

**SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION****[Declaration of Disaster #3065]****Texas**

San Augustine and Polk Counties and the contiguous Counties of Angelina, Hardin, Jasper, Liberty, Nacogdoches, Sabine, San Jacinto, Shelby, Trinity, and Tyler in the State of Texas constitute a disaster area as a result of damages caused by tornadoes and high winds that occurred on February 10, 1998. Applications for loans for physical damage as a direct result of this disaster may be filed until the close of business on May 11, 1998 and for economic injury until the close of business on December 10, 1998 at the address listed below or other locally announced locations:

Small Business Administration, Disaster Area 3 Office, 4400 Amon Carter Blvd., Suite 102, Ft. Worth, TX 76155  
The interest rates are:

	Percent
For Physical Damage:	
HOMEOWNERS WITH CREDIT AVAILABLE ELSEWHERE ....	7.250
HOMEOWNERS WITHOUT CREDIT AVAILABLE ELSEWHERE .....	3.625
BUSINESSES WITH CREDIT AVAILABLE ELSEWHERE ....	8.000
BUSINESSES AND NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS WITHOUT CREDIT AVAILABLE ELSEWHERE .....	4.000
OTHERS (INCLUDING NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS) WITH CREDIT AVAILABLE ELSEWHERE .....	7.125
For Economic Injury:	
BUSINESSES AND SMALL AGRICULTURAL COOPERATIVES WITHOUT CREDIT AVAILABLE ELSEWHERE ....	4.000

The numbers assigned to this disaster are 306512 for physical damage and 975900 for economic injury.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 59002 and 59008)

Dated: March 10, 1998

**Aida Alvarez,**  
Administrator.

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**SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION****Privacy Act of 1974, as Amended;  
Altered System of Records and Report  
of New Routine Use**

**AGENCY:** Social Security Administration (SSA).

**ACTION:** Altered system of records and new routine use.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a(e)(4) and (11)), we are issuing public notice of our intent to alter an existing system of records and establish a new routine use, both in the 09-60-0058—Master Files of Social Security Number (SSN) Holders and SSN Applications, SSA/OSR, system of records. (For convenience, we will refer to this system of records as the SSN System.) The proposed alteration and new routine use will allow SSA to obtain the SSNs of the parents on applications for SSNs for individuals who have not attained the age of 18 and to share that information with the Secretary of the Treasury for the purpose of administering those sections of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 which grant tax benefits based on support or residence of children. We are also making non-substantive housekeeping changes in the notice.

We invite public comment on this publication.

**DATES:** We filed a report of an altered system of records and proposed new routine use with the Chairman, Committee on Government Reform and Oversight of the House of Representatives; the Chairman, Committee on Governmental Affairs of the Senate; and the Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget on March 9, 1998. The routine use will become effective as proposed, without further notice May 4, 1998, unless we receive comments on or before that date that result in a contrary determination.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested individuals may comment on this publication by writing to the SSA Privacy Officer, Social Security Administration, Room 3-A-6 Operations Building, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21235. Comments may be faxed to (410) 966-0869. All comments received will be available for public inspection at that address.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Michael Walker, Social Insurance Specialist, Office of Disclosure Policy, Social Security Administration, 3-C-1 Operations Building, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21235, telephone 410-965-8525.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****A. Discussion of the Alteration and the Proposed New Routine Use**

Section 1090(b) of the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997, Pub. L. 105-34, amends section 205(c)(2)(B)(ii) of the Social

Security Act, which imposes a duty on the Commissioner of Social Security to require of applicants for an SSN such evidence as may be necessary to establish the age, citizenship, or alien status, and true identity of such applicants. "Such evidence", for applications for SSNs for individuals who have not attained the age of 18, "shall include the information described in" section 205(c)(2)(C)(ii). That information is the SSNs of the parents.

In addition, section 205(c)(2)(C)(ii) requires each parent to furnish to a State (or political subdivision) the parent's SSN (or SSNs if there is more than one) for the purpose of issuing a birth certificate, unless the State, in accordance with regulations issued by the Commissioner of Social Security, finds good cause for not requiring the parents to furnish their SSNs. Section 1090(b) requires the States to make those parents' SSNs available to the Commissioner of Social Security. The Commissioner is required to share the parents SSNs, obtained under sections 205(c)(2)(B)(ii) and (C)(ii), with the Secretary of the Treasury for the purpose of administering those sections of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 which grant tax benefits based on support or residence of children.

