

Dated: August 21, 1998.

**Kenneth S. Apfel,**

*Commissioner of Social Security.*

Notice of Computer Matching Program, Social Security Administration (SSA) with the Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families (ACF)

#### A. Participating Agencies

SSA and ACF.

#### B. Purpose of the Matching Program

The purpose of this matching program is to establish the conditions, safeguards, and procedures for the disclosure to SSA by ACF of wage, new hire, and unemployment compensation data. ACF will disclose the data through a computer matching operation for SSA's use in establishing or verifying eligibility and payment amounts of individuals under the supplemental security income (SSI) program provisions of title XVI of the Social Security Act. Eligibility requirements of the SSI program allow payments only to aged, blind, and disabled recipients with income and resources below levels established by law and regulations.

#### C. Authority for Conducting the Matching Program

This matching operation is carried out under the authority of sections 453(j)(4) and 1631(e)(1)(B) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 653(j)(4) and 1383(e)(1)(B)).

#### D. Categories of Records and Individuals Covered by the Match

SSA will compare the ACF records with individual identification data on SSI applicants and recipients extracted from SSA's Supplemental Security Income Record (SSA/OSR, 09-60-0103). The ACF records are wage, new hire, and unemployment compensation data records in the National Directory of New Hires data base which is part of the Federal Parent Locator and Federal Tax Refund/Administrative Offset System (DHHS/OCSE, 09-90-0074). SSA will use information from this match to help establish or verify eligibility and payment amounts under the SSI program.

#### E. Inclusive Dates of the Match

The agreement for this computer matching program shall become effective no sooner than 40 days after submission of notice of the program to Congress and to the Office of Management and Budget, or 30 days from the date SSA publishes notice of the program in the **Federal Register**, or upon the signature of the matching agreement for the program by

representatives of both parties to the agreement, whichever is latest. The agreement may be renewed at the end of 18 months, for a period of time not to exceed 12 months, if certain conditions are met.

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#### SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

##### Privacy Act of 1974; As Amended; Computer Matching Program (SSA/Internal Revenue Service (IRS))—SSA Match 1016

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Computer Matching Program.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the provisions of the Privacy Act, as amended, this notice announces a computer matching program that SSA plans to conduct.

**DATES:** SSA will file a report of the subject matching program with the Committee on Governmental Affairs of the Senate, the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight of the House of Representatives and the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The matching program will be effective as indicated below.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested parties may comment on this notice by either telefax to (410) 965-1722 or writing to the Associate Commissioner for Program Support, 4400 West High Rise Building, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21235. All comments received will be available for public inspection at this address.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The Associate Commissioner for Program Support at the above address.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### A. General

The Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1988 (Public Law (P.L.) 100-503), amended the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a) by establishing the conditions under which computer matching involving the Federal Government could be performed and adding certain protections for individuals applying for and receiving Federal benefits. Section 7201 of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990 (P.L. 101-508) further amended the Privacy Act regarding protections for such individuals.

The Privacy Act, as amended, regulates the use of computer matching

by Federal agencies when records in a system of records are matched with other Federal, State, or local government records. Among other things, it requires Federal agencies involved in computer matching programs to:

(1) Negotiate written agreements with the other agency or agencies participating in the matching programs;

(2) Obtain the approval of the matching agreement by the Data Integrity Boards (DIB) of the participating Federal Agencies;

(3) Furnish detailed reports about matching programs to Congress and OMB;

(4) Notify applicants and beneficiaries that their records are subject to matching; and

(5) Verify match findings before reducing, suspending, terminating or denying an individual's benefits or payments.

#### B. SSA Computer Matches Subject to the Privacy Act

We have taken action to ensure that all of SSA's computer matching programs comply with the requirements of the Privacy Act, as amended.

Dated: August 21, 1998.

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##### Notice of Computer Matching Program, Social Security Administration (SSA) with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

#### A. Participating Agencies

SSA and IRS.

#### B. Purpose of the Matching Program

The purpose of this matching program is to establish conditions under which IRS agrees to the disclosure to SSA of certain tax return information relating to unearned income. SSA will use the match results to verify the eligibility for, and the correct amount of benefits payable to, individuals under the supplemental security income (SSI) program, which provides payments under title XVI of the Social Security Act (the Act) to aged, blind and disabled recipients with income below levels established by law and regulations, and federally-administered supplementary payments under section 1616 of the Act including payments under section 212 of Public Law 93-66, 87 Stat. 152.

#### C. Authority for Conducting the Matching Program

Section 1631(e)(1)(B) of the Act and section 6103(l)(7)(D)(iii) of the Internal Revenue Code.

