



# EU-U.S., SWISS-U.S., and UK EXTENSION TO DATA PRIVACY FRAMEWORK

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## AccuSourceHR Data Privacy Framework Policy

AccuSourceHR, Inc., and our subsidiaries, PeopleG2, Inc., LFL Enterprises, LLC dba Proforma Screening Solutions, and Five Diamond Screening, LLC (collectively, "AccuSourceHR"), comply with the EU-U.S. Data Privacy Framework (EU-U.S. DPF), the Swiss-U.S. Data Privacy Framework (Swiss-U.S. DPF), and the UK Extension to the EU-U.S. DPF as set forth by the U.S. Department of Commerce regarding the collection, use, and retention of personal information transferred from the European Union, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom (and Gibraltar) to the United States. AccuSourceHR has certified to the Department of Commerce that it adheres to the EU-U.S. Data Privacy Framework Principles ((EU-U.S. DPF Principles) with regard to the processing of personal data received from the European Union in reliance on the EU-U.S. DPF and from the United Kingdom (and Gibraltar) in reliance on the UK Extension to the EU-U.S. DPF. AccuSourceHR has certified to the U.S. Department of Commerce that it adheres to the Swiss-U.S. Data Privacy Framework Principles (Swiss-U.S. DPF Principles) with regard to the processing of personal data received from Switzerland in reliance on the Swiss-U.S. DPF. If there is any conflict between the terms in this privacy policy and the EU-U.S. DPF Principles and/or the Swiss-U.S. DPF Principles, the Principles shall govern. To learn more about the Data Privacy Framework program, and to view our certification, please visit <https://www.dataprivacyframework.gov/s/>.

This Data Privacy Framework Policy ("Policy") applies to personal information about an identified or identifiable person that is received by AccuSourceHR, Inc. from the European Union, United Kingdom, and Switzerland, as applicable, and other personally identifiable information ("PII") that AccuSourceHR acquires in the performance of services for its clients, or other third parties with whom AccuSourceHR has contractually agreed to apply this privacy policy. This Policy does not apply to data collected and used by AccuSourceHR which is within the scope of the Directive.

## Definitions:

1. "Personal Data," and "Personal Information" refer to data about an identified or identifiable individual that are within the scope of the Directive, received by AccuSourceHR in the United States from the European Union, United Kingdom, and Switzerland, as applicable and recorded in any form.
2. "Processing" of Personal Information or Personal Data means any operation or set of operations which is performed



upon personal data, whether or not by automated means, such as collection, recording, organization, storage, adaptation or alteration, retrieval, consultation, use, disclosure or dissemination, and erasure or destruction.

3. “Controller” means a person or organization which, alone or jointly with others, determines the purposes and means of the processing of personal data.

## 1. NOTICE

- a. AccuSourceHR is a participant in the EU-U.S. DFP, the Swiss-U.S. DPF, and the UK Extension to the EU-U.S. DP and self-certifies according to the requirements of the program. You can find Data Privacy Framework participants at <https://www.dataprivacyframework.gov/s/participant-search>.
- b. AccuSourceHR gathers personal information regarding individuals, that have unambiguously consented to in writing, on behalf of its clients by manually or electronically contacting the appropriate sources of the data (court records, references, licensing bureaus, etc.) including but not limited to:
  - Criminal history at the international, federal, state and county levels;
  - Sex offender registry checks;
  - Verification of credentials, including education and licensure;
  - Verification of employment history;
  - References;
  - State motor vehicle records;
  - Credit Reports;
  - National and international sanctions and exclusions database checks; and
  - Drug and health screening;

More information regarding the nature and scope of consumer data inquiries is available by contacting AccuSourceHR by writing to the contacts listed below.

- c. AccuSourceHR is committed to apply the EU-U.S. DPF, Swiss-U.S. DPF, and the UK Extension to the EU-U.S. DPF requirements in their entirety to all personal information received from the EU, Switzerland, or the United Kingdom, as applicable, in reliance on the U.S. DPF. AccuSourceHR hereby verifies adherence to the EU-U.S. DPF, Swiss-U.S. DPF, and the UK Extension to the EU-U.S. DPF via ongoing in-house verification of the internal policies and procedures implemented by the AccuSourceHR management.



