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**DATES:** Comments on this proposal should be received within 30 calendar days from the date of this publication.

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#### FOR INFORMATION REGARDING

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#### OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

##### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request for Review of an Existing Information Collection: Court Orders Affecting Retirement Benefits

**AGENCY:** Office of Personnel Management.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, May 22, 1995), this notice announces that the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget a request for review of an existing information collection. The regulations describe how former spouses give us written notice of a court order requiring us to pay benefits to the former spouse. Specific information is needed before OPM can make court-ordered benefit payments.

Approximately 19,000 former spouses apply for benefits based on court orders annually. We estimate it takes approximately 30 minutes to collect the information. The annual burden is 9,500 hours.

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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 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 213 September 19, 2001 (66 FR 48297). Individual authorities established or revoked under under Schedule C between August 1, 2001, and September 30, 2001, 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 August through September 2001:

##### Department of Agriculture

Special Assistant to the Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services. Effective August 17, 2001.

Confidential Assistant to the Secretary of Agriculture. Effective September 13, 2001.

Confidential Assistant to the Secretary of Agriculture. Effective September 14, 2001.

Confidential Assistant to the Secretary of Agriculture. Effective September 18, 2001.

Director, Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs to the Under Secretary for Research, Education and Economics. Effective September 19, 2001.

Confidential Assistant to the Secretary of Agriculture. Effective September 27, 2001.

Confidential Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Administration. Effective September 27, 2001.

##### Department of Commerce

Special Assistant to the Under Secretary for Export Administration. Effective August 2, 2001.

Legislative Specialist to the Assistant Secretary for Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Effective August 3, 2001.

Deputy Director to the Director Of Public Affairs, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Effective August 6, 2001.

Executive Assistant to the Secretary of Commerce. Effective August 21, 2001.

Public Affairs Specialist to the Director, Office of Public Affairs. Effective August 21, 2001.

Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary and Director General, United States and Foreign Commercial Service. Effective August 27, 2001.

Confidential Assistant to the Chief of Staff. Effective August 27, 2001.

Public Affairs Specialist to the Director of Public Affairs. Effective August 28, 2001.

Special Assistant to the Director, Office of External Affairs. Effective September 10, 2001.

Legislative Affairs Specialist to the Assistant Secretary for Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs. Effective September 10, 2001.

Special Assistant to the Director, Office of Business Liaison. Effective September 10, 2001.