

ACTION: Notice of delegation of authority.

SUMMARY: In this notice, the Secretary delegates authority to perform personnel management functions. Authority is delegated to the Deputy Secretary with concurrences by the Chief of Staff or by the General Counsel, as specified.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 27, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Virginia Stephens, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20410, (202) 708-0622. (This is not a toll-free number.) For hearing/speech-impaired individual, this number may be accessed via TTY by calling the Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8399.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Secretary is making these changes to assist in the management of the Department and the carrying out of its mission. In this document, the Secretary delegates personnel management authorities, as specified below, to the Deputy Secretary, with the concurrence of the Chief of Staff; and to the Deputy Secretary, with the concurrence of either the Chief of Staff or the General Counsel in certain actions involving Senior Executive Service employees.

Accordingly, the Secretary delegates authority as follows:

Section A. Authority Delegated With Respect to Specific Personnel Actions

The Deputy Secretary, with the concurrence of the Chief of Staff or the General Counsel, is delegated the authority to:

1. Select candidates for positions at grades GS-14 and GS-15.
2. Make an Intergovernmental Personnel Act (IPA) assignment.
3. Detail an employee at grades GS-14 or GS-15 to another HUD position in increments of up to 120 days.
4. Detail an employee to a position in another Federal agency in increments of up to 120 days.
5. Detail an employee to:
 - a. the Panama Canal Commission,
 - b. an international organization, or
 - c. a foreign government.
6. Approve/disapprove a temporary work-at-home arrangement.
7. Promote employees to, demote employees voluntarily from, or reassign employees to positions at the GS-14 or GS-15 level.
8. Make time-limited promotions to the GS-14 or GS-15 level to meet temporary needs.
9. Noncompetitively promote a GS-14 or GS-15 employee, temporarily or permanently, to the highest grade previously held up to the GS-15 level.

10. Authorize payment of up to 25% of basic pay as a recruitment bonus.

11. Authorize payment of up to 25% of basic pay as a relocation bonus.

12. Authorize payment of up to 25% of basic pay as a retention allowance.

13. Approve/disapprove a reduction-in-force.

14. Approve/disapprove a transfer of function.

Section B. Authority Delegated With Respect to Senior Executive Service and Schedule C and Other Actions

The Deputy Secretary, with the concurrence of either the Chief of Staff or the General Counsel; or the General Counsel with a concurrence of the Chief of Staff are delegated the authority to:

1. Select, terminate, promote, reclassify, or extend SES positions.
2. Make selections for Secretary's Representative and State/Area coordinator positions.
3. Make selections for Administrative Law Judge positions, Senior Level positions, and positions on the Board of Contract Appeals.
4. Make selections for experts or consultant positions.
5. Select, terminate, promote, reclassify, or extend Schedule C (political) appointees.
6. Detail or reassign SESers or Schedule C appointees to other SES or Schedule C positions.
7. Detail non-SESers to SES positions.
8. Recertify, conditionally recertify, or not recertify career SESers.
9. Approve/disapprove Presidential Rank Award nominations for SESers.
10. Approve/disapprove SES performance awards.
11. Approve/disapprove SES performance ratings.
12. During the notice period of an adverse action: assign SESer to other duties; approve annual or sick leave or leave without pay; place SESer in absent without leave status; or place SESer on excused absence.
13. Remove or suspend an SES employee for misconduct, neglect of duty, malfeasance, failure to accept a directed reassignment, or failure to accompany a position in a transfer of function.

Section C. Authority To Redelegate

The authority delegated under Sections A and B may be redelegated to the Deputy General Counsel for Programs and Regulations. The authority delegated under number 6 of Section A may be redelegated to the Assistant Secretary for Administration.

Section D. Authority Modified and Superseded

This delegation of authority supersedes all prior delegations inconsistent with the authority delegated herein. In addition, this delegation of authority specifically modifies the Delegation of Authority to the Assistant Secretary for Administration, dated March 14, 1966, published in the **Federal Register** at 31 FR 10754 (August 12, 1966); the Delegation of Authority to the Assistant Secretary for Administration, published in the **Federal Register** on June 5, 1975 at 40 FR 24228; and the Delegation of Concurrent Authority to the Deputy Secretary, published in the **Federal Register** on January 1, 1996 at 61 FR 353.

Authority: Sec. 7(d), Department of Housing and Urban Development Act, 42 U.S.C. 3535(d).

Dated: August 27, 1997.

Andrew Cuomo,

Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-3918-N-14]

Privacy Act of 1974; Notice of a Computer Matching Program

AGENCY: Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

ACTION: Notice of a Computer Matching Program—HUD and the United States Postal Service (USPA).

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended by the Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1988, as amended, (Public Law 100-503), and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Guidelines on the Conduct of Matching Programs (54 FR 25818 (June 19, 1989)), and OMB Bulletin 89-22, "Instructions on Reporting Computer Matching Programs to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Congress and the Public," the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is issuing a public notice of its intent to conduct a recurring computer matching program with the United States Postal Service (USPS).

