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Privacy Impact Assessment for Lobbyists Registry System

The Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner (OIPC) has accepted the initial PIA (Privacy Impact Assessment) that was submitted under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FOIP) for the lobbyists registry system. Although PIAs are not mandatory under FOIP, this voluntary step was taken for the registry in order to identify and address any privacy or security issues.

One of the purposes of a PIA is to ensure that privacy protection and security measures are engineered into new information systems such as electronic registries that involve personal information. A summary of the PIA is posted in the PIA registry at OIPC, at www.oipc.ab.ca. The body of the PIA and the PIA Summary are posted on the *Lobbyists Act* website at www.lobbyistsact.ab.ca.

The lobbyists registry is being developed to support the implementation of the *Lobbyists Act*. The general purpose of the *Lobbyists Act* is to enhance transparency, openness, integrity and accountability of government by enabling the public to know who is lobbying public office holders.

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