outside of the Department is compatible with the stated purpose and use of the original collection.

This question is related to privacy control AR-2, Privacy Impact and Risk Assessment, AR-3, Privacy Requirements for Contractors and Service Providers, and AR-4, Privacy Monitoring and Auditing

Follow the format below:

Privacy Risk: There is a risk of impermissible disclosure, i.e., legal authority is not present, associated with sharing information outside of VA.

Mitigation: An approved IRB protocol has been received outlining the data to be obtained along with Privacy Officer review for a determination that legal authority exists prior to disclosure.

Section 6. Notice

The following questions are directed at providing notice to the individual of the scope of information collected, the right to consent to uses of the information, and the right to decline to provide information.

6.1 Was notice provided to the individual before collection of the information? If yes, please provide a copy of the notice as an appendix. (A notice may include a posted privacy policy, a Privacy Act notice on forms, or a system of records notice published in the Federal Register.) If notice was not provided, why not?

This question is directed at the notice provided before collection of the information. This refers to whether the person is aware that his or her information is going to be collected. A notice may include a posted privacy policy, a Privacy Act statement on forms, or a SORN published in the Federal Register. If notice was provided in the Federal Register, provide the citation.

If notice was not provided, explain why. If it was provided, attach a copy of the current notice.

Describe how the notice provided for the collection of information is adequate to inform those affected by the system that their information has been collected and is being used appropriately. Provide information on any notice provided on forms or on Web sites associated with the collection. This question is related to privacy control TR-1, Privacy Notice, and TR-2, System of Records Notices and Privacy Act Statements, and TR-3, Dissemination of Privacy Program Information.

The Department of Veterans Affairs does provide public notice that the system does exist in many different ways.

1. Notice is given to individuals prior to data going into the MVP Online. The Office of Research and Development (ORD) provides policy guidance on how individuals are to be recruited and provided informed consent to participate in research studies in VHA Directive 1200, Research and Development Program, and corresponding Handbooks. More information on ORD can be found at: <http://www.research.va.gov/>. Notice of collection for research studies is recorded on the informed consent form (VA Form 10-1086). The template for VA Form 10-1086 can be found at: Public link: <https://www.va.gov/vaforms/medical/pdf/vha-10-1086.pdf>
2. VA has published in the Federal Register the Privacy Act Systems of Records Notice (SORN) SORN 34VA12/ 86 FR 33015, Veteran, Patient, Employee, and Volunteer Research and Development Project Records-VA. This SORN can be found online at <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2021-06-23/pdf/2021-13141.pdf>
3. This Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA) also serves as notice of the REEF program. As required by the eGovernment Act of 2002, Pub.L. 107–347 §208(b)(1)(B)(iii), the Department of Veterans Affairs “after completion of the [PIA] under clause (ii), make the privacy impact assessment publicly available through the website of the agency, publication in the Federal Register, or other means.”
4. VHA Notice of Privacy Practice is given to all enrolled Veterans every three years, upon request or when there is a significant change to the Notice. A copy of the Notice of Privacy Practices is available online at <http://www.va.gov/health/>.

6.2 Do individuals have the opportunity and right to decline to provide information? If so, is a penalty or denial of service attached?

This question is directed at whether the person from or about whom information is collected can decline to provide the information and if so, whether a penalty or denial of service is attached. This question is related to privacy control IP-1, Consent, IP-2, Individual Access, and IP-3, Redress

VHA Directive 1605.01 Privacy and Release Information’, paragraph n 5 refers to Patient Rights, as well as paragraph 11 refers to requests for VHA to restrict the uses and/or disclosures of the individual’s individually-identifiable health information to carry out treatment, payment, or health care operations. The Veterans have the right to refuse to disclose their SSN to VHA. The individual shall not be denied any right, benefit, or privilege provided by law because of refusal to disclose to VHA an SSN (see 38 CFR 1.575(a)).

As part of informed consent a Privacy Notice or Confidentiality explanation is provided to active participants of VA research studies. If a participant in a research study declines to provide information the participant may not be eligible to continue to participate in the research study. In accordance with VHA Handbook 1200.05, a written HIPAA authorization signed by the individual to whom the information or record pertains or an IRB approved waiver of HIPAA Authorization is

required when VA health care facilities need to utilize individually-identifiable health information for the purpose of research. (VHA Directive 1605.01).

6.3 Do individuals have the right to consent to particular uses of the information? If so, how does the individual exercise the right?

