

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that as a result of the Administrator's disaster declaration on 03/02/2005, applications for disaster loans may be filed at the address listed above or other locally announced locations.

The following areas have been determined to be adversely affected by the disaster:

Primary Counties: Mohave.

Contiguous Counties:

Arizona:

Coconino, La Paz, Yavapai.

California:

San Bernardino.

Nevada:

Clark, Lincoln.

Utah:

Kane, Washington.

The Interest Rates are:

| | Percent |
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| Homeowners With Credit Available Elsewhere: | 5.875 |
| Homeowners Without Credit Available Elsewhere: | 2.937 |
| Businesses With Credit Available Elsewhere: | 5.800 |
| Businesses & Small Agricultural Cooperatives Without Credit Available Elsewhere: | 4.000 |
| Other (Including Non-Profit Organizations) With Credit Available Elsewhere: | 4.750 |
| Businesses and Non-Profit Organizations Without Credit Available Elsewhere: | 4.000 |

The number(s) assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 10057 B and for economic injury is 10058 O.

The States which received EIDL Decl # are Arizona, Nevada, California, and Utah.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers 59002 and 59008)

Dated: March 2, 2005.

Hector V. Barreto,
Administrator.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Public Federal Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Hearing; Region VII Regulatory Fairness Board

The Small Business Administration Region VII Regulatory Fairness Board and the SBA Office of the National Ombudsman will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, March 30, 2005 at 1 p.m. at Southeast Community College, Gallup Campus, 301 South 68 Street Place, Lincoln, NE 68510, phone (402) 221-4691, to receive comments and

testimony from small business owners, small government entities, and small non-profit organizations concerning regulatory enforcement and compliance actions taken by federal agencies.

Anyone wishing to attend or to make a presentation must contact Deb Wilson in writing or by fax, in order to be put on the agenda. Deb Wilson, Public Information Officer, SBA Nebraska District Office, 11145 Mill Valley Road, Omaha, NE 68154, phone (402) 221-7222, fax (402) 221-3680, e-mail: Deborah.Wilson@sba.gov.

For more information, see our Web site at <http://www.sba.gov/ombudsman>.

Dated: March 4, 2005.

Peter Sorum,

Senior Advisor, Office of the National Ombudsman.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Request and Comment Request

The Social Security Administration (SSA) publishes a list of information collection packages that will require clearance by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in compliance with Pub. L. 104-13, the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, effective October 1, 1995. The information collection packages that may be included in this notice are for revisions to OMB-approved information collections and extensions (no change) of OMB-approved information collections.

SSA is soliciting comments on the accuracy of the agency's burden estimate; the need for the information; its practical utility; ways to enhance its quality, utility, and clarity; and on ways to minimize burden on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Written comments and recommendations regarding the information collection(s) should be submitted to the OMB Desk Officer and the SSA Reports Clearance Officer. The information can be mailed and/or faxed to the individuals at the addresses and fax numbers listed below: (OMB), Office of Management and Budget, Fax: 202-395-6974. (SSA), Social Security Administration, DCFAM, Attn: Reports Clearance Officer, 1338 Annex Building, 6401 Security Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21235, Fax: 410-965-6400.

I. The information collection listed below is pending at SSA and will be

submitted to OMB within 60 days from the date of this notice. Therefore, your comments should be submitted to SSA within 60 days from the date of this publication. You can obtain copies of the collection instruments by calling the SSA Reports Clearance Officer at 410-965-0454 or by writing to the address listed above.

Social Security Benefits Application—20 CFR Subpart D, 404.310-404.311 and 20 CFR Subpart F, 404.601-404.603—0960-0618

One of the requirements for obtaining Social Security benefits is the filing of an application so that a determination may be made on the applicant's eligibility for monthly benefits. In addition to the traditional paper application, SSA has developed various options for the public to add convenience and operational efficiency to the application process. The total estimated number of respondents to all application collection formats is 3,874,369 with a cumulative total of 1,008,180 burden hours. The respondents are applicants for retirement insurance benefits (RIB), disability insurance benefits (DIB), and/or spouses' benefits.

Please note that burden hours for applications taken through the Modernized Claims System (MCS) are accounted for in the hardcopy collection formats. Guided by the MCS collection screens, an SSA representative interviews the applicant and inputs the information directly into the SSA's application database. MCS offers the representative prompts based on the type of application being filed and the circumstances of the applicant. These prompts facilitate a more complete initial application, saving both the agency and applicant time. MCS also propagates identity and similar information within the application, which saves additional time.

Internet Social Security Benefits Application (ISBA)

Type of Request: Revision of an OMB-approved information collection. (ISBA collection only).

ISBA, which is available through SSA's Internet site, is one method that an individual can choose to file an application for benefits. Individuals can use ISBA to apply for RIB, DIB and spouse's insurance benefits based on age. SSA gathers only information relevant to the individual applicant's circumstances and will use the information collected by ISBA to entitle individuals to RIB, DIB, and/or spouse's benefits. The respondents are applicants for RIB, DIB, and/or spouse's benefits.

