Plan in the Event of a Lapse in Appropriations

Overview: This plan details the response of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board in the event of a lapse in appropriations that would shut down some portion of the federal government.

Status of Agency: The Board will use carryover funds available under its two-year appropriation to continue its functions. During such a period, the Board will periodically reevaluate whether available funds permit it to continue its functions.

Status of Board Members: In the event that the Board’s available appropriated funds are exhausted, the two Senate-confirmed Board Members will continue to work as exempt PAS officers.

Status of Employees and Shutdown Activities: The Board’s employees (currently 30 staff) will continue to work as exempted employees as long as appropriated funds are available. If the exhaustion of available appropriated funds becomes foreseeable, the Board Members will designate as excepted those Board employees required to ensure continued protection of classified information and systems, maintain the integrity of unclassified information systems, and preserve agency facilities and property. Upon the exhaustion of appropriated funds, the remaining Board employees will commence an orderly shutdown.

Status of Shared Service Providers/Contractor Affiliates: The PCLOB will coordinate with its shared service providers and any contracting affiliates to ensure that the Board is aware of what services will and will not be available during a shutdown and to identify points of contact for any issues or concerns that may arise.

Status of Public Website: The website located at www.pclob.gov will continue to be available online.