

Personnel Management, and whether it will have practical utility;

- Whether our estimate of the public burden of this collection is accurate, and based on valid assumptions and methodology; and

- Ways in which we can minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through use of the appropriate technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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Comments on this proposal should be received within 10 calendar days from the date of this publication.

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Joseph Lackey, OPM Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, NW, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503.

Office of Personnel Management.

Janice R. Lachance,

Director.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Excepted Service

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This gives notice of positions placed or revoked under Schedules placed under Schedule C in the excepted service, as required by Civil Service Rule VI, Exceptions from the Competitive Service.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Pam Shivery, Director, Washington Service Center, Employment Service (202) 606-1015.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Personnel Management published its last monthly notice updating appointing authorities established or revoked under the Excepted Service provisions of 5 CFR part 213 October 10, 2000 (65 FR 60226). Individual authorities established or revoked under Schedule C between September 1, 2000, and September 30, 2000, appear in the

listing below. Future notices will be published on the fourth Tuesday of each month, or as soon as possible thereafter. A consolidated listing of all authorities as of June 30 will also be published.

Schedule C

The following Schedule C authorities were established during September 2000:

Department of Agriculture

Staff Assistant to the Director, Office of Communications. Effective September 12, 2000.

Special Assistant to the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service. Effective September 21, 2000.

Staff Assistant to the Confidential Assistant, Office of the Secretary. Effective September 26, 2000.

Staff Assistant to the Administrator, Foreign Agriculture Service. Effective September 26, 2000.

Department of Commerce

Confidential Assistant to the Executive Assistant to the Secretary. Effective September 12, 2000.

Department of Defense

Staff Specialist to the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Environmental Secretary). Effective September 7, 2000.

Defense Fellow to the Special Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for White House Liaison. Effective September 20, 2000.

Department of Education

Confidential Assistant to the Senior Advisor to the Secretary. Effective September 7, 2000.

Confidential Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Legislation and Congressional Affairs. Effective September 12, 2000.

Department of Energy

Special Assistant to the Director, Office of Management and Administration. Effective September 7, 2000.

Director, Office of Nuclear Materials Management Policy to the Director of Policy. Effective September 7, 2000.

Special Assistant to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Natural Gas and Petroleum Technology. Effective September 28, 2000.

Deputy Director, Office of Scheduling and Advance to the Director, Office of Scheduling and Advance. Effective September 28, 2000.

Department of Housing and Urban Development

Staff Assistant to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Congressional and

Intergovernmental Relations. Effective September 7, 2000.

Special Assistant to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations. Effective September 12, 2000.

Special Assistant to the Advisor for Management Reform and Operations. Effective September 18, 2000.

Special Assistant to the Director, Office of Executive Scheduling. Effective September 25, 2000.

Security/Advance Coordinator to the Director, Office of Executive Scheduling. Effective September 28, 2000.

Department of Justice

Staff Assistant to the Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division. Effective September 7, 2000.

Department of State

Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs. Effective September 12, 2000.

Legislative Management Officer to the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs. Effective September 25, 2000.

Department of Transportation

Director, Office of Public Affairs to the Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration. Effective September 5, 2000.

Special Assistant to the Associate Director for Media Relations and Special Projects. Effective September 12, 2000.

Special Assistant to the Maritime Administrator. Effective September 20, 2000.

Farm Credit Administration

Congressional and Public Affairs Specialist to the Director, Office of Congressional and Public Affairs. Effective September 25, 2000.

National Endowment for the Humanities

Director of Governmental Affairs to the Chief of Staff. Effective September 19, 2000.

Small Business Administration

Confidential Advisor to the Deputy Administrator. Effective September 25, 2000.

Senior Director of Scheduling and Advance to the Chief of Staff. Effective September 25, 2000.

Associate Director for Field Operations to the Associate Administrator for Field Operations. Effective September 26, 2000.

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 3301 and 3302; E.O. 10577, 3 CFR 1954-1958 Comp., P.218.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Privacy Act of 1974; Computer Matching Program, Office of Personnel Management/Social Security Administration

AGENCY: Office of Personnel
Management (OPM).

ACTION: Publication of notice of
computer matching program to comply
with Public Law 100-503, the Computer
Matching and Privacy Protection Act of
1988.

SUMMARY: OPM is publishing notice of
its computer matching program with the
Social Security Administration (SSA) to
meet the reporting and publication
requirements of Public Law 100-503.
The purpose of the computer match is
to establish the conditions under which
SSA agrees to the disclosure of tax
return information to OPM.