Number of Respondents: 200,000.
Frequency of Response: 1.
Average Burden Per Response: 21.9 minutes.
Estimated Annual Burden: 73,000 hours.

Paper Application Forms

Application for Retirement Insurance Benefits (SSA-1)

Form SSA-1 is used by SSA to determine an individual's entitlement to RIB. In order to receive Social Security retirement insurance benefits, an individual must file an application with the SSA. Form SSA-1 is one application that the Commissioner of Social Security prescribes to meet this requirement. The information that SSA collects will be used to determine entitlement to retirement benefits. The respondents are individuals who choose to apply for Social Security retirement insurance.

Number of Respondents: 1,460,692.
Frequency of Response: 1.
Average Burden Per Response: 10.5 minutes.
Estimated Annual Burden: 255,621 hours.

Application for Wife's or Husband's Insurance Benefits (SSA-2)

SSA uses the information collected on Form SSA-2 to determine if an applicant (including a divorced applicant) can be entitled to benefits as the spouse of the worker and the amount of the spouse's benefits. The respondents are applicants for wife's or husband's benefits, including those who are divorced.

Number of Respondents: 700,000.
Frequency of Response: 1.
Average Burden Per Response: 15 minutes.
Estimated Annual Burden: 175,000 hours.

Application for Disability Insurance Benefits (SSA-16)

Form SSA-16-F6 obtains the information necessary to determine whether the provisions of the Act have been satisfied with respect to an applicant for disability benefits, and detects whether the applicant has dependents who would qualify for benefits on his or her earnings record. The information collected on form SSA-16-F6 helps to determine eligibility for Social Security disability benefits. The respondents are applicants for Social Security disability benefits.

Number of Respondents: 1,513,677.
Frequency of Response: 1.
Average Burden Per Response: 20 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 504,559 hours.

II. The information collections listed below have been submitted to OMB for clearance. Your comments on the information collections would be most useful if received by OMB and SSA within 30 days from the date of this publication. You can obtain a copy of the OMB clearance package by calling the SSA Reports Clearance Officer at 410-965-0454, or by writing to the address listed above.

1. Homeless Outreach Project and Evaluation (HOPE)

Background

Congress passed the McKinney Act of 1987 in recognition of and in an effort to address situations and conditions facing people without permanent shelter. The Act funded 15 emergency services and nine individual titles to authorize the provision of specific programs by Federal agencies. The Act also established the Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH) composed of leaders from 15 Federal agencies who are in charge of coordinating efforts to assist people who are homeless. During the past decade, SSA and other ICH agencies have compiled important data about people who are homeless and have carried out evaluations of services which have generated evidence about "best" or "promising practices" well suited to combating homelessness.

In fiscal year 2003, President George W. Bush announced an initiative to end chronic homelessness in 10 years. As a result, SSA developed Project HOPE and in May 2004 awarded 34 Cooperative Agreements to organizations which provide outreach, support services and benefit application assistance to the chronically homeless and other underserved populations. An additional 7 cooperative agreements were awarded in November 2004 for a total of 41. The goal of Project HOPE is to improve both the quantity and quality of applications for disability benefits. Project HOPE gives focused support to Cooperative (co-op) awardees via a training program and ongoing technical assistance.

Evaluation of Project HOPE

SSA is undertaking the project HOPE evaluation to determine the effectiveness and the efficiency of the program. To obtain the information needed for the evaluation, SSA is developing an interactive Web site that will be used by co-op awardees to input client and program data, and by SSA to communicate project-wide announcements to the awardees. The

respondents are HOPE grantees/non-profit social services organizations serving people who are homeless & disabled.

Type of Request: New information collection.

Number of Respondents: 41.
Frequency of Response: 12.
Average Burden Per Response: 65 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 533 hours.

2. Appointment of Representative—20 CFR 404.1707, 404.1720, 404.1725, 410.684 and 416.1507—0960-0527

The information collected by SSA on form SSA-1696-U4 is used to verify the applicant's appointment of a representative. It allows SSA to inform the representative of items which affect the applicant's claim. The affected public consists of applicants who notify SSA that they have appointed a person to represent them in their dealings with SSA when claiming a right to benefits.

Type of Request: Extension of an OMB-approved information collection.

Number of Respondents: 551,520.
Frequency of Response: 1.
Average Burden Per Response: 10 minutes.
Estimated Annual Burden: 91,920 hours.

3. Petition To Obtain Approval of a Fee for Representing a Claimant Before the Social Security Administration—20 CFR Subpart R—404.1720, 404.1725, Subpart F, 410.686b, Subpart O, 416.1520 and 416.1525—0960-0104

A representative of a claimant for Social Security benefits must file either a fee petition or a fee agreement with SSA in order to charge a fee for representing a claimant in proceedings before SSA. The representative uses form SSA-1560 to petition SSA for authorization to charge and collect a fee. A claimant may also use the form to agree or disagree with the requested fee amount or other information the representative provides on the form. SSA uses the information to determine a reasonable fee that a representative may charge and collect for his or her services. The respondents are claimants, their attorneys and other persons representing them.

