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Privacy and Security Introduction

The privacy and security of USASpending.gov customers are of utmost importance. Per our own policy for personal privacy, we will collect no personal information about you during your visit to our site unless you choose to provide that information via web-based form to provide site feedback.

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3. The date and time you access our site;
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5. If you linked to the White House website from another website, the address of that website.

We use this information to help us make our site more useful to visitors -- to learn about the number of visitors to our site and the types of technology our visitors use. We do **not** track or record information about individuals and their visits.

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When you send us personally identifying information (i.e., by sending an electronic mail message containing a question or comment, or by filling out a site-form that e-mails us this information), we use this information to respond to your requests. We may forward your e-mail to other Government employees who are better able to answer your questions. The information you provide is not given to any private organizations or private persons. We do not collect or use information for commercial marketing.

We want to make it clear that we will not obtain personally identifying information about you when you visit our site, unless you choose to provide such information to us.

Wiki Features (Provide Feedback Community)

The USAspending.gov application provides a Wiki allowing the public to provide feedback to the technical team and program sponsors. Comments provided in the Wiki site are collected voluntarily and are publicly disclosed and archived. Anonymous comments will not be accepted. Wiki users who wish to post comments will be asked to setup a username and password. No personal information will be collected through the registration process.

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