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A. SYSTEM DESCRIPTION

1. Enter the full name and acronym for the system, project, application and/or database. <u>EmployerW2 2016 and EmployerW2 2016WMT dbs, None</u>

- 2. Is this a new system? No
 - 2a. If **no**, is there a PIA for this system? No

If **yes**, enter the full name, acronym, PIA ID Number and milestone of the most recent PIA.

Next, enter the date of the most recent PIA.

Indicate which of the following changes occurred to require this update (check all that apply).

No	Addition of PII
No	Conversions
No	Anonymous to Non-Anonymous
No	Significant System Management Changes
No	Significant Merging with Another System
No	New Access by IRS employees or Members of the Public
No	Addition of Commercial Data / Sources
<u>No</u>	New Interagency Use
<u>No</u>	Internal Flow or Collection

Were there other system changes not listed above?

If yes, explain what changes were made.

3. Check the current ELC (Enterprise Life Cycle) Milestones (select all that apply)

No	Vision & Strategy/Milestone 0
No	Project Initiation/Milestone 1
No	Domain Architecture/Milestone 2
No No	Preliminary Design/Milestone 3
No	Detailed Design/Milestone 4A
No	System Development/Milestone 4B
No	System Deployment/Milestone 5
<u>Yes</u>	Operations & Maintenance (i.e., system is currently operational)

4. Is this a Federal Information Security Management Act (FISMA) reportable system? No

A.1 General Business Purpose

5. What is the general business purpose of this system? Provide a clear, concise description of the system, application or database, the reason for the system, and the benefits to the IRS to use the information, and how the information will be used.

During the filing season, certain employers are asked to provide their W-2 data via disc in order for Wage & Investment/Return Integrity Compliance Services (W&I/RICS) to verify income and address ID Theft and income fraud issues. These databases contain all information found on Form W-2, including employee name, address, SSN, and income/taxes withheld. In addition, it contains the employer info including: EIN, name, business address, etc. The information contained in the database is used for identification of ID Theft and refund fraud in order to prevent issuance of refunds based on fraudulent tax returns.

B. PII DETAIL

- Does the system use, collect, receive, display, store, maintain, or disseminate IR Code 6103 taxpayer information; or any type of Sensitive but Unclassified (SBU) or Personally Identifiable Information (PII)? Yes
 - 6a. If **yes**, does the system use, collect, receive, display, store, maintain, or disseminate Social Security Numbers (SSN s) or tax identification numbers (i.e. last 4 digits, etc.)? <u>Yes</u>

If yes, check who the SSN (or tax identification number) is collected on.

Yes On Primary Yes On Spouse No On Dependent

If yes, check all types SSN s (or tax identification numbers) that apply to this system:

Yes	Social Security Number (SSN)	
Yes	Employer Identification Number (EIN)	
Yes	Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN)	
No	Taxpayer Identification Number for Pending U.S. Adoptions (ATIN)	
No	Practitioner Tax Identification Number (PTIN)	

Describe the planned mitigation strategy and forecasted implementation date to mitigate or eliminate the use of SSN s (or tax identification numbers).

At this time, there is no mitigation strategy as all information to be verified is based on employer EIN and Employee SSN. The Office of Management and Budget memorandum M-17-12 requires that federal agencies develop a mitigation or elimination strategy for systems that use SSNs, which the Service continues to develop strategies to meet. An exception to that requirement is when the SSN is uniquely needed to identify a user's record. EmployerW2 2016 and EmployerW2 2016WMT requires the use of SSN's because no other identifier can be used to uniquely identify a taxpayer at this time. SSNs are permissible from Internal Revenue Code (IRC) 6109, which requires individual taxpayers to include their SSNs on their income tax returns

6b. Does this system contain other (non-SSN) PII that it uses, collects, receives, displays, stores, maintains, or disseminates? (i.e. Names, addresses, etc.) Yes

If **yes**, specify the information.

Selected	PII Element	On	On	On
		Primary	Spouse	Dependent
Yes	Name	Yes	Yes	No
Yes	Mailing address	No	No	No
No	Phone Numbers	No	No	No
No	E-mail Address	No	No	No
No	Date of Birth	No	No	No
No	Place of Birth	No	No	No
No	SEID	No	No	No
No	Mother's Maiden Name	No	No	No
No	Protection Personal Identification Numbers (IP	No	No	No
	PIN)			
No	Internet Protocol Address (IP Address)	No	No	No
No	Criminal History	No	No	No
No	Medical Information	No	No	No
No	Certificate or License Numbers	No	No	No
No	Vehicle Identifiers	No	No	No
No	Passport Number	No	No	No
No	Alien (A-) Number	No	No	No
No	Financial Account Numbers	No	No	No
No	Photographic Identifiers	No	No	No
No	Biometric Identifiers	No	No	No
No	Employment (HR) Information	No	No	No
Yes	Tax Account Information	Yes	Yes	No

