collected. The member’s right to the information is no greater than the right of the individual who requested it. 

(1) Contact Disclosures. The Department may disclose records contained in this system to individuals and entities (including educational institutions) that the Department contacts while formulating and enforcing education policies. 

(2) Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Advice Disclosure. The Department may disclose records to the Department of Justice and the Office of Management and Budget if the Department concludes that disclosure is desirable or necessary in determining whether particular records are required to be disclosed under the FOIA.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

STORAGE: Records are maintained in hard copy individual files stored in standard four-drawer file cabinets and also in electronic format on a hard drive accessible by staff of the Office for Legislation and Congressional Affairs.

RETRIEVABILITY: Records are indexed alphabetically by last name.

SAFEGUARDS: Files are maintained in the Office of Legislation and Congressional Affairs and requests are honored on a “need-to-know” basis only. All physical access to the Department of Education site, and the sites of Department contractors where this system of records is maintained, is controlled and monitored by security personnel who check each individual entering the building for his or her employee or visitor badge.

The computer system employed by the Department of Education offers a high degree of resistance to tampering and circumvention. This security system limits data access to Department of Education and contract staff on a “need-to-know” basis, and controls individual users’ ability to access and alter records within the system. All users of this system of records are given a unique user ID with personal identifiers. All interactions by individual users with the system are recorded.

RETENTION AND DISPOSAL: Records are constantly updated as circumstances warrant relative to the activities of Congress.

SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS: Office of Legislation and Congressional Affairs, Legislative Affairs Office, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Room 7E301, Washington, DC 20202.


PURPOSE: The information in this system is used to provide responses to inquiries from Members of Congress regarding discretionary grant notification.

ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSE OF SUCH USES: The Department of Education (Department) may disclose information contained in a record in this system of records without the consent of the individual if the disclosure is compatible with the purpose for which the record was collected and only as needed to perform one or more of the following routine uses:

(1) Inter-Agency Disclosure. Inquiries that do not pertain to the Department, but fall under the jurisdiction of another Federal agency, are transferred to that Agency with a request that a direct response be provided to the correspondent.

(2) Congressional Member Disclosure. The Department may disclose records to a member of Congress from the record of an individual in response to an inquiry from the member made at the written request of that individual. The Department or any of its components, if the Department determines that disclosure is desirable or necessary to litigation or ADR, the Department may disclose those records to the Department of Justice (DOJ) to enable DOJ to effectively represent such party, provided such disclosure is compatible with the purpose for which the records were collected.

(i) The Department of Education, or any component of the Department; or

(ii) Any Department employee in his or her official capacity; or

(iii) Any Department employee in his or her individual capacity if the Department of Justice (DOJ) has agreed to provide or arrange for representation for the employee; or

(iv) Any Department employee in his or her individual capacity where the agency has agreed to represent the employee; or

(3) Litigation and Alternative Dispute Resolution.

(a) In the event of litigation where one of the parties listed below is involved in litigation or ADR, the Department may disclose such records as it deems desirable or necessary to the Department of Justice (DOJ) to enable DOJ to effectively represent such party, provided such disclosure is compatible with the purpose for which the records were collected.

(i) The Department of Education, or any component of the Department; or

(ii) Any Department employee in his or her official capacity; or

(iii) Any Department employee in his or her individual capacity if the Department of Justice (DOJ) has agreed to provide or arrange for representation for the employee; or

(iv) Any Department employee in his or her individual capacity where the agency has agreed to represent the employee; or

(b) Disclosure to the DOJ. If the Department determines that disclosure of certain records to the DOJ is relevant and necessary to litigation or ADR, the Department may disclose those records as a routine used to the DOJ.
DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

If the Department determines that disclosure of certain records to an adjudicative body before which the Department is authorized to appear, an individual or entity designated by the Department or otherwise empowered to resolve or mediate disputes is relevant and necessary to the administrative litigation, the Department may disclose those records as a routine use to the adjudicative body, individual, or entity.

If the Department determines that disclosure of certain records to a party, counsel, representative or witness in an administrative proceeding is relevant and necessary to the litigation, the Department may disclose records as a routine use to the party, counsel, representative or witness.

DISCLOSURE TO CONSUMER REPORTING AGENCIES:

Not applicable to this system of records.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

STORAGE:

The records are maintained in hard copy filed in standard file cabinets.

RETRIEVABILITY:

Records are indexed alphabetically by grant title.

SAFEGUARDS:

Records are kept in the responsible grant notification team member's office. All physical access to the Department's site, the sites of Department contractors where this system of records is maintained, is controlled and monitored by security personnel who check each individual entering the building for his or her employee or visitor badge. The computer system employed by the Department offers a high degree of resistance to tampering and circumvention. This security system limits access to Department and contract staff on a “need-to-know” basis, and controls individual users ability to access and alter records within the system. All users of this system of records are given a unique user ID with personal identifiers. All interactions by individual users with the system are recorded.

RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:

Records are maintained for two years.

SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:

Director, Congressional Outreach, Office of Legislation and Congressional Affairs, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Room 7E301, Washington, DC 20202.

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:

If you wish to determine whether a record exists regarding you in this system of records, provide the system manager at the above address with the name of the Member of Congress who corresponded with the Department, the name of the referenced constituent, the grant title, and the date of the correspondence. Your request must meet the requirements of the regulations at 34 CFR 5b.5, including proof of identification.

RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:

Same as the Notification Procedure.

CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:

If you wish to contest the content of a record pertaining to you, contact the system manager at the address noted above, and reasonably identify the record and specify the information to be contested. Your request must meet the requirements of the regulations at 34 CFR 5b.7.

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

The information in this system is provided by the correspondent and by the agency that prepares the final response.

SYSTEM EXEMPTED FROM CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE ACT:

None.

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SYSTEM NAME:

Case Information System.

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION:

None.

SYSTEM LOCATION:

Office for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Education, Mary E. Switzer Building, 330 C Street, SW., Room 5074, Washington, DC 20202. See the Appendix at the end of this system notice for additional system locations.

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

This system contains records on individuals or groups of individuals who have made civil rights complaints to the Office for Civil Rights (OCR).

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

This system lists the names of cases, characteristics of individual civil rights complaints, and critical events in the OCR's processing of civil rights complaints.

AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:


PURPOSE(S):

The Office for Civil Rights uses this system for the following purposes:

(1) To report the status of individual complaints to OCR managers and staff for tracking the progress of individual cases and provide information used to prepare summaries of case processing activities; and

(2) To report to Congress, other agencies, or to the public to explain or document the work it has accomplished.

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

The Department of Education (Department) may disclose information contained in a record in this system of records under the routine uses listed in this system of records without the consent of the individual if the disclosure is compatible with the purposes for which the record was collected. These disclosures may be made on a case-by-case basis or, if the Department has complied with the computer matching requirements of the Act, under a computer matching agreement.

(1) Disclosure to Congress, Other Agencies, or the Public. The Department may disclose summary information derived from this system of records to Congress, other agencies, and the public to describe the kinds of work OCR has done, or to document the work it has accomplished.

(2) Disclosure to Recipients of Federal Financial Assistance, Witnesses, or Consultants. The Department may disclose information from this system of records to recipients of federal financial assistance, witnesses, or consultants when it determines that such release would assist OCR in resolving a civil rights complaint or in obtaining additional information or expert advice relevant to the investigation.

(3) Disclosure for Use by Other Law Enforcement Agencies. The Department may disclose information to any Federal, State, local, or foreign agency or other public authority responsible for enforcing, investigating, or prosecuting violations of administrative, civil, or criminal law or regulation of information that is relevant to any...