**PART 824 - PROTECTION OF PRIVACY AND FREEDOM OF INFORMATION**


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Subpart 824.1 - Protection of Individual Privacy

**824.102 General.**

VA rules implementing the Privacy Act of 1974 are in 38 CFR 1.575 through 1.584, Safeguarding Personal Information in Department of Veterans Affairs Records.

**824.103 Procedures.**

(c) The contracting officer shall reference the following documents in solicitations and contracts that require the design, development, or operation of a system of records -

(1) VA Handbook 6500.6, Contract Security;

(2) VA Handbook 6508.1, Procedures for Privacy Threshold Analysis and Privacy Impact Assessment;

(3) VA Handbook 6510, VA Identity and Access Management -

(i) The contracting officer will ensure that statements of work or performance work statements that require the design, development, or operation of a system of records include procedures to follow in the event of a Personally Identifiable Information (PII) breach; and

(ii) The contracting officer shall ensure that Government surveillance plans for contracts that require the design, development, or operation of a system of records include monitoring of the contractor's adherence to Privacy Act/PII regulations. The assessing official should document contractor-caused breaches or other incidents related to PII in past performance reports. Such incidents include instances in which the contractor did not adhere to Privacy Act/PII contractual
Subpart 824.2 - Freedom of Information Act

824.203 Policy.

(a) VA rules implementing the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) are in 38 CFR 1.550 through 1.562.

(b) Upon receipt of a request, the contracting officer shall provide the requester with the name of the cognizant VA FOIA Service Office. The VA FOIA Service Office (see http://www.oprm.va.gov/foia/) is the focal point for all FOIA requests and official information may only be released through the cognizant FOIA Service or their authorized designee.