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Working with Grant Thornton LLP, the FSU Information Institute engaged in a study of privacy laws and strategies for the General Accounting Office (GAO). The study identified leading strategies, principles or models for protecting and balancing privacy rights with other interests. The study team analyzed these strategies, principles, and models in terms of their application to the Federal government in both the public and private sector for both the United States and countries outside the U.S. Further analysis will be conducted on the possible applications and implications of such leading strategies, principles, and models to U.S. federal laws, policies, and organizational structure.

The study team reviewed the professional and academic literature, and collected data using onsite visits and/or telephone interviews with various councils, agencies, and other bodies. These interviews occurred with key personnel associated with the protecting and balancing of privacy rights with other interests in the government agency context. The study also reviewed existing documentation at the participating sites of policy and procedures for protecting and balancing privacy rights with other interests. The result of these efforts was used to identify and analyze significant organizational elements and major policies and practices associated with each leading strategy, principle or model.