

Monday, September 14, 1998

Time and event

8 a.m. DACOWITS member's arrive
8:30–8:59 a.m. Introductions (3E869—
SecDef Conf Rm, (Open to Public)
8:50–10:14 a.m. Gender Integrated Training
Brief (Open to Public)
10:15–10:29 a.m. Break
10:30–11:14 a.m. NCIS—Victim Preference
Statement Briefing (Open to Public)
11:30–11:44 a.m. Break
11:15–1:14 p.m. Lunch
1:15–2:29 p.m. Collocation Policy Briefing
(Open to Public)
2:30–2:44 p.m. Break
2:45–4 p.m. Fall Conference Overview and
Wrap Up (Open to Public)
4:15 p.m. DACOWITS members depart

Dated: August 19, 1998.

L.M. Bynum,

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison
Officer, Department of Defense.*

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Availability of Exclusive Licensing of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/ 131,786 for a Retractable Grappling Hook

AGENCY: U.S. Army Soldier Systems
Command, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with 37 CFR
404.7(a)(1), announcement is made of a
prospective exclusive license of a
retractable grappling hook described in
U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/
131,786, filed with the U.S. Patent and
Trademark Office on August 10, 1998.

DATES: Written objections must be filed
on or before 23 October 1998.

ADDRESSES: U.S. Army Soldier Systems
Command, Office of Chief Counsel,
Attn: Patent Counsel, Kansas Street,
Natick, Massachusetts 01760–5035.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr.
Vincent J. Ranucci, Patent Counsel at
508–233–4510 or Ms. Jessica M. Niro,
Paralegal Specialist at 508–233–4513.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The
Retractable Grappling Hook was
invented by Mr. James Sadeck. Rights in
this invention are vested in the U.S.
Government as represented by the U.S.
Army Soldier Systems Command
(SSCOM). Under the authority of
Section 11(a)(2) of the Federal
Technology Transfer Act of 1986 (Pub.
L. 92–502) and Section 207 of Title 35,

U.S. Code, the Department of the Army
as represented by SSCOM intends to
grant an exclusive license on the
retractable grappling hook to Schaefer
Marine, Inc., 158 Duchaine Boulevard,
New Bedford, Massachusetts 02745.

Pursuant to 37 CFR 404.7(a)(1), any
interested party may file written
objections to the prospective license
agreement. Written objections should be
directed to the above address.

Gregory D. Showalter,

Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Defense Logistics Agency

Privacy Act of 1974; Notice of a Computer Matching Program

AGENCY: Defense Manpower Data
Center, Defense Logistics Agency, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of a Computer Matching
Program

SUMMARY: Subsection (e)(12) of the
Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, (5
U.S.C. 552a) requires agencies to
publish advance notice of any proposed
or revised computer matching program
by the matching agency for public
comment. The DoD, as the matching
agency under the Privacy Act, is hereby
giving constructive notice in lieu of
direct notice to the record subjects of a
computer matching program between
Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) and
DoD that their records are being
matched by computer. The record
subjects are RRB delinquent debtors
who may be current or former Federal
employees receiving Federal salary or
benefit payments and who are
delinquent in their repayment of debts
owed to the United States Government
under programs administered by RRB so
as to permit RRB to pursue and collect
the debt by voluntary repayment or by
administrative or salary offset
procedures under the provisions of the
Debt Collection Act of 1982, as
amended.

DATES: This proposed matching program
will become effective September 24,
1998 and matching may commence,
unless changes to the matching program
are required due to public comments or
by Congressional or Office of
Management and Budget objections.
Any public comment must be received
before the effective date.

ADDRESSES: Any interested party may
submit written comments to the
Director, Defense Privacy Office, 1941
Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 920,
Arlington, VA 22202–4502.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr.
Vahan Moushegian, Jr. at telephone
(703) 607–2943.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant
to subsection (o) of the Privacy Act of
1974, as amended, (5 U.S.C. 552a), the
DMDC and RRB have concluded an
agreement to conduct a computer
matching program between the agencies.
The purpose of the match is to exchange
personal data between the agencies for
debt collection. The match will yield
the identity and location of the debtors
within the Federal government so that
RRB can pursue recoupment of the debt
by voluntary payment or by
administrative or salary offset
procedures. Computer matching
appeared to be the most efficient and
effective manner to accomplish this task
with the least amount of intrusion of
personal privacy of the individuals
concerned. It was therefore concluded
and agreed upon that computer
matching would be the best and least
obtrusive manner and choice for
accomplishing this requirement.

A copy of the computer matching
agreement between RRB and DMDC is
available upon request to the public.
Requests should be submitted to the
address caption above or to the Debt
Management Operations Specialist,
Railroad Retirement Board, Bureau of
Fiscal Operations, 844 Rush Street,
Chicago, IL 60611–2092. Telephone
(312) 751–4963.

Set forth below is the notice of the
establishment of a computer matching
program required by paragraph 6.c. of
the Office of Management and Budget
Guidelines on computer matching
published in the **Federal Register** at 54
FR 25818 on June 19, 1989.

The matching agreement, as required
by 5 U.S.C. 552a(r) of the Privacy Act,
and a advanced copy of this notice was
submitted on August 11, 1998, to the
House Committee on Government
Reform and Oversight, the Senate
Committee on Governmental Affairs,
and the Administrator of the Office of
Information and Regulatory Affairs,
Office of Management and Budget
pursuant to paragraph 4d of Appendix
I to OMB Circular No. A130, 'Federal
Agency Responsibilities for Maintaining
Records about Individuals,' dated
February 8, 1996 (61 FR 6435).

