System name: Family Liaison Office Centralized Data Bank of Family Member Skills and Direct Communication Network Records.


System location: Department of State, 2201 C Street, NW, Washington, DC 20520.

Categories of individuals covered by the system: Family members of employees of U.S. foreign affairs agencies covered by the Foreign Service Act of 1980 and their sponsors.

Categories of records in the system: Family member's name, Social Security Account Number, country of birth, citizenship, level and date of security clearance, GS/FS rating code, work preference code, current mailing address, location code of assignment, and other biographic data including educational background, language skills, specialized training, area of expertise, and work experience; sponsor's name, Social Security Account Number, transfer eligibility date, and foreign affairs agency name and code.

Authority for maintenance of the system: 22 U.S.C 2693 and 4026.

Routine uses of records maintained in the system, including categories of users and the purposes of such uses: The Family Liaison Office will use this record system to assist family members of employees of U.S. foreign affairs agencies in acquiring employment and other services. Information from this system will be made available to personnel offices of other Government agencies having employment opportunities. Information may also be disclosed to multinational corporations, international organizations, business firms, foundations, foreign governments, and families at overseas posts who are interested in hiring family members to perform a task commensurate with their work experience or to utilize their services in performing voluntary work.

Policies and practices for storing, retrieving, accessing, retaining, and disposing of records in the system:

Storage: Hard copy, computer media.

Retrievability: By individual name of family member or sponsors, as well as by each of the data items listed as a category in this description.

Safeguards: All employees of the Department of State have undergone a background security investigation. Access to the Department of State and its annexes is controlled by security guards, and admission is limited to those individuals possessing a valid identification card or individuals under proper escort. All records containing personal information are maintained in secured file cabinets or in restricted areas, access to which is limited to authorized personnel. All records containing personal information on a computerized database are accessible only through computer media under Department of State jurisdiction and placed in restricted areas access to which is limited to authorized personnel. Access to computerized files is password-protected and under the direct responsibility of the system manager. The system manager has the capability of printing audit trails of access from the computer media, thereby permitting regular ad hoc monitoring of computer usage.

Retention and disposal: These records will be maintained in the system for as long as the individual is interested in participating in the employment services and/or the Direct Communication Network provided by the Family Liaison Office. More specific information may be obtained by writing to Director, Foreign Affairs Information Management Center, Room 1239, Department of State, 2201 C Street, NW, Washington, DC 20520.

System manager(s) and address: Director, Family Liaison Office, and Chief, Personnel Management, Operating Systems Division, Department of State, 2201 C Street, NW, Washington, DC 20520.

Notification procedure: Individuals who have reason to believe that the FLO Centralized Data Bank of Family Member Skills and Direct Communication Network Records might contain records pertaining to them should write to the Information and Privacy Coordinator, Foreign Affairs Information Management Center, Room 1239, Department of State, 2201 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20520. The individual must specify that she/he wishes the records of the FLO Centralized Data Bank of Family Member Skills and Direct Communication Network to be checked.
minimum, the individual must include: Date and place of birth; current mailing address and zip code; signature.

**Record access procedures:**
Individuals who wish to gain access to or amend records pertaining to themselves should write to the Information and Privacy Coordinator, Foreign Affairs Information Management Center (address above).

**Contesting record procedures:**
See above.

**Record source categories:**
The individual family member for all data elements with the exception of the current mailing address, location code of assignment, and sponsor's transfer eligibility date, all of which will be transferred automatically from the sponsor's Official Personnel File.

**Systems exempted from certain provisions of the act:**
None.