- 6c. Does this system contain SBU information that is not PII, it uses, collects, receives, displays, stores, maintains, or disseminates? \underline{No}
 - 6d. Are there other types of SBU/PII used in the system? No
 - 6e. Cite the authority for collecting SBU/PII (including SSN if relevant)

Yes	PII for federal tax administration is generally Internal Revenue Code Sections 6001, 6011, 6012e(a)	
Yes	SSN for tax returns and return information is Internal Revenue Code Section 6109	
No	SSN for personnel administration (IRS Employees) is 5 USC & Executive Order 9397	
No	PII for personnel administration is 5 USC	
No	PII about individuals for Bank Secrecy Act compliance 31 USC	
No	Information by CI for certain money laundering cases may be 18 USC	

6f. Has the authority been verified with the system owner? Yes

B.1 BUSINESS NEEDS AND ACCURACY

7. Explain the detailed business needs and uses for the SBU/PII, and how the SBU/PII is limited only to that which is relevant and necessary to meet the mission requirements of the system. If SSNs (or tax identification numbers) are used, explicitly explain why use of SSNs meets this criteria. Be specific.

A limited number of employees in Return Integrity and Compliance Services (RICS) and Large Business & International Division (LB&I) have access to the data and databases. The W-2 information is submitted directly to the IRS by certain employers on Disc and is loaded to the databases. The SSN is required to identify the taxpayer(s) and access the wage/WH information

from the employer; which, is used to validate the W-2 information on questionable tax returns submitted by the taxpayer(s). In general, the W-2 Discs are received much earlier than W-2 information posts to the Information Return Program (IRP), enabling the program to identify protential refund fraud/identity theft and protect revenue.

8. How is the SBU/PII verified for accuracy, timeliness, and completeness? Explain how steps are taken to ensure that all information maintained by the system that is used by IRS to make any adverse determination about an individual's rights, benefits, and/or privileges is maintained with such accuracy, relevance, timeliness, and completeness as is reasonably necessary to assure fairness to the individual in the determination

The data is received directly from the employer, so it is considered valid upon receipt. The only further manipulation of the data is to perfect the format for a successful load to the database.

C. PRIVACY ACT AND SYSTEM OF RECORDS

Are 10 or more records containing SBU/PII maintained, stored, and/or transmitted by or through this system? Yes

9a. If **yes**, are records in the system retrieved by any personal identifier (e.g., name, SSN, Photograph, IP Address) for an individual? <u>Yes</u>

If **yes**, is there a System of Records Notice(s) or SORNs that addresses the PII records in this system? Yes

If yes, enter the SORN number(s) and the complete the name of the SORN.

SORNS Number	SORNS Name
Treas/IRS 24.046	BMF
Treas./IRS 24.030	IMF

If **yes**, does the System of Records Notice(s) (SORN) published in the Federal Register adequately describe the records as required by the Privacy Act? Yes

D. RESPONSIBLE PARTIES

10. Identify the individuals for the following system roles. ## Official Use Only

E. INCOMING PII INTERFACES

11. Does the system receive SBU/PII from other system or agencies? No

F. PII SENT TO EXTERNAL ORGANIZATIONS

12. Does this system disseminate SBU/PII? No

G. PRIVACY SENSITIVE TECHNOLOGY

- 13. Does this system use social media channels? No
- 14. Does this system use privacy-sensitive technologies such as mobile, global position system (GPS), biometrics, RFID, etc.? No
- 15. Does the system use cloud computing? No
- 16. Does this system/application interact with the public? No

H. INDIVIDUAL NOTICE AND CONSENT

17. Was/is notice provided to the individual prior to collection of information? Yes

17a. If **yes**, how is notice provided? Was the individual notified about the authority to collect the information, whether such is mandatory or voluntary, the purpose for which the information will be used, with whom the information may be shared, and the effects, if any, if they decide not to provide any of the requested information?

The IRS notifies all individuals who file tax returns of such collection via the Privacy Act Notice which provides the legal right to ask for information under Internal Revenue Code sections 6001, 6011, and 6012(a), and their regulations. Under these sections, response is mandatory. Code section 6109 requires the individual provide an identifying number. This purely internal system does not interact directly with taxpayers and is not the official system of record. It does not make determinations on its own. Any individual information is received from a system that provides taxpayers with notice and rights to consent and/or amend, as needed, according to various IRCs, through notifications such as Publication 1.

