

collection request. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed revisions to the following collections of information are necessary for the proper performance of the agencies' functions, including whether the information has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agencies' estimate of the burden of the information collections as they are proposed to be revised, 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 information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Comments are also requested on the expected effects on information currently reported in the Call Report resulting from this implementation of those portions of Financial Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 125, "Accounting for Transfers and Servicing of Financial Assets and Extinguishments of Liabilities," that have had their effective date delayed until after December 31, 1997. The agencies are evaluating the need for additional data in this area. These portions of Statement No. 125 address collateral and secured borrowings, repurchase agreements, dollar-rolls, securities lending, and similar transactions.

Banks should note that the FDIC is considering amendments to its regulations on the deposit insurance assessment base (12 CFR part 327) which may require certain changes to the Call Report. Should the FDIC adopt amendments that necessitate changes to the Call Report in 1998, those changes will be separately published for public comment as required under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

Dated: September 26, 1997.

**Karen Solomon,**

*Director, Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency.*

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, September 18, 1997.

**William W. Wiles,**

*Secretary of the Board.*

Dated at Washington, D.C., this 17th day of September, 1997.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

**Steven Hanft,**

*Assistant Executive Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

#### Privacy Act of 1974, as amended; System of Records

**AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service, Treasury

**ACTION:** Notice of alteration of Privacy Act system of records

**SUMMARY:** The Treasury Department, Internal Revenue Service, gives notice of a proposed alteration to the system of records entitled, "General Personnel and Payroll Records -Treasury/IRS 36.003," which is subject to the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, 5 U.S.C. 552a. The system notice was last published in its entirety in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 60, page 56804, on November 9, 1995.

**DATES:** Comments must be received no later than November 3, 1997. The alteration to the system of records will be effective November 16, 1997, unless comments are received which result in a contrary determination.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be sent to the Office of Governmental Liaison & Disclosure, Internal Revenue Service, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20224. Comments will be made available for public inspection and copying in the Internal Revenue Service Freedom of Information Reading Room, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW, Room 1621, Washington, DC 20224, telephone number (202) 622-5164, (not a toll free call).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** James O'Malley, Acting National Director, Personnel Division, Internal Revenue Service, (202) 874-6135.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of the alteration is to add two routine uses to the current routine uses as a result of Executive Order 12897 dated February 3, 1994, and the likelihood that the Service will be requested to respond to increasing numbers of support garnishment interrogatories.

Currently, routine use number (7) is used to disclose information on records, where there is an indication of a violation or potential violation of law, whether civil, criminal, or regulatory in nature, to any appropriate agency, whether Federal, state, or local, charged with the responsibility of investigating or prosecuting such violation or charged with enforcing or implementing the statute, rule, regulation, or order issued pursuant thereto or upon request of the agency when the agency is investigating the possible violation of their rules or regulations.

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) believes that the current routine use number (7) allows the IRS to disclose the information requested in the interrogatories, although the interrogatories are not specifically addressed. However, a new routine use (21) is being added to clarify that information from this system of records may be disclosed in response to garnishment interrogatories. A second routine use (22) is also being added as a result of the issuance of Executive Order 12897 entitled "Garnishment of Federal Employees' Pay," which will permit non-Federal entities (i.e., commercial creditors) to request garnishment of any employee's pay for just debts owing to these companies which have been reduced to a judgement.

The alteration to the existing Privacy Act notice also incorporates the Executive Order under the data element "Authority for Maintenance of the System" to bring this system into compliance with the requirements of the Privacy Act. The specific changes to the record system being altered are set forth below.

Under "Authority for Maintenance of the System:" delete the period after Executive Order 10561 and add "and Executive Order 12897."

Under "Routine Uses of Records Maintained in the System, Including Categories of Users and the Purposes of Such Uses;" add two routine uses by inserting the following text after routine use numbered twenty (20): "(21) Respond to state and local authorities for support garnishment interrogatories; and (22) Provide information to private creditors for the purpose of garnishment of wages of an employee if a debt has been reduced to a judgement."

The specific changes to the system notice are published below.

Dated: September 24, 1997.

**Alex Rodriguez,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary (Administration).*

#### Treasury/IRS 36.003

##### SYSTEM NAME:

General Personnel and Payroll Records—Treasury/IRS

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##### AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:

Description of change: Remove "and Executive Order 10561." and add "Executive Order 10561 and Executive Order 12897. "

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Description of changes: Replace the period at the end of routine use number

(20) with a semi-colon(; ) and add the following text:

**ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:**

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- “(21) Respond to state and local authorities for support garnishment interrogatories; and  
(22) Provide information to private creditors for the purpose of garnishment of wages of an employee if a debt has been reduced to a judgement.”