This question is directed at whether an individual may provide consent for specific uses or the consent is given to cover all uses (current or potential) of his or her information. If specific consent is required, how would the individual consent to each use?

This question is related to privacy control IP-1, Consent

While individuals may have the ability to consent to various uses of their information at the VA Medical Center at the point of information collection, individuals do not have the ability to consent to the use of their information in Corporate Data Warehouse (CDW).

Individuals do have the right to request access or use of their IIHI/PHI to be restricted under the HIPAA Privacy Rule. VA is not required to agree to this restriction depending on the facts and situation.

As part of informed consent individuals do have the ability to consent to the use of their data in VINCI or any other IT system for a specific research project for which they are a subject. This informed consent would be for the use of all data needed for that specific research study. All participants have their rights and benefits explained to them by VA research staff prior to providing information for the study.

6.4 PRIVACY IMPACT ASSESSMENT: Notice

Describe the potential risks associated with potentially insufficient notice and what steps, if any, are currently being taken to mitigate those identified risks.

Consider the following FIPPs below to assist in providing a response:

Principle of Transparency: Has sufficient notice been provided to the individual?

Principle of Use Limitation: Is the information used only for the purpose for which notice was provided either directly to the individual or through a public notice? What procedures are in place to ensure that information is used only for the purpose articulated in the notice?

This question is related to privacy control TR-1, Privacy Notice, AR-2, Privacy Impact and Risk Assessment, and UL-1, Internal Use

Follow the format below:

Privacy Risk: There is a risk that members of the general public may not know that MVP Online exists within the Department of Veterans Affairs despite public publication of information.

Additionally, there is a risk that Veterans were not given adequate notice their information was collected for use.

Mitigation: The VA mitigates this risk of not providing adequate notice to the public in two ways, as discussed in detail in question 6.1 above, the PIA and SORN are published to notify and inform the public that information collected by the VA.

Section 7. Access, Redress, and Correction

The following questions are directed at an individual's ability to ensure the accuracy of the information collected about him or her.

7.1 What are the procedures that allow individuals to gain access to their information?

Cite any procedures or regulations your program has in place that allow access to information. These procedures, at a minimum, should include the agency's FOIA/Privacy Act practices, but may also include additional access provisions. For example, if your program has a customer satisfaction unit, that information, along with phone and email contact information, should be listed in this section in addition to the agency's procedures. See 5 CFR 294 and the VA FOIA Web page at <http://www.foia.va.gov/> to obtain information about FOIA points of contact and information about agency FOIA processes.

If the system is exempt from the access provisions of the Privacy Act, please explain the basis for the exemption or cite the source where this explanation may be found, for example, a Final Rule published in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR).

If the system is not a Privacy Act system, please explain what procedures and regulations are in place that covers an individual gaining access to his or her information. This question is related to privacy control IP-2, Individual Access, and AR-8, Accounting of Disclosures.

Individuals wishing to obtain more information about access may write or call the Director of Operations, Research and Development (12), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Ave., NW Washington, DC 20420 as directed in the Privacy Act System of Record Notice (SORN) 34VA12 Veteran, Patient, Employee, and Volunteer Research and Development Project Records—VA. This SORN can be found online at <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2021-06-23/pdf/2021-13141.pdf>. The procedure outlined in the SORN complies with VHA Handbook 1605.01 Para. 7 and VA Regulation 38 CFR § 1.577.

7.2 What are the procedures for correcting inaccurate or erroneous information?

Describe the procedures and provide contact information for the appropriate person to whom such issues should be addressed. If the correction procedures are the same as those given in question 7.1, state as much.

This question is related to privacy control IP-3, Redress, and IP-4, Complaint Management.

Individuals wishing to obtain more information about access may write or call the Director of Operations, Research and Development (12), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20420 as directed in the Privacy Act System of Record Notice (SORN) 34VA12 Veteran, Patient, Employee, and Volunteer Research and Development Project Records—VA. This SORN can be found online at <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2021-06-23/pdf/2021-13141.pdf>

The procedure outlined in the SORN complies with VHA Directive 1605.01, Paragraph 7 and VA Regulation 38 CFR § 1.577.

7.3 How are individuals notified of the procedures for correcting their information?

How are individuals made aware of the procedures for correcting his or her information? This may be through notice at collection or other similar means. This question is meant to address the risk that even if procedures exist to correct information, if an individual is not made fully aware of the existence of those procedures, then the benefits of the procedures are significantly weakened. This question is related to privacy control IP-3, Redress, and IP-4, Complaint Management.