- 18. Do individuals have the opportunity to decline from providing information and/or from consenting to particular uses of the information? <u>No</u>
 - 18b. If no, why not? Employers submit W-2 data for their employees. No contact is made with employee or other individual. The information is collected while carrying out the Internal Revenue laws of the United States; an individual cannot decline providing the information.
- 19. How does the system or business process ensure due process regarding information access, correction and redress? Publication 1 "Your Rights as a Taxpayer" explains the rights of the taxpayer, which includes the right to challenge the IRS' position and be heard; and the right to appeal an IRS decision in an independent forum. The system does not replace any individual taxpayer's right to due process, as dictated by the Internal Revenue Manual guidelines. IRS policy allows individual taxpayers whose data is in the system the opportunity to clarify or dispute negative determinations through the appeals process. However, due to the nature of this system, individuals may not receive specific notice that their information has been collected.

I. INFORMATION PROTECTION

20. Identify the owner and operator of the system (could be IRS owned and Operated; IRS owned, contractor operated; contractor owned and operated)

IRS Owned and Operated

21. The following people have access to the system with the specified rights:

IRS Employees? Yes

IRS Employees?	Yes/No	Access Level (Read Only/Read Write/ Administrator)
Users	Yes	Read-Only
Managers	Yes	Read-Only
Sys. Administrators	Yes	Administrator
Developers	Yes	Read and Write

Contractor Employees? No

- 21a. How is access to SBU/PII determined and by whom? Access to the W-2 Disc Database is requested via an Online Form 5081 (OL5081). Access is granted on a need-to-know basis. The OL5081 enrollment process requires that an authorized manager approve access requests on a case by case basis. Access approval is based on the Users role(s) and responsibilities. Users are given the minimum set of privileges required to perform their regular and recurring work assignments, they are restricted from changing the boundaries of their access without management approval. The employee's access will be terminated once they no longer require access to the Database. Deletion from the active access role is also performed through the OL5081.
- 21b. If computer matching occurs, can the business owner certify that it meets requirements of IRM 11.3.39 Disclosure of Official Information, Computer Matching & Privacy Protection Act? Not Applicable

I.1 RECORDS RETENTION SCHEDULE

- 22. Are these records covered under the General Records Schedule (GRS), or have a National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) archivist approved a Record Control Schedule (RCS) for the retention and destruction of official agency records stored in this system? Yes
 - 22a. If **yes**, how long are the records required to be held under the corresponding RCS and how are they disposed of? In your response, please include the complete IRM number 1.15.XX and specific item number and title.

All records housed in the W2 db will be erased or purged from the system in accordance with approved retention periods. It is the official repository for data and documents and has National Archives approval to affect data disposition. Any records generated and maintained by the system will be managed according to requirements under IRM 1.15.1 and 1.15.6, and will be destroyed using IRS Records Control Schedule (RCS) 29, Item 85 and as coordinated with the IRS Records and Information Management (RIM) Program and IRS Records Officer.

I.2 SA&A OR ECM-R

- 23. Has the system been through SA&A (Security Assessment and Authorization) or ECM-R (Enterprise Continuous Monitoring Reauthorization)? No
 - 23c. If **no**, is the system secured in accordance with all applicable federal, treasury, and IRS security policy, procedures, and requirements? Yes

23.1 Describe in detail the system's audit trail. <u>Data is received via computer disc, loaded onto</u> server, and available to the team as read-only through access front-end.

J. PRIVACY TESTING

24. Does the system require a System Test Plan? No

24c. If **no**, please explain why. <u>Data is perfected prior to being loaded to server. Any issues would be</u> identified and resolved at that time.

K. SBU Data Use

25. Does this system use, or plan to use SBU Data in Testing? No

L. NUMBER AND CATEGORY OF PII RECORDS

26. Identify the number of individual records in the system for each category:

26a. IRS Employees: Not Applicable
26b. Contractors: Not Applicable

26c. Members of the Public: More than 1,000,000

26d. Other: No

M. CIVIL LIBERTIES

- 27. Does the system maintain any information describing how any individual exercises their rights guaranteed by the First Amendment? No
- 28. Is the system information used to conduct data-mining as defined in the *Implementing the 9/11 Commission Recommendations Act of 2007, Public Law 110-53, Section 804?* No
- 29. Will this system have the capability to identify, locate, and monitor individuals or groups of people? No

N. ACCOUNTING OF DISCLOSURES

30. Does the system include or require disclosure of tax or employee information to anyone other than IRS employees in the performance of their duties, or to the person to whom the information pertains or to a 3rd party pursuant to a Power of Attorney, tax or Privacy Act consent? No

End of Report