- d. AccuSourceHR collects and uses personal information to prepare and provide background checks reports to employers or their agents for use in making employment-related decisions, such as who to hire, retain, promote, or re-assign. These reports may at time be use for Investigation into a suspicion of work-related misconduct or wrongdoing; Investigation into matters of employee compliance with employer policies, or Investigation into matters of employee compliance with Federal, State, or local laws and regulations.
  
- e. Persons who would like to make any type of inquiry about the Policy or to register a complaint under it may contact AccuSourceHR as follows:
  - AccuSourceHR, Inc.
  - Attention: Chief Privacy Officer
  - Telephone: (+1) 888. 649.6272
  - Email: [compliance@accusourcehr.com](mailto:compliance@accusourcehr.com)
  
- f. With respect to the transfer of personal information to third parties (other than AccuSourceHR agents), the principles of “Notice” and “Choice” apply. Accordingly, personal information is only provided to third parties for purposes described in the “Notice” section or otherwise disclosed to consumers, and will not be disseminated to a third party where a consumer has “opted-out” or, in the case of sensitive information, failed to “opt-in.”
  
- g. A person may request, in writing, access to all personal information collected and maintained about him or her by AccuSourceHR. Upon receipt of such request AccuSourceHR will provide all such information in a manner and form that maintains the security and confidentiality of the information. AccuSourceHR affords the person a reasonable opportunity to correct, amend, or delete information that is inaccurate or incomplete, except where the burden or expense of providing access would be disproportionate to the risks to the individual’s privacy, or where the rights of persons other than the individual would be violated. In cases where the information is subject to the FCRA, AccuSourceHR complies with the FCRA’s requirements regarding access and correction rights of consumers. To request information relating to his or her personal information, the party may contact AccuSourceHR by e-mail at the following email address, [compliance@accusourcehr.com](mailto:compliance@accusourcehr.com). In addition, the consumer will be asked to provide sufficient evidence of his or her identity so we may ensure that information is being released only to the subject of the data. If we are unable to provide the consumer with access to his or her EU or Swiss Personal Data or to correct the data, we will notify the consumer and provide all relevant details and circumstances preventing AccuSourceHR from doing so.
  
- h. AccuSourceHR offers individuals the opportunity to choose to “opt-out” or to “opt-in” whether their EU, Swiss, United Kingdom Personal Data will be disclosed to a third party (not including AccuSourceHR agents). These options are detailed in Choice section of this Policy.



- i. AccuSourceHR is committed to resolve complaints about privacy and our collection or use of personal information fairly and efficiently. Individuals should begin by first contacting AccuSourceHR. For any unresolved privacy complaints, AccuSourceHR has chosen the EU Data Protection Authorities (EU DPAs) and the FDPIIC, as applicable to serve as the independent dispute resolution body to address complaints and provide appropriate recourse free of charge to the individual. AccuSourceHR has agreed to fully participate in the EU PDA's and the FDPIC procedures to resolve disputes pursuant to the U.S. Data Privacy Framework.
- j. AccuSourceHR is subject to the to the investigatory and enforcement powers of the federal Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB), the federal Fair-Trade Commission (FTC), the California Investigative Consumer Reporting Agency Act (ICRAA), and the California Consumer Credit Reporting Agencies Act (CCRAA).
- k. An individual may invoke binding arbitration as the method for dispute resolution in accordance with the requirements and procedures set forth in Annex I of the U.S. Data Privacy Framework.
- l. AccuSourceHR is required to disclose Personal Information in response to lawful requests by public authorities, including to meet national security or law enforcement requirements.
- m. In the context of an onward transfer, AccuSourceHR has responsibility for the processing of Personal Information it receives under the U.S. Data Privacy Framework and subsequently transfers to a third party acting as an agent on its behalf. AccuSourceHR remains liable under the Principles if its agent processes such Personal Information in a manner inconsistent with the Principles, unless the AccuSourceHR proves that it is not responsible for the event giving rise to the damage.
- n. AccuSourceHR will provide a link to this notice when individuals are first asked to provide Personal Information to the AccuSourceHR, or as soon thereafter as is practicable, but in any event before AccuSourceHR uses such information for a purpose other than that for which it was originally collected or processed by the transferring organization or discloses it for the first time to a third party.

