

decision concerning the hiring or retention of an employee, the issuance of a security clearance, the issuance of a contract, grant or other benefit, to the extent that the information is relevant and necessary to the requesting agency's decision on the matter.

i. By the National Archives and Records Administration in connection with records management inspections and its role as Archivist.

j. To disclose to contractors, grantees or volunteers performing or working on a contract, service, grant, cooperative agreement, or job for the Board.

**DISCLOSURE TO CONSUMER REPORTING AGENCIES:**

Not applicable.

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

**STORAGE:**

Records are maintained in paper and electronic format.

**RETRIEVABILITY:**

Electronically-stored information may be retrieved based on name, address, telephone numbers, and other identifying information.

**SAFEGUARDS:**

Only employees in the Protective Services Unit will be able to access the information, and only a limited number of those employees will be authorized to enter data into the automated system.

**RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:**

All judicial case records are retained for a period of 30 years. All other protective intelligence case records, including protective surveys and non-judicial protective intelligence cases are routinely retained for a period of five years.

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

Robert Agnew, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, 20th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20551.

**NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:**

Inquiries should be sent to the Secretary of the Board, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, 20th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20551. The request should contain the individual's name, date of birth, Social Security number, identification number (if known), approximate date of record, and type of position.

**RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:**

Same as "Notification procedure" above.

**CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:**

Same as "Notification procedure" above.

**RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:**

This information is exempt pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(k)(2).

**SYSTEMS EXEMPTED FROM CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE ACT:**

This system is exempt from 5 U.S.C. 552a(c)(3), (d), (e)(1), (e)(4)(G), (e)(4)(H), (e)(4)(I), and (f) of the Privacy Act pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(k)(2).

By order of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, April 11, 2001.

**Jennifer J. Johnson,**

*Secretary of the Board.*

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**GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE**

**Commercial Activities Panel**

**AGENCY:** General Accounting Office.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Section 832 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2001 requires the Comptroller General of the United States to convene a panel of experts to study the transfer of commercial activities currently performed by government employees to federal contractors, a procedure commonly known as "contracting out" or "outsourcing." Selection of panel members has been completed and this notice announces the composition of the panel. The authorization act requires the Comptroller General to submit the panel's report to Congress by May 1, 2002.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 832 of the Floyd D. Spence National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2001, Public Law 106-398, Oct. 30, 2000, directs the Comptroller General of the United States to convene a panel of experts to study the policies and procedures governing the transfer of commercial activities for the federal government from government personnel to a federal contractor. The panel's study is to include a review of: (1) Procedures for determining whether functions should continue to be performed by government personnel; (2) procedures for comparing the costs of performing functions by government personnel with the costs of performing those functions by federal contractors;

(3) implementation by the Department of Defense of the Federal Activities Inventory Reform Act of 1998 (Pub. L. 105-270, 112 Stat. 2382, 31 U.S.C. 501 note); and (4) procedures of the Department of Defense for public-private competitions under Office of Management and Budget Circular A-76. By May 1, 2002, the Comptroller General must submit to Congress a report of the panel on the results of the study, including recommended changes with regard to implementing policies and enactment of legislation.

The Act requires the Comptroller General or a person within GAO designated by him to serve as the panel's chairman. The Comptroller General must appoint highly qualified and knowledgeable persons to serve on the panel and must ensure that the following entities receive fair representation on the panel: (1) The Department of Defense, (2) persons in private industry, (3) federal labor organizations, and (4) the Office of Management and Budget.

During the initial stages of forming a panel to conduct this study, the General Accounting Office issued a **Federal Register** notice on December 1, 2000, 65 FR 75288, inviting the public to submit suggestions on the composition of the panel. In this notice, GAO invited interested parties to submit suggestions on who should serve on the panel, specific agencies and organizations that should be represented, and the qualifications of panel members. In response to the notice, the GAO received a variety of comments on the composition of the panel, as well as numerous nominations of individuals to serve on the panel. Specifically, the GAO received nominations of 44 individuals, including representatives from the private sector, federal labor organizations, industry groups, research organizations, interest groups, and contractors. The Comptroller General considered all of the comments and nominations and has appointed the following individuals to serve on the Commercial Activities Panel:

- David M. Walker, Chairman, Comptroller General of the United States
- Dr. Frank A. Camm, Senior Economist, RAND
- Mark Filteau, President, Johnson Controls World Services
- Stephen Goldsmith, former Mayor of Indianapolis, Indiana
- Bobby L. Harnage Sr., National President, American Federation of Government Employees
- Colleen M. Kelley, National President, National Treasury Employees Union

- Sean O'Keefe, Deputy Director, Office of Management and Budget
- Senator David Pryor (retired), Director, Institute of Politics, Harvard University
- Stan Z. Soloway, President, Professional Services Council
- Robert M. Tobias, Distinguished Adjunct Professor, and Director of the Institute for the Study of Public Policy Implementation, American University
- Director, Office of Personnel Management
- Department of Defense representative (to be designated at a later date)

During the course of its work, the panel will hold several public hearings. Interested parties are encouraged to attend these hearings to provide their perspective on outsourcing issues. The schedules for these hearings will be announced in a later **Federal Register** notice. In addition, the GAO issued a notice on March 23, 2001, 66 FR 16245, seeking submission of comments identifying significant sourcing issues, as well as references to or copies of written materials related to these issues. Although it would be most useful to receive responses by May 7, 2001, comments received at any time will be considered.

Dated: April 12, 2001.

**David M. Walker,**

*Comptroller General of the United States.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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#### Proposed Data Collections Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations

In compliance with the requirement of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the

Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects. To request more information on the proposed projects or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, call the CDC Reports Clearance Officer on (404) 639-7090.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Send comments to Anne O'Connor, CDC Assistant Reports Clearance Officer, 1600 Clifton Road, MS-D24, Atlanta, GA 30333. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

Proposed Project: Gonococcal Isolate Surveillance Project (GISP) (0920-0307)—Extension—The National Center for HIV, STD, and TB Prevention (NCHSTP), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) proposes to continue data collection for the Gonococcal Isolate Surveillance Project (OMB No. 0920-0307). This request is a three-year extension of clearance.

The purposes of the Gonococcal Isolate Surveillance Project (GISP) are (1) to monitor trends in antimicrobial susceptibility of strains of *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* in the United States and (2) to characterize resistant isolates. GISP provides critical surveillance for antimicrobial resistance, allowing for informed treatment recommendations. GISP was begun in 1986 as a voluntary

surveillance project and now involves five regional laboratories and 26 publicly funded sexually transmitted disease (STD) clinics around the country. The STD clinics submit up to 25 gonococcal isolates per month to the regional laboratories, which measure susceptibility to a panel of antibiotics. Limited demographic and clinical information corresponding to the isolates are submitted directly by the clinics to CDC.

Data gathered through GISP are used to alert the public health community to changes in antimicrobial resistance in *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* which may impact treatment choices, and to guide recommendations made in CDC's STD Treatment Guidelines, which are published periodically.

Under the GISP protocol, clinics are asked to provide 25 isolates per month. However, due to low volume at some sites, clinics submit an average of 17 isolates per clinic per month, providing an average of 88 isolates per laboratory per month. The estimated time for clinic personnel to abstract data is 11 minutes per response. Based on previous laboratory experience in analyzing gonococcal isolates, we estimate 88 gonococcal isolates per laboratory each month. The estimated burden for each participating laboratory is one hour per response. Averaged over 88 isolates per laboratory per month, the estimated time for recording control strain data is 0.34 minutes per response. There is no cost to respondents.