

# Glossary

**Agency** – means the term “executive agency” in section 105 of title 5, United States Code, but includes the Postal Rate Commission and the United States Postal Service and excludes the Government Accounting Office. ISE Privacy Guidelines §13(a)(i).

**Homeland Security information** – means any information possessed by a federal, state, local, or tribal agency that relates to (A) a threat of terrorist activity, (B) the ability to prevent, interdict, or disrupt terrorist activity, (C) the identification or investigation of a suspected terrorist or terrorist organization or any person, group, or entity associated with or assisting a suspected terrorist or terrorist organization, or (D) a planned or actual response to a terrorist act. ISE Privacy Guidelines §13(a)(iii), as derived from section 892(f)(1) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 482(f)(1)).

**Law Enforcement information** – means any information obtained by or of interest to a law enforcement agency or official that is (A) related to terrorism or the security of our homeland, and (B) relevant to a law enforcement mission, including but not limited to information pertaining to an actual or potential criminal, civil, or administrative investigation or a foreign intelligence, counterintelligence, or counterterrorism investigation; assessment of or response to criminal threats and vulnerabilities; the existence, organization, capabilities, plans, intentions, vulnerabilities, means, methods, or activities of individuals or groups involved or suspected of involvement in criminal or unlawful conduct or assisting or associated with criminal or unlawful conduct; the existence, identification, detection, prevention, interdiction, or disruption of, or response to, criminal acts and violations of the law; identification, apprehension, prosecution, release, detention, adjudication, supervision, or rehabilitation of accused persons or criminal offenders; and victim/witness assistance. ISE Privacy Guidelines §13(a)(iii).

**Personally Identifiable Information** – means any information which can be used to distinguish or trace an individual’s identity, such as their name, social security number, biometric records, etc. alone, or when combined with other personal or identifying information which is linked or linkable to a specific individual, such as date and place of birth, mother’s maiden name, etc. OMB Memorandum M-07-16, May 22, 2007.

**Protected Information** – means information about U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents that is subject to information privacy or other legal protections under the Constitution and federal laws of the United States. ISE Privacy Guidelines §1(b).

- For the intelligence community, **protected information** includes information about “United States persons” as defined in Executive Order 12333.
- **Protected information** may also include other information that the U.S. Government expressly determines by Executive Order, international agreement, or other similar instrument, should be covered by [the ISE Privacy Guidelines].

**Terrorism information** – (A) means all information whether collected, produced, or distributed by intelligence, law enforcement, military, homeland security, or other activities relating to (i) the existence, organization, capabilities, plans, intentions, vulnerabilities, means of finance or material support, or activities of foreign or international terrorist groups or individuals, or of domestic groups or individuals involved in transnational terrorism; (ii) threats posed by such groups or individuals to the United States, U.S. persons, or U.S. interests, or to those of other nations; (iii) communications of or by such groups or individuals; or (iv) groups or individuals reasonably believed to be assisting or associated with such groups or individuals; and (B) includes weapons of mass destruction. ISE Privacy Guidelines, §13(a)(iii) and §1016(a)(5) of IRTPA, as amended by the *Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007, P.L. 110–53, August 3, 2007.*

**United States Person** – means a U.S. citizen, an alien known by the intelligence agency concerned to be a permanent resident alien, an unincorporated association substantially composed of U.S. citizen or permanent resident aliens, or a corporation incorporated in the United States, except for a corporation directed and controlled by a foreign government or governments. Executive Order 12333, §3.4(i), *December 4, 1981, as amended by Executive Order 133355, August 27, 2004.*

**Weapons of Mass Destruction Information** – means information that could reasonably be expected to assist in the development, proliferation, or use of a weapon of mass destruction (including a chemical, biological, radiological, or nuclear weapon) that could be used by a terrorist or a terrorist organization against the United States, including information about the location of any stockpile of nuclear materials that could be exploited for use in such a weapon that could be used by a terrorist or a terrorist organization against the United States. Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007, P.L. 110–53, §504.