

## PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

The Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, 5 U.S.C. § 552a, requires that you be given this notice.

Any information you provide to the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Suspension and Debarment Program will be governed by the Privacy Act and will be included in the EPA Debarment and Suspension Files, a Privacy Act system of records. Collection of the information you provide is authorized by the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949, 41 U.S.C. § 251 et. seq.; the Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act, 41 U.S.C. § 401 et. seq.; Executive Order 12549 (February 18, 1986); and Executive Order 12689 (August 16, 1989).

Providing information to the EPA Suspension and Debarment Program is voluntary. However, if you decide not to provide any information, the Suspension and Debarment Program will base its decisions on the basis of existing information in the record on the matter for which information is being sought from you.

Records in this system will be used to ensure that Federal contracts and Federal assistance, loans, and benefits are awarded to responsible business entities and individuals. In addition, records may be disclosed to the General Services Administration for the purposes of compiling a list of parties excluded from federal procurement and nonprocurement programs; to the individuals or organizations suspended, proposed for debarment, or debarred and their legal representatives; to Federal, state, local, or foreign agencies or other entities, as appropriate, in connection with (a) the administration of federal acquisition, assistance, loans, and benefit or regulatory programs, (b) EPA decisions on employment, contracting, and other benefits, (c) relevant law enforcement actions, and (d) verification of an individual's eligibility to participate in federal nonprocurement transactions; in connection with judicial or administrative litigation to which the records are relevant; in response to a subpoena issued by another federal agency; to contractors and others engaged to provide services to the Government who need to access the records to perform those services; in response to inquires from a member of Congress made at your request; and in connection with authorized records management inspections. This is a summary of the routine uses authorized in the Federal Register notice governing this system of records. For a complete description of the routine uses, please consult the Federal Register notice for this system of records, published initially at 60 Fed. Reg. 51791 on October 3, 1998.