EFFECTIVE DATE: Computer matching is expected to begin at least 40 days from the date this computer matching notice is published, provided no comments are received which would result in a

contrary determination. It will be accomplished 18 months from the beginning date.

Comments Due Date: October 14, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this notice to the Rules Docket Clerk, Office of General Counsel, Room 10276, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20410.

Communications should refer to the above docket number and title. A copy of each communication submitted will be available for public inspection and copying between 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. weekdays at the above address.

FOR PRIVACY ACT INFORMATION FROM SOURCE AGENCY CONTACT: Jeanette Smith, Departmental Privacy Act Officer, 451 7th Street, SW, Room 4178, Washington, DC 20410, telephone number (202) 708-2374. (This is not a toll-free number).

FOR PROGRAM INFORMATION FROM SOURCE AGENCY CONTACT: Debbie Holt, Office of Assistant Secretary for Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 470 L'Enfant Plaza, SW, Room 3115, Washington, DC 20024, telephone number (202) 755-7570. (This is not a toll-free number).

REPORTING: In accordance with Public Law 100-503, the Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1988, as amended, and Office of Management and Budget Bulletin 89-22, "Instructions on Reporting Computer Matching Programs to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Congress and the Public;" copies of this Notice and a report are being provided to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight of the House of Representatives, the Committee on Governmental Affairs of the Senate, and the Office of Management and Budget.

AUTHORITY: The matching program will be conducted pursuant to Pub. L. 100-503, "The Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1988," as amended, the Federal Debt Collection Act of 1982 (Pub. L. 97-276), which authorizes Federal agencies to offset a Federal employee's salary as a means of satisfying delinquent debts owed to the United States (5 U.S.C. 5514 (a)); 26 CFR 301.6402-6 *et seq.*, Chapter I,

Subchapter F—Procedure and Administration (Tax Refund Regulations issued by Internal Revenue Service); and 24 CFR part 17, Administrative Claims, subpart C 17.60 and 17.125 through 17.140, Salary Offset Provisions (HUD).

OBJECTIVES TO BE MET BY THE MATCHING PROGRAM: The matching program will allow HUD to discover the identities and locations of postal employees who are indebted to the Department and to collect debts owed to the Federal Government.

RECORDS TO BE MATCHED: HUD will provide extracts from its system of records entitled HUD/DEPT-2, Accounting Records, last published in the **Federal Register** at 59 FR 52985 on October 20, 1994, containing records of more than 250,000 debtors of the records to be matched. Disclosures will be made under routine use (i) of that system.

The USPS will provide extracts from its Privacy Act System of Records USPS 050.020, Finance Records—Payroll System, containing payroll records for approximately 800,000 current USPS employees. Disclosure will be made under routine use No. 24 of that system, a full description of which was last published in 57 FR 57515, dated December 4, 1992.

NOTICE PROCEDURES: HUD will notify individuals at the time of application (ensuring that routine use appears on the application form) for guaranteed or direct loans that their records will be matched to determine whether they are delinquent or in default on a Federal debt. HUD and USPS will also publish notices concerning routine use disclosures in the **Federal Register** to inform individuals that a computer match may be performed to determine a loan applicant's credit status with the Federal Government.

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS/INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED: The debtor records include these data elements from HUD's system of records, HUD/Dept-2: SSN, claim number, program code, and indication of indebtedness. Categories of records include: Records of claims and defaults, repayment agreements, credit reports, financial statements, and records of foreclosures.

Categories of individuals include: former mortgagors and purchasers of HUD-owned properties manufactured

(mobile) home and home improvement loan debtors who are delinquent or in default on their loans, and rehabilitation loan debtors who are delinquent or in default on their loans.

PERIOD OF THE MATCH: Matching will begin at least 40 days from the date copies of the signed (by both Data Integrity Boards) computer matching agreement are sent to both Houses of Congress or at least 40 days from the date this Notice is published in the **Federal Register**, whichever is later, providing no comments are received which would result in a contrary determination. The matching program will be in effect and continue for 18 months with an option to renew for 12 additional months unless one of the parties to the agreement advises the other in writing to terminate or modify the agreement.

Issued at Washington, DC.

Nicolas P. Retsinas,

Assistant Secretary for Housing—Federal Housing Commissioner.

Steven M. Yohai,

Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Endangered and Threatened Species Permits Issued

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of permits issued for the months of January 1997–August 1997.

Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Region 3, has taken the following action with regard to permit applications duly received in accordance with section 10 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1539, *et seq.*). Each permit listed as issued was granted only after it was determined that it was applied for in good faith, that by granting the permit it will not be to the disadvantage of the endangered species, and that it will be consistent with the purposes and policy set forth in the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended.

Name	Permit No.	Date issued
Tamara Ross	PRT 801463 A1*	5/1/97
TAMS Consultants	PRT 801466 A1*	5/29/97
Malacological Consultants	PRT 801471 A2*	6/19/97
Malacological Consultants	PRT 801471 A3*	7/30/97
Dr. John Whitaker	PRT 802777 A3*	3/17/97