Individuals are made aware of procedures for correcting their information in multiple ways. First, this information is published in the Privacy Act SORN 34VA12 Veteran, Patient, Employee and Volunteer research and Development Project Records –VA” in the Federal Register. In addition, all Veterans are provided a VHA Notice of Privacy Practices every three years, upon request or when significant changes are made. The VHA NOPP provides information on how to request and amend to their PHI maintained by VHA. Lastly, this information is contained in VHA Directive 1605.01, Privacy and Release of Information, which is available to the public online at <http://www.va.gov/vhapublications/publications.cfm?pub=2&order=asc&orderby=pub>

7.4 If no formal redress is provided, what alternatives are available to the individual?

Redress is the process by which an individual gains access to his or her records and seeks corrections or amendments to those records. Redress may be provided through the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), and also by other processes specific to a program, system, or group of systems.

This question is related to privacy control IP-3, Redress, and IP-4, Complaint Management.

Example: Some projects allow users to directly access and correct/update their information online. This helps ensure data accuracy.

Not applicable, formal redress is provided as stated above in section 7.3.

7.5 PRIVACY IMPACT ASSESSMENT: Access, redress, and correction

Discuss what risks there currently are related to the Department's access, redress, and correction policies and procedures for this system and what, if any, steps have been taken to mitigate those risks. For example, if a project does not allow individual access, the risk of inaccurate data needs to be discussed in light of the purpose of the project. For example, providing access to ongoing law enforcement activities could negatively impact the program's effectiveness because the individuals involved might change their behavior.

Consider the following FIPPs below to assist in providing a response:

Principle of Individual Participation: Is the individual provided with the ability to find out whether a project maintains a record relating to him?

Principle of Individual Participation: If access and/or correction is denied, then is the individual provided notice as to why the denial was made and how to challenge such a denial?

Principle of Individual Participation: Is there a mechanism by which an individual is able to prevent information about him obtained for one purpose from being used for other purposes without his knowledge?

This question is related to privacy control IP-3, Redress.

Follow the format below:

Privacy Risk: The individual may also seek to access (or redress) records about them held within REEF and become frustrated with the results of their attempt.

Mitigation: Active participants in VA research studies have the ability to redress and correct information directly with the study's research staff. Through informed consent and HIPAA authorization forms the active participants are informed of what information is being collected for the study and what purpose the information will be used for.

Strict policy defined in VHA 1200.05, Requirements for the Protection of Human Subjects in Research mitigates the risk that information collected for a study will be used for other purposes.

Section 8. Technical Access and Security

The following questions are intended to describe technical safeguards and security measures.

8.1 What procedures are in place to determine which users may access the system, and are they documented?

Describe the process by which an individual receives access to the system.

Identify users from other agencies who may have access to the system and under what roles these individuals have access to the system. Who establishes the criteria for what PII can be shared?

Describe the different roles in general terms that have been created to provide access to the system. For example, certain users may have "read-only" access while others may be permitted to make certain amendments or changes to the information.

This question is related to privacy control AR-7, Privacy-Enhanced System Design and Development.

Per VA Directive and Handbook 6330, every 5 years the Office of Information Technology (OIT) develops, disseminates, and reviews/updates a formal, documented policy that addresses purpose, scope, roles, responsibilities, management commitment, coordination among organizational entities, and compliance; along with formal, documented procedures to facilitate the implementation of the control policy and associated controls. (i.e. – role-based access).

OIT documents and monitors individual information system security training activities including basic security awareness training and specific information system security training; and retains individual training records for 7 years. This documentation and monitoring are performed through the use of Talent Management System (TMS).

8.2 Will VA contractors have access to the system and the PII? If yes, what involvement will contractors have with the design and maintenance of the system? Has a contractor confidentiality agreement, Business Associate Agreement (BAA), or a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA) been developed for contractors who work on the system?

If so, how frequently are contracts reviewed and by whom? Describe the necessity of the access provided to contractors to the system and whether clearance is required. If Privacy Roles and Responsibilities have been established to restrict certain users to different access levels, please describe the roles and associated access levels. Explain the need for VA contractors to have access to the PII.

This question is related to privacy control AR-3, Privacy Requirements for Contractors and Service Providers.