#### *D. Categories of Records and Individuals Covered by the Match*

IRS will provide SSA with an electronic file extracted from the Wage and Information Returns Processing File after SSA provides IRS with identifying information from SSA's Supplemental Security Income Record (SSR). The extracted file will contain certain tax return information about unearned income. Each record on the IRS file will be matched to the SSR, SSA/OSR 90-60-0103, to identify individuals potentially subject to benefit reductions or termination of payment eligibility under the statutory provisions cited above.

#### *E. Inclusive Dates of the Match*

The matching program shall become effective upon the signing of the agreement by both parties to the agreement and approval of the agreement by the Data Integrity Boards of the respective agencies, but no sooner than 40 days after notice of this matching program is sent to Congress and the Office of Management and Budget or 30 days after publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, whichever is later. The matching program will continue for 18 months from the effective date and may be extended for an additional 12 months thereafter, if certain conditions are met.

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

### Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs

[Public Notice 2875]

#### **Finding of No Significant Impact: Boise Cascade Corporation Pipeline at International Falls, Minnesota**

**AGENCY:** Department of State.

**ACTION:** Notice of a finding of no significant impact with regard to an application to operate and maintain a pipeline to transport water, steam and filler material across the U.S.-Canada border.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of State has conducted an environmental assessment of the continued operation by Boise Cascade Corporation of four existing pipelines across the international boundary at International Falls, Minnesota. Based on the environmental assessment and after reviewing all comments, the Department of State has

concluded that issuance of a Presidential Permit authorizing the operation and maintenance of the proposed pipeline will not have a significant effect on the human environment within the United States. In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*, Council on Environmental Quality Regulations, 40 C.F.R. 1501.4 and 1508.13 and Department of State Regulations, 22 C.F.R. 161.8(c), an environmental impact statement will not be prepared.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE PIPELINE PERMIT APPLICATION, CONTACT:** Daniel L. Martinez, Office of International Energy Policy, Room 3535, U.S. Department of State, Washington, D.C. 20520, (202) 647-4557.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT, CONTACT:** Pam Pearson, Office of Ecology and Terrestrial Conservation, Room 4325, U.S. Department of State, Washington, D.C. 20520, (202) 647-1123.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Boise Cascade Corporation, a Delaware Corporation, has applied for a Presidential Permit to authorize operation and maintenance of four existing pipelines used to convey water, steam and filler materials across the border with Canada at International Falls, Minnesota. The pipelines were constructed in the 1915-40 period and have been in use since that time. There will be no construction and no changes in the present use of the pipelines.

On May 29, 1998, the Department of State published a Notice of Application for a Presidential Permit in the **Federal Register**. No public comments were received and concerned agencies expressed no opposition to issuing the permit. The Department of State prepared an environmental assessment for the Pipeline Permit. Based on that assessment, the Department of State has concluded that issuance of the permit will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment within the United States. A finding of no significant impact is adopted, and an environmental impact statement will not be prepared.

Dated: August 4, 1998.

**Stuart E. Eizenstat,**

*Under Secretary of State for Economic, Business and Agricultural Affairs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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### **United States-Egypt Science and Technology Joint Board; Public Announcement of a Science and Technology Program for Competitive Grants to Support International, Collaborative Projects in Science and Technology Between U.S. and Egyptian Cooperators**

September 1, 1998.

**AGENCY:** Department of State.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** September 1, 1998.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Vickie Alexander, Program Administrator, U.S.-Egypt Science and Technology Grants Program, U.S. Embassy, Cairo/ECPO, Unit 64900, Box 6, APO AE 09839-4900; phone: 011-(20-2) 357-2925; fax: 011-(20-2) 354-8091; E-mail: alexanderva@state.gov

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Authority:** This program is established under 22 U.S.C. 2656d and the Agreement for Scientific and Technological Cooperation between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt.

A solicitation for this program will begin September 1, 1998. This program will provide modest grants for successfully competitive proposals for binational collaborative projects and other activities submitted by U.S. and Egyptian experts. Projects must help the United States and Egypt utilize science and apply technology by providing opportunities to exchange ideas, information, skills, and techniques, and to collaborate on scientific and technological endeavors of mutual interest and benefit. Proposals which fully meet the submission requirements as outlined in the Program Announcement will receive peer reviews. Proposals considered for funding in Fiscal Year 1999 must be postmarked by December 1, 1998. All proposals will be considered; however, special consideration will be given to proposals that address priority areas defined/approved by the Joint Board. These include priorities in the areas of environmental technologies, biotechnology, standards and metrology, and manufacturing technologies. More information on these priorities and