Type of Request: Extension of an OMB-approved information collection.

Number of Respondents: 34,624.
Frequency of Response: 1.
Average Burden Per Response: 30 minutes.
Estimated Annual Burden: 17,312 hours.

4. Employee Work Activity Questionnaire—20 CFR 404.1574, 404.1592—0960-0483

When a possible unsuccessful work attempt or a subsidy is involved, as described in regulations 20 CFR 404.1574(a)(1), (2) and (3), form SSA-3033 is used to request a description of the employee's work effort. The data is evaluated to determine if the claimant meets the disability requirements of the law. The information is collected through form SSA-3033 or by telephone contact, only in cases where it cannot be obtained through electronic data matches with other Federal agencies and/or State agencies.

Type of Request: Revision of an OMB-approved information collection.

Number of Respondents: 15,000.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 15 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 3,750 hours.

5. Statement Regarding the Inferred Death of an Individual by Reason of Continued and Unexplained Absence—20 CFR 404.720 and 404.721—0960-0002

SSA will use the information collected on form SSA-723 in making its determination that the missing person may be presumed deceased and, if so, to establish a date of presumed death. The respondents are persons who have knowledge about the disappearance of the missing person.

Type of Request: Extension of an OMB-approved information collection.

Number of Respondents: 3,000.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 30 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 1,500 hours.

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Elizabeth A. Davidson,

Reports Clearance Officer, Social Security Administration.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Privacy Act of 1974; as Amended New System of Records and New Routine Use Disclosures

AGENCY: Social Security Administration (SSA).

ACTION: Proposed new system of records and proposed routine uses.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a(e)(4) and (e)(11)), we are issuing public notice of

our intent to establish a new system of records entitled Representative Payee/Misuse Restitution Control System (RP/MRCS), 60-0318, and routine uses applicable to this system of records. Hereinafter, we will refer to the proposed system of records as the RP/MRCS. We invite public comments on this proposal.

DATES: We filed a report of the proposed new system of records and proposed routine use disclosures with the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, the Chairman of the House Committee on Government Reform, and the Director, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB) on January 26, 2005. The proposed system of records and routine uses will become effective on March 6, 2005, unless we receive comments warranting it not to become effective.

ADDRESSES: Interested individuals may comment on this publication by writing to the Executive Director, Office of Public Disclosure, Office of the General Counsel, Social Security Administration, Room 3-A-6 Operations Building, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21235-6401. All comments received will be available for public inspection at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Joyce Schaul, Social Insurance Specialist, Office of Public Disclosure, Office of the General Counsel, Social Security Administration, Room 3-A-6 Operations Building, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21235, e-mail address at joyce.schaul@ssa.gov, or by telephone at (410) 965-5662.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background and Purpose of the Proposed New System of Records Entitled the RP/MRCS System

A. General Background

On March 4, 2004, President Bush signed into law the Social Security Protection Act of 2004 (Pub. L. 108-203), which amended section 205(j) of the Social Security Act. Included in the amendment is a requirement for the Commissioner of Social Security to re-issue benefits under Title II or XVI whenever an individual representative payee serving 15 or more beneficiaries or an organizational representative payee is found to have misused a beneficiary's funds. This is effective for determinations of misuse on or after January 1, 1995. To carry out this function as required under the amended section 205(j), SSA must collect and

maintain certain identifying information about: (1) representative payees that have misused benefits; (2) beneficiaries whose benefits have been misused; and (3) the relationship between the representative payee and the beneficiary.

B. Collection and Maintenance of the Data for the Proposed New System of Records Entitled the RP/MRCS System

SSA must collect and maintain certain identifying information about representative payees that have misused benefits; beneficiaries whose benefits have been misused; and, the relationship between the representative payee and the beneficiary. We will retrieve information from the proposed system of records by using the individual's name and/or Social Security number. Thus the RP/MRCS system will constitute a system of records under the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended.

II. Proposed Routine Use Disclosures of Data Maintained in the Proposed RP/MRCS

A. Proposed Routine Use Disclosures

We are proposing to establish routine uses of information that will be maintained in the proposed RP/MRCS as discussed below.

1. To the Office of the President for the purpose of responding to an individual pursuant to an inquiry received from that individual or from a third party on his or her behalf.

We will disclose information under this routine use only in situations in which an individual may contact the Office of the President, seeking that Office's assistance in a matter relating to information contained in this system of records. Information will be disclosed when the Office of the President makes an inquiry and indicates that it is acting on behalf of the individual whose record is requested.

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

We will disclose information under this routine use only in situations in which an individual may ask his or her congressional representative to intercede in a matter relating to information contained in this system of records. Information will be disclosed when the congressional representative makes an inquiry and indicates that he or she is acting on behalf of the individual whose record is requested.

3. To the Department of Justice (DOJ), a court or other tribunal, or another party before such tribunal when: