Privacy Impact Assessment Addendum for JusticeConnect

This Addendum is a summary of the privacy analysis conducted to evaluate a new feature within JusticeConnect that allows users to participate in group chats, online meetings, and instant polls with instant messaging. Although a new feature is being added to JusticeConnect, the feature does not change the types of information that will be shared among users. The FBI conducted a privacy analysis on the new feature and determined that the privacy risks and mitigations addressed in JusticeConnect's existing Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA), which the Department of Justice (DOJ) approved on January 26, 2018, apply equally to the new chat feature. Since the privacy risks have not changed with the addition of the chat feature, the PIA for JusticeConnect does not need to be updated other than with this summary alerting the public to the new feature and that the current mitigations apply equally to the new feature. This document serves as a summary of the pertinent information for the purposes of Section 208 of the eGovernment Act of 2002 regarding a privacy evaluation similar to a PIA.

JusticeConnect is adding a chat feature that did not exist during the last iteration of the PIA, which DOJ approved on January 26, 2018. This chat feature will provide instant messaging, collaboration, and a user online presence. It will only allow authorized JusticeConnect users to connect and share information with other authorized JusticeConnect users; it will not connect users, or allow information sharing, with members of the general public. It will allow users the ability to connect through group chats, online meetings, and instant polls with instant messaging. Users can share files and manage online message history using time and date stamps, people and date searches, and a log of sent files and links. With chat rooms, users can participate in instant virtualized meetings. Chat rooms will provide instant communication and the ability to have permanent chat rooms for selective groups. With meeting rooms, users can share files and presentations. Persistent meeting rooms can be established. Each user has the ability to be a moderator for a chat or meeting room. The moderator has the ability to invite only those users that are required and exclude all others. The moderator controls the environment. All users have the ability to see the other users and view the shared documents. Use of the chat feature must comply with the existing Terms of Use for JusticeConnect. Consequently, only information that could be shared in other parts of JusticeConnect can be conveyed through the chat feature. The chat feature provides a new way for users to interact; however, it does not expand the type of information that will be shared or who has access to information shared within JusticeConnect.