

Additional background:

In 2014, ICE issued a similar solicitation that was cancelled over privacy concerns about the use of the technology. In 2015, ICE completed a privacy impact assessment and issued a second solicitation that was cancelled due to failed price negotiations.

ICE's Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) conducts criminal investigations into various forms of illicit activity, including human smuggling and trafficking; the smuggling of drugs, weapons and other contraband; transnational gangs; and child exploitation. ICE's Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) conducts targeted immigration enforcement in compliance with federal law and agency policy, focusing on individuals who pose a threat to national security, public safety and border security. However, all of those in violation of the immigration laws may be subject to immigration arrest, detention and, if found removable by final order, removal from the United States.

Q: What is the name of the service provider that ICE anticipates providing the service?

A: Our contract is with West Publishing (TRSS) who has partnered with Vigilant to provide the service.

Q: What are the privacy requirements, in general?

A: As detailed in the SOW, the privacy requirements include: use of a logon splash screen that describes the agency's permissible uses of the system and data – with a requirement for users to consent to these rules before proceeding; auditing requirement for users to input a license plate number, a reason code, and identification number for the law enforcement case the query is associated with before making a query; limitations on the timeframe of the data that can be queried, in compliance with the PIA; guaranteed accuracy of data; and assurance that ICE queries will not be provided to other system users or used for commercial purposes.

Q: Has ICE already begun to use Vigilant's database?

A: Yes

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