## 2. CHOICE

- a. AccuSourceHR offers individuals the opportunity to opt-out of whether their Personal Information is
  - i. To be disclosed to a third party, or
  - ii. To be used for a purpose that is materially different from the purpose(s) for which it was originally collected or subsequently authorized by the individuals.



1. Any third party AccuSourceHR uses as an agent to perform task(s) on behalf of and under the instructions of the AccuSourceHR are contractually bound to treat the information in a manner consistent with the Principles.
2. In accordance with AccuSourceHR's Written Information Security Policy, Personal Information is never used for a purpose other than what it was originally collected for and approved by the written consent of the subject person.

iii. **OPTING-OUT**

1. Although AccuSourceHR first obtains a person's unambiguous consent in writing, and because of AccuSourceHR's commitment to afford individuals every possible protection, if you would like to opt-out from AccuSourceHR using your Personal Information in either of the cases outlined in items i. and ii. above, simply send an email [compliance@accusourcehr.com](mailto:compliance@accusourcehr.com) or call by Telephone: (+1) 888.649.6272.
  - a. If opting-out by email or telephone, please provide us with:
    - i. Your complete legal name,
    - ii. Month and year of birth, and
    - iii. The name of the AccuSourceHR client with whom you have applied.

### **3. ACCOUNTABILITY FOR ONWARD TRANSFER**

- a. When AccuSourceHR transfers Personal Information to a third party acting as a controller, the third party must comply with the Notice and Choice Principles. AccuSourceHR holds contracts with the third-party controllers that provide that such data may only be processed for limited and specified purposes consistent with the consent provided by the individual and that the recipient will provide the same level of protection as the Principles and will notify AccuSourceHR if it makes a determination that it can no longer meet this obligation. The contract provides that when such a determination is made the third-party controller will cease processing or takes other reasonable and appropriate steps to remediate.
- b. When transferring Personal Information to a third party acting as its agent, AccuSourceHR: (i) transfers such data only for limited and specified purposes; (ii) has ascertained that the agent is obligated to provide at least the same level of privacy protection as is required by the Principles; (iii) takes reasonable and appropriate steps to ensure that the agent effectively processes the Personal Information transferred in a manner consistent with AccuSourceHR's obligations under the Principles; (iv) requires the agent to notify AccuSourceHR if it makes a determination that it can no longer meet its obligation to provide the same level of protection as is required by the Principles; (v) upon notice, including under (iv), AccuSourceHR will take reasonable and appropriate steps to stop and remediate unauthorized processing; and (vi) will provide a summary or a representative copy of the relevant privacy provisions



of its contract with that agent to the Department of Commerce upon request.

#### **4. SECURITY**

AccuSourceHR in creating, maintaining, using and/or disseminating Personal Information takes reasonable and appropriate measures to protect it from loss, misuse and unauthorized access, disclosure, alteration and destruction, taking into account the risks involved in the processing and the nature of the personal data.

#### **5. DATA INTEGRITY AND PURPOSE LIMITATION**

- a. Consistent with the Principles, AccuSourceHR use of Personal Information is limited to the information that is relevant for the purposes of processing. AccuSourceHR does not process Personal Information in a way that is incompatible with the purposes for which it has been collected or subsequently authorized by the individual. To the extent necessary for those purposes, AccuSourceHR takes reasonable steps to ensure that personal data is reliable for its intended use, accurate, complete, and current. AccuSourceHR adheres to the Principles for as long as it retains such information.
- b. AccuSourceHR retains information in a form identifying or making identifiable the individual only for as long as it serves a purpose of processing within the meaning of 5a, or as required by law or regulation. AccuSourceHR takes reasonable and appropriate measures to comply with this provision.

#### **6. ACCESS**

- a. Individuals have access to their Personal Information held by AccuSourceHR and are able to correct, amend, or delete that information where it is inaccurate, or has been processed in violation of the Principles, except where the burden or expense of providing access would be disproportionate to the risks to the individual's privacy in the case in question, or where the rights of persons other than the individual would be violated. Individuals may contact AccuSourceHR using the contact information set forth in Section 1.e. of this Policy.