DATES: The matching program will begin
in October 2000, or 40 days after
agreements by the parties participating
in the match have been submitted to
Congress and the Office of Management
and Budget, or 30 days after notice of
the match is published in the **Federal
Register**, whichever is later. The data
exchange will begin at a date mutually
acceptable between OPM and SSA,
unless comments are received which
will result in a contrary determination.
Subsequent matches will take place
annually on a recurring basis until one
of the parties advises the other, in
writing, of its intention to reevaluate,
modify and/or terminate the agreement.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be sent to
William J. Washington, Acting Assistant
Director for Systems, Finance, and
Administration, 1900 E. Street, NW.,
Room 4312, Washington, DC 20415.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Marc Flaster, (202) 606-2115.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: OPM and
SSA intend to conduct a computer
matching program, as described below.
The purpose of this agreement is to
establish the conditions under which
SSA agrees to the disclosure of tax
return information to OPM. The SSA
records will be used in a matching
program in which OPM will match
SSA's tax return records with OPM's
records on disability retirees under age
60, disabled adult child survivors,

certain retirees in receipt of a
supplemental benefit under the Federal
Employees Retirement System, and
certain annuitants receiving a
discontinued service retirement benefit
under the Civil Service Retirement
System. By law, these annuitants and
survivors are limited in the amount they
can earn and still retain benefits paid to
them. In the case of the discontinued
service annuitants, retirement benefits
will cease upon re-employment in
federal service. OPM will use the SSA
data to determine continued eligibility
for benefits being paid.

Office of Personnel Management.

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Report of Computer Matching Program Between the Office of Personnel Management and the Social Security Administration

A. Participating Agencies

OPM and SSA.

B. Purpose of the Matching Program

Chapters 83 and 84 of title 5, United
States Code (U.S.C.) require OPM to
verify earnings data supplied by civil
service annuitants. Section 6103(11) of
the Internal Revenue Code requires SSA
to disclose tax return information to
OPM to administer programs under
chapters 83 and 84 of title 5, United
States Code. The purpose of this
agreement is to establish the conditions
under which SSA agrees to the
disclosure of tax return information to
OPM.

C. Authority for Conducting the Matching Program

Public Law 97-253, Chapters 83 and
84, title 5, United States Code and 26
U.S.C. 6103(11).

D. Categories of Records and Individuals Covered by the Match

The SSA records involved in the
match are earnings, self-employment
and other data which constitute tax
return information pursuant to 26 U.S.C.
6103. The Earnings Recording and Self-
Employment Income System, SSA/OSR,
60-0059 (last published in the **Federal
Register** at 59 FR 62407, December 5,
1994), maintains records of individuals'
wages or self-employment income from
employment under Social Security. The
OPM records consist of annuity data
from its system of records entitled OPM/
Central 1—Civil Service Retirement and
Insurance Records (last published in the
Federal Register at 64 FR 54930,
October 8, 1999), as amended May 3,
2000 (65 FR 25775).

E. Description of Matching Program

OPM provides an annual electronic
finder file containing identifying
information for those records that SSA
will verify. SSA will then provide an
electronic reply file containing
information in response to OPM's finder
file.

F. Privacy Safeguards and Security

The personal privacy of the
individuals whose names are included
in the data exchange is protected by
strict adherence to the provisions of the
Privacy Act and OMB's "Guidance
Interpreting the Provisions of Public
Law 100-503, the Computer Matching
and Privacy Protection Act of 1988".
Access to the records used in the data
exchange is restricted to only those
authorized employees and officials who
need it to perform their official duties in
connection with the uses of the
information authorized in this
agreement. Records matched or created
will be stored in an area that is
physically safe. Records used in the
exchange and any records created by
this exchange will be processed under
the immediate supervision and control
of authorized personnel in a manner
which will protect the confidentiality of
the records, and in such a way that
unauthorized persons cannot retrieve
any such records by means of computer,
remote terminal or other means. The
records matched and any records
created by this agreement will be
transported under appropriate
safeguards consistent with the manner
in which they are stored and processed.
All personnel who will have access to
the records matched and to any records
created by the match will be advised of
the confidential nature of the
information, the safeguards required to
protect the information and the civil
and criminal sanctions for
noncompliance contained in applicable
federal laws.

G. Inclusive Dates of the Matching Program

This computer matching program is
subject to review by the Congress and
the Office of Management and Budget
(OMB). OPM's report to these parties
must be received at least 40 days prior
to the initiation of any matching
activity. If no objections are raised by
either Congress or OMB, and the
mandatory 30 day public notice period
for comment for this **Federal Register**
notice expires, with no significant
receipt of adverse public comments
resulting in a contrary determination,
then this computer matching program
becomes effective. By agreement