Categories of records currently collected in the SSN system include name, date and place of birth, sex, both parents' names, and race/ethnic data but does not include the SSNs of parents provided on applications of individuals who have not attained the age of 18. In response to the requirements of the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997, we propose to alter the categories of records in the system to include the SSNs of parents provided on applications for SSNs of individuals who have not attained the age of 18.

We are also altering our statement of purpose for the collection of information to recognize that we collect the parents' SSNs for two reasons:

1. As evidence with respect to an application for an SSN for an individual who has not attained the age of 18, and
2. In order to share parents' SSNs with the Secretary of the Treasury for use in administering those sections of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 which grant tax benefits based on support or residence of children.

We are also proposing to add a routine use to the SSN system of records allowing disclosure of the SSNs of parents provided on applications for SSNs of individuals who have not attained the age of 18 to the Secretary of the Treasury for the purpose of administering those sections of the

Internal Revenue Code of 1986 which grant tax benefits based on support or residence of children. The routine use will read that disclosures will be made:

- 8(c) To the Secretary of the Treasury for the purpose of administering those sections of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 which grant tax benefits based on support or residence of children. (As required by section 1090(b) of the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997, Pub. L. 105-34, this routine use applies specifically to SSNs of parents shown on an application for an SSN for an individual who has not attained the age of 18.

A notice of the SSN system, to which the routine use will apply, was last published in the **Federal Register** at 61 FR 33791, June 28, 1996.

### **B. Compatibility of Proposed Routine Use**

We are proposing the new routine use discussed above in accordance with the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a(a)(7), (b)(3), (e)(4) and (e)(11)) and our disclosure regulation (20 CFR part 401).

The Privacy Act permits us to disclose information about individuals without their consent for a routine use, i.e., where the information will be used for a purpose that is compatible with the purpose for which we collected the information. Consistent with the Privacy Act, under 20 CFR 401.150 we may disclose information under a routine use for administering our programs, or for administering similar programs of other agencies. In addition, our regulation at 20 CFR 401.120, provides that we disclose information when a law specifically requires it. The Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997, Pub. L. 105-34, specifically requires disclosure of the information at issue to the Secretary of the Treasury. Therefore, we find that disclosing the SSNs of parents of applicants for SSNs who have not attained the age of 18 serves purposes that are deemed to be compatible with purposes for which SSA collects the information and meets the criteria of the Privacy Act and the regulation for establishment of a routine use.

### **C. Effect of the Proposal on Individual Rights**

As discussed above, the proposed system alterations and new routine use will permit SSA to disclose the parents' SSNs at issue to the Secretary of the Treasury for administering those sections of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 which grant tax benefits based on support or residence of children.

While disclosure will have some impact on the privacy of individuals, (the SSNs of the parents will be known to the Social Security Administration

and the Department of the Treasury) the Treasury will be better able to administer certain parts of the tax code. SSA will follow all statutory and regulatory requirements for disclosure. Thus, we do not anticipate that the disclosure will have any unwarranted effect on the privacy or other rights of individuals.

Dated: March 9, 1998.

**Kenneth S. Apfel,**

*Commissioner of Social Security.*

**09-60-0058**

#### **SYSTEM NAME:**

Master Files of Social Security Number (SSN) Holders and SSN Applications, SSA/OSR.

#### **SECURITY CLASSIFICATION:**

None.

#### **SYSTEM LOCATION:**

Social Security Administration, Office of Telecommunications and Systems Operations, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21235

Social Security Administration, Office of Central Records Operations, 300 N. Greene Street, Baltimore, MD 21201

Records may also be maintained at contractor sites (contact the system manager at the address below to obtain contractor addresses).

#### **CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:**

This system contains a record of each individual who has applied for and been assigned an SSN. Also, each individual who applied for an SSN, but was not assigned one due to the following:

- His/her application was supported by documents which are suspected to be fraudulent and are being verified with the issuing agency, or have been determined to be fraudulent, or
- Fraud is not suspected, but further verification of information on his/her application or additional supporting documents are needed, or
- None of the above applies, but processing of the application has not yet been completed.