Contractor access is verified through VA personnel before access is granted to any contractor. Contracts and contractor access are reviewed annually at a minimum. The contractors who provide support to the system are required to complete annual VA Privacy and Information Security and Rules of behavior training via TMS. All contractors are cleared using the VA background investigation process and must obtain the appropriate background investigation for their role. Contractors with systems administrative access are required to complete additional role-based training prior to gaining system administrator access.

8.3 Describe what privacy training is provided to users either generally or specifically relevant to the program or system?

VA offers privacy and security training. Each program or system may offer training specific to the program or system that touches on information handling procedures and sensitivity of information. Please describe how individuals who have access to PII are trained to handle it appropriately. This question is related to privacy control AR-5, Privacy Awareness and Training.

The VA requires staff to undergo annual trainings in research ethics, HIPAA and security. These trainings are provided via the online CITI program as well as the VA's Talent Management System (TMS). VA workforce members, including contractors, will be required to take the VA Privacy and Information Security Awareness Training and Rules of Behavior (VA10176) and the Privacy and HIPAA Focused Training (VA10203). In order to access the system, staff must also undergo "MVP User Training" provided by MVP staff. They must also adhere to the MVP rules of conduct.

8.4 Has Authorization and Accreditation (A&A) been completed for the system?

If Yes, provide: Yes

- 1. The Security Plan Status, Completed*
- 2. The Security Plan Status Date, Aug 11,2022*
- 3. The Authorization Status: Current active on a 180 day ATO*
- 4. The Authorization Date, Oct 28, 2022*
- 5. The Authorization Termination Date, Apr 26, 2023*
- 6. The Risk Review Completion Date; Sep 09, 2022*
- 7. The FIPS 199 classification of the system (LOW/MODERATE/HIGH). Moderate*

Please note that all systems containing SPI are categorized at a minimum level of "moderate" under Federal Information Processing Standards Publication 199.

If No or In Process, provide your Initial Operating Capability (IOC) date.

Section 9 – Technology Usage

The following questions are used to identify the technologies being used by the IT system or project.

9.1 Does the system use cloud technology? If so, what cloud model is being utilized?

If so, Does the system have a FedRAMP provisional or agency authorization? If the system does use cloud technology, but does not have FedRAMP authorization, explain how the Cloud Service Provider (CSP) solution was assessed and what FedRAMP documents and processes were used for the assessment in order to comply with VA Handbook 6517. Types of cloud models include:

Software as a Service (SaaS), Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS), Platform as a Service (PaaS), Commercial off the Shelf (COTS).

This question is related to privacy control UL-1, Information Sharing with Third Parties.

Note: For systems utilizing the VA Enterprise Cloud (VAEC), no further responses are required after 9.1.

The MVP Online (REEF) is a SaaS model provisioned within with System Amazon Web Services (AWS) GovCloud West Infrastructure as an IaaS

9.2 Does the contract with the Cloud Service Provider, Contractors and VA customers establish who has ownership rights over data including PII? (Provide contract number and supporting information about PII/PHI from the contract)

This question is related to privacy control AR-3, Privacy Requirements for Contractors and Service Providers.

The MVP Online (REEF) s provisioned within with System Amazon Web Services (AWS) GovCloud West Infrastructure. The Account clearly states that VA is the owner of the collected and supplied PII/PHI data. The AWS Account ID: 782555011320

9.3 Will the CSP collect any ancillary data and if so, who has ownership over the ancillary data?

Per NIST 800-144, cloud providers hold significant details about the accounts of cloud consumers that could be compromised and used in subsequent attacks. Ancillary data also involves information the cloud provider collects or produces about customer-related activity in the cloud. It includes data collected to meter and charge for consumption of resources, logs and audit trails, and other such metadata that is generated and accumulated within the cloud environment.

This question is related to privacy control DI-1, Data Quality.

From AWS FAQ's : <https://aws.amazon.com/compliance/data-privacy-faq/>

AWS commitments include:

- Access: As a customer, you maintain full control of your content that you upload to the AWS services under your AWS account, and responsibility for configuring access to AWS services and resources. We provide an advanced set of access, encryption, and logging features to help you do this effectively (e.g., [AWS Identity and Access Management](#), [AWS Organizations](#) and [AWS CloudTrail](#)). We provide APIs for you to configure access control

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permissions for any of the services you develop or deploy in an AWS environment. We do not access or use your content for any purpose without your agreement. We never use your content or derive information from it for marketing or advertising purposes.

