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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

February 14, 2013.

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13. Comments regarding (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), OIRA_Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV or fax (202) 395–5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 20250–7602. Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received within March 22, 2013. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720–8681.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to

the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Office of the Chief Information Officer

Title: USDA eAuthentication Service Customer Registration.

OMB Control Number: 0503–0014.

Summary of Collection: The USDA Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) has developed the eAuthentication system as a management and technical process that addresses user authentication and authorization prerequisites for providing services electronically. The process requires a voluntary one-time electronic self-registration to obtain an eAuthentication account for each USDA customer desiring access to online services or applications that require user eAuthentication. The information collected through the electronic self-registration process is necessary to enable the electronic authentication of users and grant them access to only those resources for which they are authorized. The authority to collect this information as well as the new Online Identity Proofing function can be found in Section 2,(c), of the Freedom to E-File Act (Pub. L. 106–222), the Government Paperwork Elimination Act (GPEA, Pub. L. 105–277), the Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act (E-Sign, Pub. L. 106–229), and the E-Government Act of 2002 (H.R. 2458).

Need and Use of the Information: The USDA eAuthentication Service provides public and government businesses single sign-on capability for USDA applications, management of user credentials, and verification of identify, authorization, and electronic signatures. USDA eAuthentication obtains customer information through an electronic self-registration process provided through the eAuthentication Web site. The voluntary self-registration process applies to USDA Agency customers, as well as employees who request access to protected USDA Web applications and services via the Internet. Users can register directly from the eAuthentication Web site located at www.eauth.egov.usda.gov. The information collected through the online self-registration process will be used to provide an eAuthentication account that will enable the electronic authentication of users. The users will then have access to authorized resources without needing to reauthenticate

within the context of a single Internet session.

Description of Respondents: Farms; Individuals or Households; Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; Federal government; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 114,840.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total burden hours: 35,951.

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Comments regarding this information collection received by March 22, 2013 will be considered. Written comments should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), New Executive Office Building, 725–17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503. Commentors are encouraged to submit their comments to OMB via email to: OIRA_Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV or fax (202) 395–5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail

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Forest Service

Title: Forest Industries Data Collection System.

OMB Control Number: 0596–0010.

Summary of Collection: The Forest and Range Renewable Resources Planning Act of 1974 (Pub. L. 93–278), National Forest Management Act of 1976 (16 U.S.C. 1600), and the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Research Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95–307) amended by the Energy Security Act of 1980 (42 U.S.C. 8701) require the Forest Service (FS) to evaluate trends in the use of logs and wood chips, to forecast anticipated levels of logs and wood chips, and to analyze changes in the harvest of the resources. Forest product and other wood-using industries are important to state, regional, and national economies. In most southern states, the value of rounded timber products is ranked either first or second in relation to other major agricultural crops. The importance and value of the timber products industry is significant in other regions of the United States as well. The FS will collect information using questionnaires.

Need and Use of the Information: To monitor the types, species, volumes, sources, and prices of the timber products harvested throughout the Nation. Using the “Primary Mill Questionnaire” FS will collect industrial round wood information from the primary wood-using industries throughout the United States and from mills in Canada that directly receive wood from the United States. FS will also use the “Pulp & Board Forest Industries Questionnaire.” The data will be used to develop specific economic development plans for a new forest-related industry in a State and to assist existing industries in identifying raw material problems and opportunities. If the information were not collected, data would not be available for sub-state, state, regional and national policy makers and program developers to make decisions related to the forestland on a scientific basis.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions.

Number of Respondents: 1,937.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion; Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 1,718.

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Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Creation of a New Computer Matching Program That Will Expire on August 13, 2014

AGENCY: National Finance Center, United States Department of Agriculture.

ACTION: Notice of a Computer Matching Program (CMP).

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 (Pub. L. 100–503), Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Guidelines on the Conduct of Matching Programs (54 FR 25818 published June 19, 1989), and OMB Circular No. A–130, revised November 28, 2000, the Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) National Finance Center (NFC) is publishing notice of a computer matching program (CMP) that NFC will conduct on behalf of itself and the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) utilizing records from the Social Security Administration (SSA).

DATES: February 14, 2013 to August 13, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Anthony Priola, Associate Director, Government Insurance and Collection Directorate, National Finance Center, 13800 Old Gentilly Road, New Orleans, LA 70129.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Anthony Priola, (504) 426–1292.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. General

The Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended, establishes 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. It requires Federal agencies involved in computer matching programs to:

- (1) Negotiate written agreements with the other agency for agencies participating in the matching programs;
- (2) Obtain approval of the match 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;

(5) Verify match findings before reducing, suspending, termination or denying and individual’s benefits or payments.

B. NFC Computer Matching Program Subject to the Privacy Act

The purpose of this NFC Computer Matching Program is to verify applicant eligibility for the Pre-Existing Condition Insurance Plan (PCIP) implemented per the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (the PPACA; Pub. L. 111–148). Below is a detailed description of the matching program.

Notice of Computer Matching Program

NFC will match applicant records with SSA records to verify eligibility for PCIP. OPM will have access to the results of the CMP to adjudicate appeals to initial eligibility determinations.

A. Participating Agencies

The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Finance Center (NFC), the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM), and the Social Security Administration (SSA).

B. Purpose of the Matching Program

SSA will provide data to NFC for the purpose of enrolling eligible applicants in the PCIP, implemented under the PPACA. Section 1101 of the PPACA requires that an individual eligible for the PCIP must be a citizen or national of the United States or lawfully present in the United States. Under this Agreement, SSA will confirm the consistency against SSA records of certain information provided by NFC on applicants for the high risk pool (HRP) program under PPACA. OPM will have access to the results of the CMP to adjudicate applicant appeals to initial eligibility determinations.

C. Authority for Conducting the Matching Program

The legal authority for this match is section 1411(c)(2)(A)(i) and (ii) of the PPACA, section 1106 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1306(b)), 5 U.S.C. 552a(b)(3) of the Privacy Act, and the regulations and guidance promulgated there under.

D. Categories of Records and Individuals Covered

Section 1101 of the PPACA requires that an individual eligible for PCIP must