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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:

Outside the Scope

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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- In support of the 2009 Presidential Inauguration, eGuardian was deployed to the Washington Field Office and the Washington Regional Threat and Analysis
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Center for utilization as the main reporting system for all unclassified threats with a potential terrorism nexus.

- 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.

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