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*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### Immigration and Naturalization Service

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection under Review; Application for naturalization.

The Department of Justice, Immigration and Naturalization Service has submitted the following information collection request for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The proposed information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for "sixty days" until September 5, 2000.

This information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** on January 8, 1999 at 64 FR 1219-1238, allowing for a 60-day public comment period on a proposed revision. Numerous comments were received by the public, prompting further program evaluation of the Form N-400 (Application for Naturalization). In response to the comments, INS is in the process of revising the current form. (See publication of draft N-400 in June 28, 2000 **Federal Register** notice at 65 FR 39936-39942.) Until such draft is finalized and approved by OMB, the INS is requesting a one year extension by OMB on the current form to allow for the necessary time to complete the revision of the form and modify the tracking system.

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information should address one or more of the following four points:

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agencies estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) 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, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Overview of this information collection:

(1) *Type of Information Collection:* Extension of currently approved collection.

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* Application for Naturalization.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Justice sponsoring the collection:* Form N-400. Adjudications Division, Immigration and Naturalization Service.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* Primary: Individuals or households. The information collected is used by the INS to determine eligibility for naturalization.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* 700,000 responses at 4 hours and 30 minutes (4.5) per response.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* 3,031,000 annual burden hours.

If you have additional comments, suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions, or additional information, please contact Richard A. Sloan 202-514-3291, Director, Policy Directives and Instructions Branch, Immigration and Naturalization Service, U.S. Department of Justice, Room 5307, 425 I Street, NW., Washington, DC 20536. Additionally, comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time may also be directed to Mr. Richard A. Sloan.

If additional information is required contact: Mr. Robert B. Briggs, Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice, Information Management and Security Staff, Justice Management Division, Suite 850, Washington Center, 1001 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20530.

Dated: June 29, 2000.

**Richard A. Sloan,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### Bureau of Justice Assistance

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#### Announcement of the Availability of the Defense Procurement Fraud Debarment Program Guide

**AGENCY:** Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, Denial of Federal Benefits Program, Justice.

**ACTION:** Notice of publication.

**SUMMARY:** Announcement of the publication of the Defense Procurement Fraud Debarment Program Guide.

**DATES:** The Program Guide will be available after June 30, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Denial of Federal Benefits Program, Bureau of Justice Assistance, Office of Justice Programs, Department of Justice, 810 Seventh St., NW., Washington DC 20531.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For a copy of the Defense Procurement Fraud Debarment Program Guide publication, call Robert T. Watkins, Director, Defense Procurement Fraud Debarment Program, 202-616-3507, (This is not a toll-free number), or visit the website at [www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA) (Click on "BJA Administered Non-Grant Programs")

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Authority

The Defense Procurement Fraud Debarment Program (DPFD) was established by Section 815 of The National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1993 (1993 National Defense Authorization Act), Public Law 102-484, codified at 10 U.S.C. 2408. In particular, the 1993 National Defense Authorization Act requires the Attorney General to establish a single point of contact for Department of Defense (DoD) defense contractors or subcontractors to promptly confirm whether potential employees have been convicted of fraud or any other defense contract-related felony. 10 U.S.C. 2408(c).

##### Background

In accordance with the National Defense Authorization Act of 1989, Public Law 100-456, individuals who have been convicted of fraud or any other felony arising out of a contract with the DoD, after September 29, 1988, are prohibited from certain forms of employment, contracting and other activities with the DoD. Moreover, the Defense Procurement Fraud Debarment provision of the 1993 National Defense Authorization Act requires the Attorney General to establish a single point of