#### **7. RECOURSE, ENFORCEMENT AND LIABILITY**

- a. AccuSourceHR's privacy protection includes robust mechanisms for assuring compliance with the Principles, recourse for individuals who are affected by non-compliance with the Principles, and acknowledges there are consequences for AccuSourceHR when the Principles are not followed. AccuSourceHR's mechanisms include:
  - i. EU Data Protection Authorities (EU DPAs) and the FDPIC serve as the independent dispute resolution bodies to address complaints and provide appropriate recourse free of charge to the individual. AccuSourceHR has agreed to fully participate in the EU PDA's and FDPIC procedures to resolve disputes pursuant to the EU-U.S. DFP, the Swiss-U.S. DPF, and the UK Extension to the EU-U.S. DPF,



and is subject to damages awarded where the applicable law or private-sector initiatives so provide;

- ii. AccuSourceHR by announcing its adherence to them acknowledges its obligation to remedy problems arising out of failure to comply with the Principles and realizes that there are consequences for failure to comply, and acknowledges that any sanctions levied will be sufficiently rigorous to ensure its future compliance.
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- b. AccuSourceHR will respond promptly to inquiries and requests by the Department for information relating to the EU-U.S. DFP, the Swiss-U.S. DPF), and the UK Extension to the EU-U.S. DPF. AccuSourceHR will respond expeditiously to complaints regarding compliance with the Principles referred by EU Member State, Swiss authorities, or United Kingdom authorities through the Department. AccuSourceHR as an organization that processes non-human resources data has chosen to cooperate with DPAs, Swiss authorities, or United Kingdom authorities, and will respond directly to such authorities with regard to the investigation and resolution of complaints.
  - c. AccuSourceHR acknowledges its obligation to arbitrate claims and follow the terms as set forth in Annex I, provided that an individual has invoked binding arbitration by delivering notice to AccuSourceHR and following the procedures and subject to conditions set forth in Annex I.
  - d. In the context of an onward transfer, AccuSourceHR is responsible for the processing of Personal Information it receives under the EU-U.S. DFP, the Swiss-U.S. DPF), and the UK Extension to the EU-U.S. DPF and subsequently transfers to a third party acting as an agent on its behalf. AccuSourceHR acknowledges it is liable under the Principles if its agent processes such Personal Information in a manner inconsistent with the Principles, unless AccuSourceHR proves that it is not responsible for the event giving rise to the damage.
  - e. Should AccuSourceHR become subject to an FTC or court order based on non-compliance, AccuSourceHR will make public any relevant EU-U.S. DFP, the Swiss-U.S. DPF), and the UK Extension to the EU-U.S. DPF-related sections of any compliance or assessment report submitted to the FTC, to the extent consistent with confidentiality requirements. AccuSourceHR acknowledges that the Department has established a dedicated point of contact for DPAs for any problems of compliance by Data Privacy Framework organizations, and that the FTC will give priority consideration to referrals of non-compliance with the Principles from the Department and EU Member State, Swiss authorities, or United Kingdom authorities, and will exchange information regarding referrals with the referring state authorities on a timely basis, subject to existing confidentiality restriction.



## DATA PRIVACY FRAMEWORK SUPPLEMENTAL PRINCIPLES

### 1. Sensitive Data

- a. AccuSourceHR is not required to and does not obtain affirmative express consent (opt in) with respect to sensitive data where the processing is:
  - i. In the vital interests of the data subject or another person;
  - ii. Necessary for the establishment of legal claims or defenses;
  - iii. Related to data that are manifestly made public by the individual

### 2. The Role of Data Protection Authorities

- a. AccuSourceHR is committed to cooperate with European Union data protection authorities (“DPAs”) and the FDPIC as described below. AccuSourceHR commits to employ effective mechanisms for assuring compliance with the EU-U.S. DFP, the Swiss-U.S. DPF, and the UK Extension to the EU-U.S. DPF Principles. AccuSourceHR will provide: (a)(i) recourse for individuals to whom the data relate; (a)(ii) follow up procedures for verifying that the attestations and assertions they have made about their privacy practices are true by providing access; and (a)(iii) will remedy problems arising out of failure to comply with the Principles and accept any consequences.
- b. AccuSourceHR commits to cooperate with the DPAs by declaring in its Data Privacy Framework self-certification submission to the Department of Commerce that AccuSourceHR:
  - i. Elects to satisfy the requirement in points (a)(i) and (a)(iii) of the Data Privacy Framework Recourse, Enforcement and Liability Principle by committing to cooperate with the DPAs and the FDPIC;
  - ii. Will cooperate with the DPAs and the FDPIC in the investigation and resolution of complaints brought under the Data Privacy Framework; and
  - iii. Will comply with any advice given by the DPAs or the FDPIC and will take specific action where the DPAs or FDPIC believes that AccuSourceHR must do so to comply with the Data Privacy Framework Principles, including remedial or compensatory measures for the benefit of individuals affected by any non-compliance with the Principles, and will provide the DPAs with written confirmation that such action has been taken.
- c. Operation of DPA Panels
  - i. AccuSourceHR acknowledges and accepts that the DPAs and FDPIC may provide information and advice in the following way:



1. The panel will provide any advice to AccuSourceHR on unresolved complaints from individuals about the handling of Personal Information that has been transferred from the EU under the EU-U.S. DPF. This advice will be designed to ensure that the Data Privacy Framework Principles are being correctly applied and will include any remedies for the individual(s) concerned that the DPAs consider appropriate.
  2. The panel will provide such advice in response to referrals from AccuSourceHR and/or to complaints received directly from individuals against organizations which have committed to cooperate with DPAs for Data Privacy Framework purposes, while encouraging and if necessary helping such individuals in the first instance to use the in-house complaint handling arrangements that the organization may offer.
  3. Advice will be issued only after both sides in a dispute have had a reasonable opportunity to comment and to provide any evidence they wish. The panel will seek to deliver advice as quickly as this requirement for due process allows. As a general rule, the panel will aim to provide advice within 60 days after receiving a complaint or referral and more quickly where possible.
  4. The panel will make public the results of its consideration of complaints submitted to it, if it sees fit.
  5. The delivery of advice through the panel will not give rise to any liability for the panel or for individual DPAs.
- ii. AccuSourceHR has chosen this option for dispute resolution and therefore it must comply with the advice of the DPAs. AccuSourceHR acknowledges that any failure to fulfill the undertaking to cooperate with the DPAs, as well as failures to comply with the Data Privacy Framework Principles, will be actionable as a deceptive practice under Section 5 of the FTC Act or other similar statute.
- d. AccuSourceHR uses Personal Information human resources related data transferred from the EU and commits to cooperate with the DPAs and the FDPIC with regard to such data (see Supplemental Principle on Human Resources Data).

### **3. Self-Certification**

- a. Data Privacy Framework benefits are assured from the date on which the Department has placed the AccuSourceHR's self- certification submission on the Data Privacy Framework List after having determined that the submission is complete.
- b. AccuSourceHR has previously provided to the Department a Privacy Shield self-certification submission, which has transitioned into a Data Privacy Framework self-certification, signed by a corporate officer on behalf of AccuSourceHR, that contains the following information:

- i. The name of our organization, mailing address, e-mail address, telephone, and fax numbers;
  - ii. A description of the activities of the organization with respect to Personal Information received from the EU, United Kingdom, or Switzerland by AccuSourceHR; and
  - iii. A description of the AccuSourceHR's privacy policy for such Personal Information, including:
    1. AccuSourceHR's public website address where the privacy policy is available
    2. A contact office for the handling of complaints, access requests, and any other issues arising under the Data Privacy Framework;
    3. The specific statutory bodies that have jurisdiction to hear any claims against AccuSourceHR regarding possible unfair or deceptive practices and violations of laws or regulations governing privacy (and that is listed in the Principles or a future annex to the Principles);
    4. Name of any privacy program in of which AccuSourceHR is a member;
    5. Method of verification prescribed in the Supplemental Principle on Verification; and
    6. The independent recourse mechanism that is available to investigate unresolved complaints.
- c. AccuSourceHR self-certification submissions will be provided not less than annually; otherwise AccuSourceHR will be removed from the Data Privacy Framework List and Data Privacy Framework benefits will no longer be assured. Both the Data Privacy Framework List and the self-certification submissions by AccuSourceHR will be made publicly available. AccuSourceHR states in its relevant published privacy policy statements that AccuSourceHR adheres to the Data Privacy Framework Principles. AccuSourceHR's privacy policy is available online and AccuSourceHR provides a hyperlink to the Department's Data Privacy Framework website and a hyperlink to the website or complaint submission form of the independent recourse mechanism that is available to investigate unresolved complaints.
- d. AccuSourceHR's Privacy Principles apply immediately upon certification. Recognizing that the Principles will impact commercial relationships with third parties, AccuSourceHR certifies that it shall bring existing commercial relationships with third parties into conformity with the Accountability for Onward Transfer Principle as soon as possible, and in any event no later than nine months from the date upon which AccuSourceHR certifies to the Data Privacy Framework. During that interim period, where organizations transfer data to a third party, AccuSourceHR shall (i) apply the Notice and Choice Principles, and (ii) where personal data is transferred to a third party acting as an agent, ascertain that the agent is obligated to provide at least the same level of protection as is required by the Principles.
- e. AccuSourceHR subjects all personal data received from the EU, United Kingdom, and Switzerland in reliance upon the Data Privacy Framework to the Data Privacy Framework Principles. AccuSourceHR's undertaking to adhere to the Data Privacy Framework Principles is not time-limited in respect of personal data received

