

## **Notice of Criminal Liability under the Privacy Act**

The information provided to me by the Department of Education is protected by the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended. The protection of this information, once entrusted to me, becomes my responsibility. Therefore, I agree to protect the privacy of all information that has been provided to me as an agent of the Department. I understand that the criminal penalties identified below may be enforced if I violate the requirements of the Privacy Act.

5 U.S.C. 552a, as amended,

- (i)(1) Any officer or employee of an agency, who by virtue of his employment of official position, has possession of, or access to, agency records which contain individually identifiable information the disclosure of which is prohibited by this section or by rules or regulations established thereunder, and who knowing that disclosure of the specific material is so prohibited, willfully discloses the material in any manner to any person or agency not entitled to receive it, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and fined not more than \$5,000.*
  
- (2) Any officer or employee of any agency who willfully maintains a system of records without meeting the notice requirements of subsection (e) (4) of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and fined not more than \$5,000.*
  
- (3) Any person who knowingly and willfully requests or obtains any record concerning an individual from an agency under false pretenses shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and fined not more than \$5,000.*

I certify that I have read and understand the criminal penalties of the Privacy Act, as stated above, and that I agree to comply with the government's requirements for the protection of any information covered by the Privacy Act.

Signature and Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name (Printed or typed) \_\_\_\_\_