#### **CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:**

This system contains all of the information received on applications for SSNs (e.g., name, date and place of birth, sex, both parents' names, and race/ethnic data)(and, in the case of an application for an SSN for an individual who has not attained the age of 18, the SSNs of the parents), and any changes in the information on the applications that are submitted by the SSN holders. It also contains information from

applications supported by evidence suspected or determined to be fraudulent, along with the mailing addresses of the individuals who filed such applications and descriptions of the documentation which they submitted. Cross-references may be noted where multiple numbers have been issued to the same individual and an indication may be shown that a benefit claim has been made under a particular SSN(s).

#### **AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:**

Sections 205(a) and 205(c)(2) of the Social Security Act (the Act) (42 U.S.C. §§ 405(a) and 405(c)(2)).

#### **PURPOSE(S):**

Information in this system is used by the Social Security Administration (SSA) to assign SSNs. The information also is used for a number of administrative purposes, such as:

- By SSA components for various Old Age, Survivors and Disability Insurance, Supplemental Security Income, and Medicare/Medicaid claims purposes including usage of the SSN itself as a case control number and a secondary beneficiary cross-reference control number for enforcement purposes and use of the SSN record data for verification of claimant identity factors and for other claims purposes related to establishing benefit entitlement;
- By SSA as a basic control for retained earnings information;
- By SSA as a basic control and data source to prevent issuance of multiple SSNs;
- As the means to identify reported names or SSNs on earnings reports;
- For resolution of earnings discrepancy cases;
- For statistical studies;
- By the Office of the Inspector General, Office of Audit Services, for auditing benefit payments under Social Security programs;
- By the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Office of Child Support Enforcement for locating parents who owe child support;
- By the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health for epidemiological research studies required by the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1974;
- By the DHHS Office of Refugee Resettlement for administering Cuban refugee assistance payments; and
- By the DHHS Health Care Financing Administration for administering Title XVIII claims.
- By the Secretary of the Treasury for use in administering those sections of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 which grant tax benefits based on

support or residence of children. (Applies specifically to SSNs of parents provided on applications for SSNs for individuals who have not attained the age of 18.)

Information in this system is also used by SSA to prevent the processing of an SSN card application for an individual whose application is identified as having been supported by evidence that either:

- Is suspect and being verified, or
- Has been determined to be fraudulent.

With this system in place, clerical investigation and intervention is required. Social Security offices are alerted when an applicant attempting to obtain an SSN card visits other offices in an attempt to find one which might unwittingly accept fraudulent documentation.

**ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:**

Disclosure may be made for routine uses as indicated below:

1. Employers are notified of the SSNs of employees in order to complete their records for reporting wages to SSA pursuant to the Federal Insurance Contributions Act and section 218 of the Act.

2. To Federal, State and local entities for the purpose of administering income-maintenance and health-maintenance programs, where such use of the SSN is authorized by Federal statute.

3. To the Department of Justice (DOJ), Federal Bureau of Investigation and United States Attorneys Offices, and to the Department of the Treasury, United States Secret Service, for investigating and prosecuting violations of the Act.

4. To the DOJ, Immigration and Naturalization Service, for the identification and location of aliens in the United States pursuant to requests received under section 290(c) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1360(c)).

5. To a contractor for the purpose of collating, evaluating, analyzing, aggregating or otherwise refining records when SSA contracts with a private firm. (The contractor shall be required to maintain Privacy Act safeguards with respect to such records.)

6. To the Railroad Retirement Board for:

(a) Administering provisions of the Railroad Retirement and Social Security Acts relating to railroad employment; and

(b) Administering the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act.

7. To the Department of Energy for its study of the long-term effects of low-level radiation exposure.

8. To the Department of the Treasury for:

(a) Tax administration as defined in section 6103 of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) (26 U.S.C. 6103); and

(b) Investigating the alleged theft, forgery, or unlawful negotiation of Social Security checks.

(c) Administering those sections of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 which grant tax benefits based on support or residence of children. (As required by section 1090(b) of the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997, Pub. L. No. 105-34, this routine use applies specifically to SSNs of parents shown on an application for an SSN for an individual who has not attained the age of 18.)