- Storage: You choose the AWS Region(s) in which your content is stored. You can replicate and back up your content in more than one AWS Region. We will not move or replicate your content outside of your chosen AWS Region(s) without your agreement, except as necessary to comply with the law or a binding order of a governmental body.
- Security: You choose how your content is secured. We offer you industry-leading encryption features to protect your content in transit and at rest, and we provide you with the option to manage your own encryption keys. These data protection features include:
 - [Data encryption capabilities available in over 100 AWS services.](#)
 - [Flexible key management options using AWS Key Management Service \(KMS\)](#), allowing customers to choose whether to have AWS manage their encryption keys or enabling customers to keep complete control over their keys.
- Disclosure of customer content: We will not disclose customer content unless we're required to do so to comply with the law or a binding order of a government body. If a governmental body sends AWS a demand for customer content, we will attempt to redirect the governmental body to request that data directly from the customer. If compelled to disclose customer content to a government body, we will give customers reasonable notice of the demand to allow the customer to seek a protective order or other appropriate remedy unless AWS is legally prohibited from doing so.
- Security Assurance: We have developed a security assurance program that uses best practices for global privacy and data protection to help you operate securely within AWS, and to make the best use of our security control environment. These security protections and control processes are independently validated by [multiple third-party independent assessments](#).

9.4 NIST 800-144 states, “Organizations are ultimately accountable for the security and privacy of data held by a cloud provider on their behalf.” Is this principle described in contracts with customers? Why or why not?

What are the roles and responsibilities involved between the organization and cloud provider, particularly with respect to managing risks and ensuring organizational requirements are met?

This question is related to privacy control AR-3, Privacy Requirements for Contractors and Service Providers.

MVP Online (REEF) is FedRAMP authorized cloud-based System Amazon Web Services (AWS) GovCloud West Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS). The System operates as a SaaS AWS manages the Use of the GovCloud infrastructure based on the FedRAMP Policy. MVP Online (REEF) manages the SaaS implementation in accordance with VA 6500 and FISMA polices as required by the Moderate Risk level rating. with

9.5 If the system is utilizing Robotics Process Automation (RPA), please describe the role of the bots.

Robotic Process Automation is the use of software scripts to perform tasks as an automated process that executes in parallel with or in place of human input. For example, will the automation move or touch PII/PHI information. RPA may also be referred to as “Bots” or Artificial Intelligence (AI).

MVP Online does not utilize components that meet RPA

Section 10. References

Summary of Privacy Controls by Family

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ID	Privacy Controls
AP	Authority and Purpose
AP-1	Authority to Collect
AP-2	Purpose Specification
AR	Accountability, Audit, and Risk Management
AR-1	Governance and Privacy Program
AR-2	Privacy Impact and Risk Assessment
AR-3	Privacy Requirements for Contractors and Service Providers
AR-4	Privacy Monitoring and Auditing
AR-5	Privacy Awareness and Training
AR-7	Privacy-Enhanced System Design and Development
AR-8	Accounting of Disclosures
DI	Data Quality and Integrity
DI-1	Data Quality
DI-2	Data Integrity and Data Integrity Board
DM	Data Minimization and Retention
DM-1	Minimization of Personally Identifiable Information
DM-2	Data Retention and Disposal
DM-3	Minimization of PII Used in Testing, Training, and Research
IP	Individual Participation and Redress
IP-1	Consent
IP-2	Individual Access
IP-3	Redress
IP-4	Complaint Management
SE	Security
SE-1	Inventory of Personally Identifiable Information
SE-2	Privacy Incident Response
TR	Transparency
TR-1	Privacy Notice
TR-2	System of Records Notices and Privacy Act Statements
TR-3	Dissemination of Privacy Program Information
UL	Use Limitation

ID	Privacy Controls
UL-1	Internal Use
UL-2	Information Sharing with Third Parties

Signature of Responsible Officials

The individuals below attest that the information they provided in this Privacy Impact Assessment is true and accurate.

Privacy Officer, Kimberly Murphy

Information System Security Officer, Tristan Carroll

Information System Owner, Edmund Peirce

APPENDIX A-6.1

Please provide a link to the notice or verbiage referred to in Section 6 (a notice may include a posted privacy policy, a Privacy Act notice on forms).

[VHA Notice of Privacy Practices](#)