

Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549-0609. Comments should be submitted electronically at the following e-mail address: rule-comments@sec.gov. All comment letters should refer to File No. SR-NYSE-2004-18. This file number should be included on the subject line if e-mail is used. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, comments should be sent in hard copy or by e-mail but not by both methods. Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Reference Room. Copies of such filing will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal 1 office of the NYSE. All submissions should refer to File No. SR-NYSE-2004-18 and be submitted by April 29, 2004.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁵

J. Lynn Taylor,

Assistant Secretary.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Small Business Innovation Research Rural Outreach Program To Provide Outreach and Technical Assistance to Small Technology-Based Businesses

AGENCY: Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Program Announcement No. SBIRROP-04-R-0003.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) plans to issue Program Announcement No. SBIRROP-04-R-0003 to invite applicants from the 25 eligible states including the District of Columbia and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico to conduct outreach and provide technical assistance to small technology-based small business owners. This program is authorized by the Small Business Act, § 9(s)(2), 15 U.S.C. 638(s)(2). There is a one proposal per state limitation on this competition. Only one proposal from each state may

be submitted to SBA for consideration, and this application must have an original signed Letter of Endorsement from the State Governor or Mayor for the District of Columbia. Prospective recipients of SBA funding under this Program Announcement include both new applicants and prior year SBIR-ROP Program service providers. Eligible applicants include, but are not limited to, state and local Economic Development Agencies, colleges and universities and Small Businesses Development Centers. Funds will be provided to conduct programs for a 12-month budget and performance period. Applications/proposals must be postmarked by 4 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time, May 12, 2004. If using a delivery service other than the U.S. Postal Service, the application must be delivered and accepted by the Office of Procurement and Grants Management by the deadline specified above. SBA will select successful applicants using a competitive process. The SBIR-ROP Program is authorized through Fiscal Year 2005 and will be competed annually, subject to availability of funds. There is a non-Federal match requirement for this program. The program announcement will be available at <http://www.sba.gov/sbir>.

DATES: The application period will be from March 31, 2004 until May 12, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Cherina Hughes, (202) 205-7344, regarding the Program Announcement and Patricia Branch, (202) 205-7081, about budget matters.

Edsel M. Brown, Jr.,

Assistant Administrator, SBA Office of Technology.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Privacy Act of 1974 as Amended; Computer Matching Program (SSA/ Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS))—Match Number 1300

AGENCY: Social Security Administration (SSA).

ACTION: Notice of a new computer matching program.

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

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 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) 965-8582 or writing to the Associate Commissioner for Income Security Programs, 245 Altmeyer Building, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21235-6401. All comments received will be available for public inspection at this address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Associate Commissioner for Income Security Programs as shown above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. General

The Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1988 (Public Law (Pub. 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 (Pub. 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. 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) Publish notice of the computer matching program in the **Federal Register**;
- (4) Furnish detailed reports about matching programs to Congress and OMB;
- (5) Notify applicants and beneficiaries that their records are subject to matching; and
- (6) 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

¹⁵ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

programs comply with the requirements of the Privacy Act, as amended.

Dated: April 2, 2004.

Martin H. Gerry,

Deputy Commissioner for Disability and Income Security Programs.

Notice of Computer Matching Program, Social Security Administration (SSA) With the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)

A. Participating Agencies

SSA and CMS.

B. Purpose of the Matching Program

The purpose of this matching program is to establish the conditions, safeguards, and procedures under which SSA will disclose income data on all Medicare eligible individuals from SSA's Master Beneficiary Record (MBR) and its Supplemental Security Income Record and Special Veterans Benefits (SSR) to CMS. These disclosures will provide CMS with information to use in verifying an individual's self-certification of eligibility for Transitional Assistance under the Medicare Prescription Drug Discount Card Program provided under the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003.

C. Authority for Conducting the Matching Program

The legal authority for this computer matching program is contained in the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003, Pub. L. 108-173, section 101, 117 Stat. 2066 (2003) and section 1106 (42 U.S.C. 1306) of the Social Security Act.

D. Categories of Records and Individuals Covered by the Matching Program

SSA will provide information electronically to CMS from the following systems of records: Master Beneficiary Record (MBR), SSA/OEEAS, 60-0090, last published at 66 FR 11080 (February 21, 2001), and the SSA Supplemental Security Income Record and Special Veterans Benefits (SSR), SSA/OEEAS, 60-0103, last published at 66 FR 11085 (February 21, 2001). SSA will disclose information to CMS from the MBR system of record pursuant to routine use number 24. SSA will disclose information to CMS from the SSR system of record pursuant to routine use number 19.

CMS will match this benefit/income information with the CMS system of records, Medicare Beneficiary Database, System No. 09-70-0536 published in the **Federal Register** at 67 FR 63392

(December 6, 2001). Matched data will be released pursuant to routine use number 2 as set forth in the system notice.

E. Inclusive Dates of the Matching Program

The matching program will become effective upon signing of the agreement by all 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 the 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 date 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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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Privacy Act of 1974 as Amended; Computer Matching Program (SSA/ Office of Personnel Management (OPM)/Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS))—Match Number 1301

AGENCY: Social Security Administration (SSA).

ACTION: Notice of a new computer matching program.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the provisions of the Privacy Act, as amended, this notice announces a new computer matching program that SSA will conduct with OPM and CMS.

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A. Participating Agencies

SSA, OPM and CMS.

B. Purpose of the Matching Program

The purpose of this matching program is to establish conditions under which OPM agrees to the disclosure of civil service benefit and payment data to