

(1) Standards for each statistical agency or unit to assess each data asset owned or accessed by the statistical agency or unit for purposes of categorizing the sensitivity level of each such asset and identifying the corresponding level of accessibility to each such asset. Such standards shall include—

- (A) common sensitivity levels and corresponding levels of accessibility that may be assigned to a data asset, including a requisite minimum and maximum number of sensitivity levels for each statistical agency or unit to use;
- (B) criteria for determining the sensitivity level and corresponding level of accessibility of each data asset; and
- (C) criteria for determining whether a less sensitive and more accessible version of a data asset can be produced.

(2) Standards for each statistical agency or unit to improve access to a data asset pursuant to paragraph (1) or (3) by removing or obscuring information in such a manner that the identity of the data subject is less likely to be reasonably inferred by either direct or indirect means.

(3) A requirement for each statistical agency or unit to conduct a comprehensive risk assessment of any data asset acquired or accessed under this subchapter prior to any public release of such asset, including standards for such comprehensive risk assessment and criteria for making a determination of whether to release the data.

(4) Requirements for each statistical agency or unit to make any process or assessment established, produced, or conducted pursuant to this section transparent and easy to understand, including the following:

- (A) A requirement to make information on the assessment of the sensitivity level of each data asset conducted pursuant to paragraph (1) available on the Federal data catalogue established under section 3511(c)(1).
- (B) A requirement to make any comprehensive risk assessment, and associated determinations, conducted under paragraph (3) available on the Federal data catalogue established under section 3511(c)(1).
- (C) A requirement to make any standard or policy established by the statistical agency or unit to carry out this section and any assessment conducted under this section easily accessible on the public website of such agency or unit.

(c) RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DIRECTOR.—The Director shall—

- (1) make public all standards and policies established under this section; and
- (2) ensure that statistical agencies and units have the ability to make information public on the Federal data catalogue established under section 3511(c)(1), in accordance with requirements established pursuant to subsection (b).

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§ 3583. Application to access data assets for developing evidence

(a) STANDARD APPLICATION PROCESS.—The Director shall establish a process through which agencies, the Congressional Budget Office, State, local, and Tribal governments, researchers, and other individuals, as appropriate, may apply to access the data assets accessed or acquired under this subchapter by a statistical agency or unit for purposes of developing evidence. The process shall include the following:

- (1) Sufficient detail to ensure that each statistical agency or unit establishes an identical process.
- (2) A common application form.
- (3) Criteria for statistical agencies and units to determine whether to grant an applicant access to a data asset.
- (4) Timeframes for prompt determinations by each statistical agency or unit.
- (5) An appeals process for adverse decisions and noncompliance with the process established under this subsection.
- (6) Standards for transparency, including requirements to make the following information publicly available:
 - (A) Each application received.
 - (B) The status of each application.
 - (C) The determination made for each application.
 - (D) Any other information, as appropriate, to ensure full transparency of the process established under this subsection.

(b) CONSULTATION.—In establishing the process required under subsection (a), the Director shall consult with stakeholders, including the public, agencies, State and local governments, and representatives of non-governmental researchers.

(c) IMPLEMENTATION.—The head of each statistical agency or unit shall implement the process established under subsection (a).

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CHAPTER 36—MANAGEMENT AND PROMOTION OF ELECTRONIC GOVERNMENT SERVICES

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§ 3601. Definitions

In this chapter, the definitions under section 3502 shall apply, and the term—

- (1) “Administrator” means the Administrator of the Office of Electronic Government established under section 3602;