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Protecting Social Security Numbers in Public Records Property Records Industry Association Releases White Paper

DURHAM N.C. — As “Identity Theft” and “Personally Identifiable Information” continue to become some of the hottest words of the new millennium the Property Records Industry Association (PRIA) releases their white paper titled “Privacy and Public Land Records: Making Practical Policy.” You can view the white paper under New Updates at www.pria.us.

It is well-accepted that access to public land records is an essential component of our democracy. But, is access to these records being curtailed? Is identity theft really an issue with regards to public land records? How is protection for these records going to be paid for? This white paper outlines some of these key issues faced by the public land records industry today, recommends some “best practices,” and discusses some legislative initiatives.

This white paper explores how practical and informed policy making is a must to further solidify the integrity of our public records system and to achieve a meaningful balance between the public’s concern about privacy, and businesses’ legitimate use of data.

About the Property Records Industry Association:

The Property Records Industry Association (“PRIA” or the “Association”) is a coalition of public and private participants of the property records industry, cooperating to formulate positions on issues of common interest. The Association grew out of the efforts of the Property Records Industry Joint Task Force (“PRIJTF”), which had been jointly sponsored by the National Association of County Recorders, Election Officials and Clerks (“NACRC”), and the International Association of County Recorders, Election Officials and Treasurers (“IACREOT”). Among other objectives, the Association works to identify problems, opportunities and solutions that will make property records systems more efficient, effective and responsive to the public. The Association also works to identify areas of consensus within the industry, leading to recommendations for national standards pertaining to recordable documents. For more information about PRIA, visit www.pria.us.

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