during the period in which AccuSourceHR enjoys the benefits of the Data Privacy Framework. AccuSourceHR will continue to apply the Principles to such data for as long as AccuSourceHR stores, uses or discloses them, even if it subsequently leaves the Data Privacy Framework for any reason.

- f. If AccuSourceHR ceases to exist as a separate legal entity as a result of a merger or a takeover it will notify the Department of this in advance. The notification will indicate whether the acquiring entity or the entity resulting from the merger will (i) continue to be bound by the Data Privacy Framework Principles by the operation of law governing the takeover or merger or (ii) elect to self-certify its adherence to the Data Privacy Framework Principles or put in place other safeguards, such as a written agreement that will ensure adherence to the Data Privacy Framework Principles. Where neither (i) nor (ii) applies, any personal data that has been acquired under the Data Privacy Framework will be promptly deleted.
- g. If AccuSourceHR leaves the Data Privacy Framework for any reason, it will remove all statements and marks implying that it continues to participate in the Data Privacy Framework or is entitled to the benefits of the Data Privacy Framework.

#### **4. Verification**

- a. AccuSourceHR verifies its attestations and assertions through self-assessment.
- b. AccuSourceHR's privacy policy regarding Personal Information received from the EU, United Kingdom, and Switzerland is accurate, comprehensive, prominently displayed, completely implemented and accessible. AccuSourceHR's privacy policy conforms to the Data Privacy Framework Principles; individuals are informed of any in-house arrangements for handling complaints and of the independent mechanisms through which they may pursue complaints; AccuSourceHR has in place procedures for training employees in its implementation, and disciplining mechanisms employees for failure to follow procedures, and has in place internal procedures for periodically conducting objective reviews of compliance with the above. AccuSourceHR statement verifying the self-assessment is signed by a corporate officer or other authorized representative of the organization no less than once per year and is made available upon request by individuals or in the context of an investigation or a complaint about non-compliance.
- c. AccuSourceHR maintains its records on the implementation of its Data Privacy Framework privacy practices and makes them available upon request in the context of an investigation or a complaint about non-compliance to the independent body responsible for investigating complaints or to the agency with unfair and deceptive practices jurisdiction. AccuSourceHR will respond promptly to inquiries and other requests for information from the Department relating to the organization's adherence to the Principles.

## 5. Access

### a. The Access Principle in Practice

- i. Under the Data Privacy Framework Principles, the right of access is fundamental to privacy protection. In particular, it allows individuals to verify the accuracy of information held about them. The Access Principle means that individuals have the right to:
  1. Obtain from AccuSourceHR confirmation of whether or not AccuSourceHR is processing personal data relating to them; AccuSourceHR will answer requests from an individual concerning the purposes of the processing, the categories of personal data concerned, and the recipients or categories of recipients to whom the personal data is disclosed.
  2. Have communicated to AccuSourceHR such data so that they could verify its accuracy and the lawfulness of the processing; and
  3. Have the data corrected, amended or deleted where it is inaccurate or processed in violation of the Principles.
- ii. Individuals do not have to justify requests for access to their personal data. In responding to individuals' access requests, AccuSourceHR is first guided by the concern(s) that led to the requests in the first place. For example, if an access request is vague or broad in scope, AccuSourceHR will engage the individual in a dialogue so as to better understand the motivation for the request and to locate responsive information. AccuSourceHR might inquire about which part(s) of AccuSourceHR the individual interacted with or about the nature of the information or its use that is the subject of the access request.
- iii. Consistent with the fundamental nature of access, AccuSourceHR will always make good faith efforts to provide access. For example, where certain information needs to be protected and can be readily separated from other Personal Information subject to an access request, AccuSourceHR will redact the protected information and make available the other information. If AccuSourceHR determines that access should be restricted in any particular instance, it will provide the individual requesting access with an explanation of why it has made that determination and a contact point for any further inquiries.