Dated: August 19, 1998.

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**NOTICE OF A COMPUTER MATCHING
PROGRAM BETWEEN THE RAILROAD
RETIREMENT BOARD AND THE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE FOR
DEBT COLLECTION**

A. PARTICIPATING AGENCIES:

Participants in this computer matching program are the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) and the Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC) of the Department of Defense (DoD). RRB is the source agency, i.e., the activity disclosing the records for the purpose of the match. DMDC is the specific recipient activity or matching agency, i.e., the agency that actually performs the computer matching.

B. PURPOSE OF THE MATCH: Upon the execution of this agreement, the RRB will provide and disclose debtor records to DMDC to identify and locate any matched Federal personnel, employed, serving, or retired, who may owe delinquent debts to the Federal Government under certain programs administered by the RRB. The RRB will use this information to initiate independent collection of those debts under the provisions of the Debt Collection Act of 1982, as amended, when voluntary payment is not forthcoming. These collection efforts will include requests by the RRB of the military service/employing agency in the case of military personnel (either active, reserve, or retired) and current non-postal civilian employees, and to the Office of Personnel Management in the case of retired non-postal civilian employees, to apply administrative and/or salary offset procedures until such time as the obligation is paid in full.

C. AUTHORITY FOR CONDUCTING THE MATCH: The legal authority for conducting the matching program is contained in the Debt Collection Act of 1982 (Public Law 97-365), as amended by the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-134, section 31001); 31 U.S.C. Chapter 37, Subchapter I (General) and Subchapter II (Claims of the United States Government), 31 U.S.C. 3711 Collection and Compromise, 31 U.S.C. 3716 Administrative Offset, 5 U.S.C. 5514 Installment Deduction for Indebtedness (Salary Offset); 10 U.S.C. 135, Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller); Section 101(1) of Executive Order 12731; 4 CFR 101.1-105.5, Federal Claims Collection Standards; 5 CFR 550.1101 - 550.1108 Collection by Offset

from Indebted Government Employees (OPM); and 20 CFR part 367, Recovery of Debts Owed to the Railroad Retirement Board From Other Government Agencies.

D. RECORDS TO BE MATCHED: The systems of records maintained by the respective agencies under the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, 5 U.S.C. 552a, from which records will be disclosed for the purpose of this computer match are as follows:

RRB will use personal data from the record system identified as RRB-42, entitled 'Uncollectible Benefit Overpayment Accounts' last published in the **Federal Register** at 49 FR 7900 on March 2, 1984 and amended as published in the **Federal Register** at 56 FR 47502 on September 19, 1991.

DoD will use personal data from the record system identified as S322.11 DMDC, entitled 'Federal Creditor Agency Debt Collection Data Base,' last published in the **Federal Register** at 61 FR 32779, June 25, 1996.

Sections 5 and 10 of the Debt Collection Act of 1982 (Public Law 97-365) authorize agencies to disclose information about debtors in order to effect salary or administrative offsets. Agencies must publish 'routine uses' pursuant to subsection (b)(3) of the Privacy Act for those systems of records from which they intend to disclose this information. Sections 5 and 10 of the Debt Collection Act constitutes the necessary authority to satisfy the compatibility requirement of subsection (a)(7) of the Privacy Act. The systems of records described above contain an appropriate routine use provision which permits disclosure of information between the agencies.

E. DESCRIPTION OF COMPUTER MATCHING PROGRAM: The RRB, as the source agency, will provide DMDC with a electronic file which contains the names of delinquent debtors in programs the RRB administers. Upon receipt of the electronic file of debtor accounts, DMDC will perform a computer match using all nine digits of the SSN of the RRB file against a DMDC computer database. The DMDC database, established under an interagency agreement between DOD, OPM, OMB, and the Department of the Treasury, consists of employment records of non-postal Federal civilian employees and military members, both active and retired. The 'hits', or matches will be furnished to the RRB. The RRB is responsible for verifying and determining that the data on the DMDC electronic reply file are consistent with the RRB's source file and for resolving any discrepancies or inconsistencies on an individual basis. The RRB will also

be responsible for making final determinations as to positive identification, amount of indebtedness and recovery efforts as a result of the match.

The electronic file provided by the RRB will contain data elements of the debtor's name, SSN, internal account numbers and the total amount owed for each debtor on approximately 5,000 delinquent debtors.

The DMDC computer database file contains approximately 8.64 million records of active duty and retired military members, including the Reserve and Guard, and the OPM government wide non-postal Federal civilian records of current and retired Federal employees.

DMDC will match the SSN on the RRB file by computer against the DMDC database. Matching records, 'hits' based on SSN, will produce data elements of the individual's name, SSN, military service or employing agency, and current work or home address.

F. INCLUSIVE DATES OF THE MATCHING PROGRAM: This computer matching program is subject to public comment and review by Congress and the Office of Management and Budget. If the mandatory 30 day period for public comment has expired and no comments are received and if no objections are raised by either Congress or the Office of Management and Budget within 40 days of being notified of the proposed match, the computer matching program becomes effective and the respective agencies may begin the exchange of data at a mutually agreeable time on an annual basis. By agreement between RRB and DMDC, 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 by written request to terminate or modify the agreement.

G. ADDRESS FOR RECEIPT OF PUBLIC COMMENTS OR INQUIRIES: Director, Defense Privacy Office, 1941 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 920, Arlington, VA 22202-4502. Telephone (703) 607-2943.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

National Assessment Governing Board; Meeting

AGENCY: National Assessment Governing Board; Education.

ACTION: Notice of Closed Teleconference Meetings.