9. To a congressional office in response to an inquiry from the office made at the request of the subject of a record.

10. To the Department of State for administering the Act in foreign countries through facilities and services of that agency.

11. To the American Institute of Taiwan for administering the Act on Taiwan through facilities and services of that agency.

12. To the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), Philippines Regional Office, for administering the Act in the Philippines through facilities and services of that agency.

13. To the Department of the Interior for administering the Act in the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands through facilities and services of that agency.

14. To the Department of Labor for:

(a) Administering provisions of the Black Lung Benefits Act; and

(b) Conducting studies of the effectiveness of training programs to combat poverty.

15. To VA for the following purposes:

(a) For the purpose of validating SSNs of compensation recipients/pensioners in order to provide the release of accurate pension/compensation data by VA to SSA for Social Security program purposes; and

(b) Upon request, for purposes of determining eligibility for or amount of VA benefits, or verifying other information with respect thereto.

16. To Federal agencies which use the SSN as a numerical identifier in their recordkeeping systems, for the purpose of validating SSNs.

17. To the DOJ, to a court, to another tribunal, or to another party before such tribunal, when:

(a) SSA, or any component thereof; or

(b) Any SSA employee in his/her official capacity; or

(c) Any SSA employee in his/her individual capacity when DOJ (or SSA when it is authorized to do so) has agreed to represent the employee; or

(d) The United States or any agency thereof when SSA determines that the litigation is likely to affect the operations of SSA or any of its components

is a party to litigation or has an interest in such litigation, and SSA determines that the use of such records by DOJ, the tribunal, or other party before such tribunal is relevant and necessary to the litigation, provided, however, that in each case, SSA determines that such disclosure is compatible with the purpose for which the records were collected.

Wage and other information that is subject to disclosure provisions of the IRC will not be disclosed under this routine use unless disclosure is expressly permitted by the IRC.

18. To State audit agencies for auditing State supplementation payments and Medicaid eligibility considerations.

19. To the Social Security agency of a foreign country, to carry out the purpose of an international Social Security agreement entered into between the United States and the other country, pursuant to section 233 of the Act.

20. To Federal, State, or local agencies (or agents on their behalf) for the purpose of validating SSNs used in administering cash or noncash income maintenance programs or health maintenance programs (including programs under the Act).

21. To third party contacts when the party to be contacted has, or is expected to have, information which will verify documents when SSA is unable to determine if such documents are authentic.

22. Upon request, information on the identity and location of aliens may be disclosed to the DOJ, Criminal Division, Office of Special Investigations, for the purpose of detecting, investigating, and, when appropriate, taking legal action against suspected Nazi war criminals in the United States.

23. To the Selective Service System for the purpose of enforcing draft registration pursuant to the provisions of the Military Selective Service Act (50 U.S.C. App. 462, as amended by section 916 of Pub. L. 97-86).

24. To contractors and other Federal agencies, as necessary, for the purpose of assisting SSA in the efficient administration of its programs. We contemplate disclosing information under this routine use only in situations in which SSA may enter into a contractual or similar agreement with a

third party to assist in accomplishing an agency function relating to this system of records.

25. Validated SSN information may be disclosed to organizations or agencies such as prison systems that are required by law to furnish SSA with SSN information.

26. Nontax return information that is not restricted from disclosure by Federal law may be disclosed to the General Services Administration and the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) for the purpose of conducting records management studies with respect to their duties and responsibilities under 44 U.S.C. 2904 and 2906, as amended by NARA Act of 1984.

27. Disclosure of SSNs and dates of birth may be made to VA or third parties under contract to that agency for the purpose of conducting VA medical research and epidemiological studies.

28. SSN information may be disclosed to the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) upon receipt of a request from that agency in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 8347(m)(3), when OPM needs the information in administering its pension program for retired Federal Civil Service employees.

29. Upon request by the Department of Education, SSNs which are provided by students to postsecondary educational institutions may be verified as required by Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1091).

30. To student volunteers and other workers, who technically do not have the status of Federal employees, when they are performing work for SSA as authorized by law, and they need access to personally identifiable information in SSA records in order to perform their assigned Agency functions.

31. To Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies and private security contractors, as appropriate, information necessary:

(a) To enable them to protect the safety of SSA employees and customers, the security of the SSA workplace and the operation of SSA facilities, or

(b) To assist investigations or prosecutions with respect to activities that affect such safety and security or activities that disrupt the operation of SSA facilities.

