

Privacy Impact Assessment SAO MOSART Science Test Resource Registration

I. System Identification

1. **IT System Name:** MOSART Science Test Resource Registration
www.cfa.harvard.edu/smgphp/mosart
2. **IT System Sponsor:** Dr. Philip M. Sadler
3. **System Sponsor:** Harvard Science Education Dept.
4. **IT Systems Manager:** Van McGlasson
5. **PIA Author:** Dr. Philip M. Sadler
6. **SI Unit Director:** Charles Alcock
7. **Date:** September 2009
8. **Brief (one paragraph) description of the system:**

The MOSART Self Service Test Resource Site is funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF) to Harvard University to provide access to free science tests developed by Project MOSART to users who are not members of the NSF's MSP group. The registration page is for obtaining access to the site.

II. Privacy Assessment

1. **What information is being (or will be) collected.**

Users enter their name, institution address (the primary audience of users are teachers and education researchers), phone number, education degree(s), science education experience, and current position (choose best description from check list with open space for 'Other'). The user must complete all fields to become a registered user of the site, from which free science tests can be retrieved.

2. **Why the information is being collected.**

To allow users access to an inventory of free science tests for their use.

3. **The intended use of the information.**

The data are collected so that MOSART research staff can (1) compile a summary of types of users of the site for reports to NSF, with data reported in generalized, aggregate form (e.g., 30% of users are K-12 teachers in the eastern US) and (2) to allow for contact of users

by MOSART staff for survey purposes on user experience with the site. No use of the data is made by Smithsonian; MOSART is an NSF funded grant run by Harvard University and Harvard staff.

4. With whom the information will be shared.

Data are used by the MOSART principal investigator, Philip Sadler; project manager, Harold Coyle; and test coordinator, Jaimie Miller, all of whom are involved with preparing reports to NSF concerning MOSART.

5. What notice or opportunities for consent would be provided to individuals regarding what information is collected and how that information is shared.

Use of the system is entirely voluntary. However, any education researcher not affiliated with an NSF MSP who desires to use one or more MOSART tests must obtain the tests using this system.

6. How the information will be secured.

The system resides on an SAO Computing Facility Center server and is therefore protected by SAO safeguards.