### b. Burden or Expense of Providing Access

- i. The right of access to personal data may be restricted by AccuSourceHR in only in exceptional circumstances where the legitimate rights of persons other than the individual would be violated or where the burden or expense of providing access would be disproportionate to the risks to the individual's privacy in the case in question. Expense and burden are important factors and will be taken

into account but they are not controlling factors in determining whether AccuSourceHR providing access is reasonable.

- ii. For example, if the Personal Information is used for decisions that will significantly affect the individual (e.g., the denial or grant of important benefits, such as insurance, a mortgage, or a job), then consistent with the other provisions of these Supplemental Principles, AccuSourceHR will disclose that information even if it is relatively difficult or expensive to provide. If the Personal Information requested is not sensitive or not used for decisions that will significantly affect the individual, but is readily available and inexpensive to provide, AccuSourceHR will provide access to such information.
- c. Confidential Commercial Information
- i. Confidential commercial information is information that AccuSourceHR has taken steps to protect from disclosure, where disclosure would help a competitor in the market. AccuSourceHR may deny or limit access to the extent that granting full access would reveal its own confidential commercial information, such as marketing inferences or classifications generated by AccuSourceHR, or the confidential commercial information of another that is subject to a contractual obligation of confidentiality.
  - ii. Where confidential commercial information can be readily separated from other Personal Information subject to an access request, AccuSourceHR will redact the confidential commercial information and make available the non- confidential information.
- d. Organization of Data Bases
- i. Access can be provided in the form of disclosure of the relevant Personal Information by AccuSourceHR to the individual and does not require access by the individual to AccuSourceHR's data base.
  - ii. Access will be provided only to the extent that AccuSourceHR stores the Personal Information. The Access Principle does not itself create any obligation by AccuSourceHR to retain, maintain, reorganize, or restructure Personal Information files.
- e. When Access May be Restricted
- i. AccuSourceHR will make good faith efforts to provide individuals with access to their personal data, the circumstances in which AccuSourceHR may restrict such access are limited, and any reasons for restricting access will be specific. As under the Directive, AccuSourceHR can restrict access to information to the extent that disclosure is likely to interfere with the safeguarding of important countervailing public interests, such as national security; defense; or public security. Other reasons for denying or limiting access are:
    - 1. Interference with the execution or enforcement of the law or with private causes of action, including the prevention, investigation or detection of offenses or the right to a fair trial;

2. Disclosure where the legitimate rights or important interests of others would be violated;
  3. Breaching a legal or other professional privilege or obligation;
  4. Prejudicing employee security investigations or grievance proceedings or in connection with employee succession planning and corporate re-organizations; or
  5. Prejudicing the confidentiality necessary in monitoring, inspection or regulatory functions connected with sound management, or in future or ongoing negotiations involving AccuSourceHR;
- ii. AccuSourceHR when claiming an exception has the burden of demonstrating its necessity, and the reasons for restricting access and will provide a contact point for further inquiries to be made by individuals.
- f. Right to Obtain Confirmation and Charging a Fee to Cover the Costs for Providing Access
- i. An individual has the right to obtain confirmation of whether or not AccuSourceHR has personal data relating to him or her. An individual also has the right to have communicated to him or her personal data relating to him or her.
  - ii. Although permitted to do so, AccuSourceHR will not charge a fee for the confirmation or communicating of Personal Information.
- g. Repetitious or Vexatious Requests for Access
- i. Although permitted to do so, AccuSourceHR does not set limits on the number of times within a given period that access requests from a particular individual will be met.
- h. Fraudulent Requests for Access
- i. AccuSourceHR will not provide access unless it is supplied with sufficient information to allow it to confirm the identity of the person making the request.
- i. Timeframe for Responses
- i. AccuSourceHR will respond to access requests within a reasonable time period, in a reasonable manner, and in a form, that is readily intelligible to the individual.