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## UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY

### College and University Affiliations Program (CUAP)

**ACTION:** Notice—request for proposals.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Academic Programs of the United States Information Agency's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs announces an open competition for an assistance award program. Accredited, post-secondary educational institutions meeting the provisions described in IRS regulation 26 CFR 1.501 (c) may apply to develop a partnership with (a) foreign institution(s) of higher education in specified fields and themes within the humanities and social sciences.

Awards will be made to support democratic institution-building and/or civic education.

A second Request for Proposals in this issue of the **Federal Register** solicits proposals in support of free trade and market economies, and/or the environment and sustainable development.

Grants are subject to the availability of funds for Fiscal year 1998.

Proposed projects must be eligible in terms of country(ies)/localities and themes as described in the section entitled “Eligibility” below.

Participating institutions exchange faculty and administrators for a combination of teaching, lecturing, faculty and curriculum development, collaborative research, and outreach, for periods ranging from one week (for planning visits) to an academic year. The FY 98 program will also support the establishment and maintenance of Internet and/or e-mail communication facilities as well as interactive distance learning programs at foreign partner institutions. Applicants may propose

other project activities not listed above that are in keeping with the goals and activities of the College and University Affiliations Program.

The program awards up to \$120,000 for a three-year period to defray the cost of travel and per diem with an allowance for educational materials and some aspects of project administration. Grants awarded to organizations with less than four years of experience in conducting international exchange programs will be limited to \$60,000.

Overall grant-making authority for this program is contained in the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961, Pub. L. 87-256, as amended, also known as the Fulbright-Hays Act. The purpose of the Act is “to enable the Government of the United States to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries \* \* \* ; to strengthen the ties which unite us with other nations by demonstrating the educational and cultural interests, developments, and achievements of the people of the United States and other nations \* \* \* and thus to assist in the development of friendly, sympathetic and peaceful relations between the United States and the other countries of the world.” The funding authority for the program cited above is provided through the *Fulbright-Hays Act*.

Projects must conform with Agency requirements and guidelines outlined in the Solicitation Package. The POGI, a document describing College and University Affiliation Project Objectives, Goals, and Implementation, is included in the Solicitation Package.

**Announcement Title and Number:** All communications with USIA concerning this announcement should refer to the College and University Affiliations Program and reference number E/ASU-98-02.

**Deadline for Proposals:** All copies must be received at the U.S. Information Agency by 5 p.m. Washington, D.C. time on Friday January 16, 1998. Faxed documents will not be accepted, nor will documents postmarked on Jan. 16, 1998, but received on a later date. It is the responsibility of each applicant to ensure compliance with the deadline.

**Approximate program dates:** Grants should begin on or about September 1, 1998.

**Duration:** September 1, 1998–August 31, 2001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Office of Academic Programs; Advising, Teaching, and Specialized Programs Division; College and University Affiliations Program (CUAP), (E/ASU), Room 349, U.S. Information Agency,

301 4th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20547, phone: (202) 619-5289, fax: (202) 401-1433. Send a message via Internet to: [affiliat@usia.gov](mailto:affiliat@usia.gov) to request a Solicitation Package. The Solicitation Package includes more detailed award criteria; all application forms; and guidelines for preparing proposals, including specific criteria for preparation of the proposal budget.

**To Download a Solicitation Package via Internet:** The entire Solicitation Package may be downloaded from USIA's website at <http://www.usia.gov/education/rfps>. Please read all information before downloading.

**To Receive a Solicitation Package via Fax On Demand:** The entire Solicitation Package may be received via the Bureau's “Grants Information Fax on Demand System,” which is accessed by calling 202/401-7616. Please request a “Catalog” of available documents and order numbers when first entering the system.

Please specify “College and University Affiliations Program Officer” on all inquiries and correspondence. Prospective applicants should read the complete **Federal Register** announcement before addressing inquiries to the College and University Affiliations Program staff or submitting their proposals. Once the RFP deadline has passed, Agency staff may not discuss this competition in any way with applicants until the Bureau proposal review process has been completed.

**Submissions:** Applicants must follow all instructions given in the Solicitation Package. The original and 10 copies of the complete application, including the documents specified under Tabs A through I in the “Project Objectives, Goals, and Imposition” (POGI) section of the Solicitation Package, should be sent to: U.S. Information Agency, Ref: E/ASU-98-02, Office of Grants Management, E/XE, Room 326, 301 4th St., S.W., Washington, D.C. 20547.

Applicants must also submit the “Executive Summary” and “Proposal Narrative” sections of the proposal on a 3.5” diskette, formatted for DOS. This material must be provided in ASCII text (DOS) format with a maximum line length of 65 characters. USIA will transmit these files electronically to U.S. Information Service (USIS) posts overseas for their review, with the goal of reducing the time it takes to get posts' comments for the Agency's grant review process.