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Does the FBI have a data management system that provides analysts and agents the capability to tie terrorist threats and suspicious activities to ongoing investigations or the need to open new investigations?

Response:

A.

Outside the Scope

B. eGuardian

The eGuardian system was envisioned as a tool for state, local and tribal police departments to share information with a potential nexus to terrorism amongst their own agencies, Fusion Centers, federal agencies, and the FBI. It affords the FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF) investigators and analysts to connect disparate pieces of information by allowing a central location for law enforcement reporting in an unclassified environment.

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- By utilizing the eGuardian system, the law enforcement community will have a previously unrealized degree of connectivity with regard to: the collection and dissemination of suspicious activity and threat reporting; regular push down of unclassified Suspicious Activity Reports from the FBI; and, an electronic internet based link to the JTTFs.
- Information that was previously provided to the FBI via the FBI's Internet Tip Line or Public Access Center Unit, at the unclassified level, will be shared among the entire Law Enforcement Community through eGuardian.
- The eGuardian system development continues to progress on schedule. Initial beta testing began in July 2008 at the Richmond Fusion Center. On July 10, 2008, the FBI's Security Division received an "Authority to Operate". The eGuardian Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA) was approved by DOJ on November 25, 2008. A phased deployment of eGuardian started with initial Pilot locations in California, Virginia and Florida. Additional deployments were made to numerous federal, state and local agencies and the FBI Field Offices.
- On November 10, 2008, TMU briefed all FBI Special Agents in Charge (SACs) at the Director's Leadership Conference and provided a system overview with emphasis on the significant impact the system will have on enhancing collaboration with their respective partners in law enforcement.
- In support of the 2009 Presidential Inauguration, eGuardian was deployed to the Washington Field Office and the Washington Regional Threat and Analysis Center for utilization as the main reporting system for all unclassified threats with a potential terrorism nexus.
- The TMU has established help desk support coverage from 6:00am through 12:00 midnight (Eastern Standard Time) to provide administrative and operational support to Global eGuardian partners. Full 24/7 help desk coverage is currently being evaluated and should be enacted in the near future.
- The FBI will continue the roll-out nationwide and deploy additional system enhancements in future releases throughout Fiscal Year 2009. This will include Interface for First Responders and Private Security, Geo-Spatial Mapping Tools, Advanced Search and Analyst Reporting.

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