## 6. Human Resources Data

- a. Coverage by the Data Privacy Framework
  - i. Where an organization in the EU, United Kingdom, or Switzerland transfers Personal Information about its employees (past or present) collected in the context of the employment relationship to AccuSourceHR as an outside service provider, the transfer enjoys the benefits of the Data Privacy Framework.
- b. Application of the Notice and Choice Principles
  - i. When AccuSourceHR receives employee information from the EU, United Kingdom, or Switzerland



under the Data Privacy Framework it will disclose it to third parties only in accordance with the Notice and Choice Principles, and then only for the single purpose the individual has unambiguously consented to in writing. AccuSourceHR does not reuse or resell Personal Information under any circumstances.

## 7. Obligatory Contracts for Onward Transfers

### a. Transfers between Controllers

- i. For transfers between controllers, the recipient controller need not be a Data Privacy Framework organization or have an independent recourse mechanism. AccuSourceHR will in all cases enter into a contract with the recipient third- party controller that provides for the same level of protection as is available under the Data Privacy Framework, not including the requirement that the third-party controller be a Data Privacy Framework organization or have an independent recourse mechanism, provided it makes available an equivalent mechanism.

## 8. Dispute Resolution and Enforcement

- a. The Recourse, Enforcement and Liability Principle sets out the requirements for Data Privacy Framework enforcement. AccuSourceHR satisfies the requirements by compliance with legal or regulatory supervisory authorities that provide for handling of individual complaints and dispute resolution; and a commitment to cooperate with data protection authorities located in the European Union, United Kingdom, or Switzerland or their authorized representatives.
- b. In order to help ensure compliance with its Data Privacy Framework commitments and to support the administration of the program, AccuSourceHR will provide information relating to the Data Privacy Framework when requested by the Department. AccuSourceHR will respond expeditiously to complaints regarding its compliance with the Principles referred through the Department by DPAs and the FDPIC. The response will address whether the complaint has merit and, if so, how AccuSourceHR will rectify the problem. The Department will protect the confidentiality of information it receives in accordance with U.S. law.
- c. Recourse Mechanisms
  - i. Consumers are encouraged to raise any complaints they may have with AccuSourceHR before proceeding to independent recourse mechanisms. AccuSourceHR will respond to a consumer within 45 days of receiving a complaint. As required by the Recourse, Enforcement and Liability Principle, the recourse available to individuals will be readily available and free of charge.
  - ii. AccuSourceHR has chosen the EU Data Protection Authorities (EU DPAs) through The United States

Council for International Business USCIB acting as a trusted third party on behalf of the European Union (EU) Data Protection Authorities to serve as an independent recourse mechanism (IRM) for dispute resolution arising from collection, use, and retention of Personal Information transferred from EU member countries to AccuSourceHR.

AccuSourceHR has chosen the Swiss Federal Data Protection and Information Commissioner (FDPIC) to serve as an independent recourse mechanism (IRM) for dispute resolution arising from collection, use, and retention of Personal Information transferred from Switzerland to AccuSourceHR.

- iii. AccuSourceHR acknowledges that set forth in Annex I, an arbitration option is available to an individual to determine, for residual claims, whether a Data Privacy Framework organization has violated its obligations under the Principles as to that individual, and whether any such violation remains fully or partially remedied. This option is available only for these purposes.

## 9. Public Record and Publicly Available Information

- a. AccuSourceHR in all cases applies the Data Privacy Framework Principles of Security, Data Integrity and Purpose Limitation, and Recourse, Enforcement and Liability to personal data from publicly available sources, and to data collected from public records, i.e., those records kept by government agencies or entities at any level that are open to consultation by the public in general.

## ANNEX I

Annex I provides the terms under which Data Privacy Framework organizations are obligated to arbitrate claims, pursuant to the Recourse, Enforcement and Liability Principle. It can be found in its entirety at this Data Privacy Framework website URL: <https://www.dataprivacyframework.gov/s/article/ANNEX-I-introduction-dpf>