32. Corrections to information that resulted in erroneous inclusion of individuals in the Death Master File (DMF) may be disclosed to recipients of erroneous DMF information.

33. To State vital records and statistics agencies, the SSNs of newborn children for administering public health and income maintenance programs,

including conducting statistical studies and evaluation projects.

34. Personal identification data (i.e., name, SSN, and date of birth) concerning individuals who apply for, or are issued, drivers' licenses or other identification documents may be verified for State motor vehicle agencies (MVA) that issue such licenses or documents. In performing such "verification," SSA may indicate whether the identifying data furnished by a State MVA concerning an individual match or do not match data maintained in this system of records, and SSA may identify the particular data elements that do not match. SSA will not disclose information from this system of records which does not match the information furnished by the State MVA.

35. Information as to whether an individual is alive or deceased may be disclosed pursuant to section 1106(d) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1306(d)), upon request, for purposes of an epidemiological or similar research project, provided that:

(a) SSA determines in consultation with the DHHS, that the research may reasonably be expected to contribute to a national health interest;

(b) The requester agrees to reimburse SSA for the costs of providing the information; and

(c) The requester agrees to comply with any safeguards and limitations specified by SSA regarding rerelease or redisclosure of the information.

36. In connection with a pilot program, conducted with the Immigration and Naturalization Service under 8 U.S.C. 1324a(d)(4) to test methods of verifying that individuals are authorized to work in the United States, SSA will inform an employer participating in such pilot program that the identifying data SSN, name and date of birth) furnished by an employer concerning a particular employee match, or do not match, the data maintained in this system of records, and when there is such a match, that information in this systems of records indicates that the employee is, or is not, a citizen of the United States.

#### **POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:**

##### **STORAGE:**

Records in this system are maintained in paper form (e.g., Forms SS-5 (Application for an SSN card), and system generated forms); magnetic media (e.g., magnetic tape and disc with on-line access); in microfilm and microfiche form and on electronic files (e.g., NUMIDENT and Alpha-Index).

#### **RETRIEVABILITY:**

Records of SSN holders are indexed by both SSN and name. Records of applications that have been denied because the applicant submitted fraudulent evidence, or that are being verified because the evidence is suspected to be fraudulent, are indexed either by the applicant's name plus month and year of birth, or by the applicant's name plus the eleven-digit reference number of the disallowed application.

#### **SAFEGUARDS:**

Safeguards for automated records have been established in accordance with the Systems Security Handbook. This includes maintaining the magnetic tapes and discs within a secured enclosure attended by security guards. Anyone entering or leaving this enclosure must have a special badge issued only to authorized personnel.

For computerized records electronically transmitted between Central Office and Field Office locations (including organizations administering SSA programs under contractual agreements), safeguards include a lock/unlock password system, exclusive use of leased telephone lines, a terminal-oriented transaction matrix, and an audit trail. All microfilm, microfiche, and paper files are accessible only by authorized personnel who have a need for the records in the performance of their official duties.

Expansion and improvement of SSA telecommunications systems has resulted in the acquisition of terminals equipped with physical key locks. The terminals also are fitted with adapters to permit the future installation of data encryption devices and devices to permit the identification of terminal users.

#### **RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:**

All paper forms are retained for five years after they have been filmed or entered on tape and the accuracy has been verified. They then are destroyed by shredding. Electronic, as well as updated microfilm and microfiche records are retained indefinitely. All tape, discs, microfilm and microfiche files are updated periodically. Out-of-date magnetic tapes and discs are erased. Out-of-date microfiches are disposed of by applying heat.

#### **SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:**

Director, Division of Data Support and Enumeration, Office of Systems Requirements, Social Security Administration, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21235.

**NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES:**

An individual can determine if this system contains a record with information pertaining to him/her by providing his/her name, signature, and SSN to the address shown under "System manager and address" above. (Furnishing the SSN is voluntary, but it makes searching for an individual's record easier and avoids delay.) If the SSN is unknown or no SSN has been assigned because the evidence presented with the application is being verified or has been determined to be fraudulent, the individual should provide name, signature, date and place of birth, sex, mother's birth name, and father's name, and evidence of identity. Information in this system of records is available to the subjects of the records.

**RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:**

Same as notification procedures. Also, requesters should reasonably specify the record contents which they are seeking.

**CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:**

Same as notification procedures above. Also, requesters should reasonably identify the record, specify the information which they are contesting, and state the corrective action sought and the reasons for the correction, with supporting justification showing how the record is incomplete, untimely, inaccurate, or irrelevant.

**RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:**

Information in this system is obtained from SSN applicants (or individuals acting on their behalf). The SSN itself is assigned to the individual as a result of internal processes of this system.

**SYSTEM EXEMPTIONS FROM CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE ACT:**

None.

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**DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

[Public Notice #2771]

**United States International  
Telecommunications Advisory  
Committee (ITAC),  
Radiocommunication Sector (ITAC-R):  
Notice of Meetings**

The Department of State announces that a meeting of the National Committee of the Radiocommunication Sector of the U.S. International Telecommunication Advisory Committee will be held April 2, 1998, 1:30 PM-4 PM, in Room 1406 of the Department of State, 2201 "C" Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. The purpose of

the National Committee is to advise the Department on policy, technical and operational matters with respect to international radiocommunications issues. A related meeting of the ITAC CITEP Permanent Consultative Committee III—Radiocommunications will be held April 2, 1998 at 9:30-11:30 AM, in Room 1406.

The National Committee meeting will consider the preparatory process for ITU Radiocommunication meetings, review radiocommunication matters requiring decision at the International Telecommunication Union Administrative Council meeting May 20-29, 1998, and review Study Group and CPM activities.

The PCC III preparatory meeting will review the results of the CITEP Assembly and consider U.S. preparations for the PCC III meeting June 8-12, 1998 in Sao Paulo.

Members of the General Public may attend these meetings and join in the discussions, subject to the instructions of the Chair. Admittance of public members will be limited to the seating available. In this regard, entrance to the Department of State is controlled.

Persons intending to attend the meeting should send a fax to (202) 647-7407 not later than 24 hours before the meeting. On this fax, please include the name of the meeting, your name, social security number, date of birth and organization. One of the following valid photo identifications will be required for admittance: U.S. driver's license with your picture on it, U.S. passport, or a U.S. Government identification (company ID's are no longer accepted by Diplomatic Security). Enter from the 'C' Street Main Lobby.

Dated: March 18, 1998.

**Richard E. Shrum,**

*Executive Director, U.S. ITAC.*

**Draft Agenda—ITAC-R National  
Committee, April 2, 1998, 1:30-4 pm,  
Room 1406**

1. Opening Remarks and Introduction
  2. Review and Approval of Agenda
  3. Review of ITAC Activities
    - Plenipotentiary preparations
    - Free Flow of Information
    - Council Preparations
  4. Report on Radiocommunication
    - Advisory Group (January 12-16, 1998)
  5. Preparatory process for ITU Radiocommunication Meetings
  6. Report of Study Group and Conference Preparatory Meeting Activities
  7. Recommendations for Administrative Council (May 20-29, 1998)
- Financial resources for post WRC 97

work

- Scheduling of WRC 99
- Unfunded agenda items for WRC 99
- Cost recovery
- 8. Future Meetings
- 9. Other Business

**Draft Agenda—CITEP PCC III—  
Radiocommunications Preparatory  
Meeting, April 2, 1998, 9:30-11:30 am,  
Room 1406**

1. Opening Remarks and Introduction
2. Review and Approval of Agenda
3. Report of CITEP Assembly (March 2-6, 1998)
4. Preparations for PCC III Meeting (June 8-12, 1998)
5. Future Meetings
6. Other Business

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Office of the Secretary**

**Reports, Forms and Recordkeeping  
Requirements Agency Information  
Collection Activity Under OMB Review**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on December 17, 1997 [62 FR 66172].

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before April 23, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Anne Barsanti, Office of Research and Development, Federal Highway Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, 6300 Georgetown Pike, McLean, VA, 22101-2296, (703) 285-2102 or (703) 285-2443. Office hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., E.T., Monday thru Friday, except Federal holidays.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Federal Highway Administration  
(FHWA)**

*Title:* Nationwide Survey of Public Roads Readers.

*OMB Number:* 2125-0562.