

Personnel Management, and whether it will have practical utility;

- Whether our estimate of the public burden of this collection is accurate, and based on valid assumptions and methodology; and

- Ways in which we can minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through use of the appropriate technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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Comments on this proposal should be received within 10 calendar days from the date of this publication.

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Office of Personnel Management.

**Janice R. Lachance,**

*Director.*

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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 Schedules placed 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 part 213 October 10, 2000 (65 FR 60226). Individual authorities established or revoked under Schedule C between September 1, 2000, and September 30, 2000, 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 September 2000:

#### *Department of Agriculture*

Staff Assistant to the Director, Office of Communications. Effective September 12, 2000.

Special Assistant to the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service. Effective September 21, 2000.

Staff Assistant to the Confidential Assistant, Office of the Secretary. Effective September 26, 2000.

Staff Assistant to the Administrator, Foreign Agriculture Service. Effective September 26, 2000.

#### *Department of Commerce*

Confidential Assistant to the Executive Assistant to the Secretary. Effective September 12, 2000.

#### *Department of Defense*

Staff Specialist to the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Environmental Secretary). Effective September 7, 2000.

Defense Fellow to the Special Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for White House Liaison. Effective September 20, 2000.

#### *Department of Education*

Confidential Assistant to the Senior Advisor to the Secretary. Effective September 7, 2000.

Confidential Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Legislation and Congressional Affairs. Effective September 12, 2000.

#### *Department of Energy*

Special Assistant to the Director, Office of Management and Administration. Effective September 7, 2000.

Director, Office of Nuclear Materials Management Policy to the Director of Policy. Effective September 7, 2000.

Special Assistant to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Natural Gas and Petroleum Technology. Effective September 28, 2000.

Deputy Director, Office of Scheduling and Advance to the Director, Office of Scheduling and Advance. Effective September 28, 2000.

#### *Department of Housing and Urban Development*

Staff Assistant to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Congressional and

Intergovernmental Relations. Effective September 7, 2000.

Special Assistant to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations. Effective September 12, 2000.

Special Assistant to the Advisor for Management Reform and Operations. Effective September 18, 2000.

Special Assistant to the Director, Office of Executive Scheduling. Effective September 25, 2000.

Security/Advance Coordinator to the Director, Office of Executive Scheduling. Effective September 28, 2000.

#### *Department of Justice*

Staff Assistant to the Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division. Effective September 7, 2000.

#### *Department of State*

Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs. Effective September 12, 2000.

Legislative Management Officer to the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs. Effective September 25, 2000.

#### *Department of Transportation*

Director, Office of Public Affairs to the Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration. Effective September 5, 2000.

Special Assistant to the Associate Director for Media Relations and Special Projects. Effective September 12, 2000.

Special Assistant to the Maritime Administrator. Effective September 20, 2000.

#### *Farm Credit Administration*

Congressional and Public Affairs Specialist to the Director, Office of Congressional and Public Affairs. Effective September 25, 2000.

#### *National Endowment for the Humanities*

Director of Governmental Affairs to the Chief of Staff. Effective September 19, 2000.

#### *Small Business Administration*

Confidential Advisor to the Deputy Administrator. Effective September 25, 2000.

Senior Director of Scheduling and Advance to the Chief of Staff. Effective September 25, 2000.

Associate Director for Field Operations to the Associate Administrator for Field Operations. Effective September 26, 2000.

**Authority:** 5 U.S.C. 3301 and 3302; E.O. 10577, 3 CFR 1954-1958 Comp., P.218.

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## OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

### Privacy Act of 1974; Computer Matching Program, Office of Personnel Management/Social Security Administration

**AGENCY:** Office of Personnel  
Management (OPM).

**ACTION:** Publication of notice of  
computer matching program to comply  
with Public Law 100-503, the Computer  
Matching and Privacy Protection Act of  
1988.

**SUMMARY:** OPM is publishing notice of  
its computer matching program with the  
Social Security Administration (SSA) to  
meet the reporting and publication  
requirements of Public Law 100-503.  
The purpose of the computer match is  
to establish the conditions under which  
SSA agrees to the disclosure of tax  
return information to OPM.

**DATES:** The matching program will begin  
in October 2000, or 40 days after  
agreements by the parties participating  
in the match have been submitted to  
Congress and the Office of Management  
and Budget, or 30 days after notice of  
the match is published in the **Federal  
Register**, whichever is later. The data  
exchange will begin at a date mutually  
acceptable between OPM and SSA,  
unless comments are received which  
will result in a contrary determination.  
Subsequent matches will take place  
annually on a recurring basis until one  
of the parties advises the other, in  
writing, of its intention to reevaluate,  
modify and/or terminate the agreement.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be sent to  
William J. Washington, Acting Assistant  
Director for Systems, Finance, and  
Administration, 1900 E. Street, NW.,  
Room 4312, Washington, DC 20415.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
Marc Flaster, (202) 606-2115.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** OPM and  
SSA intend to conduct a computer  
matching program, as described below.  
The purpose of this agreement is to  
establish the conditions under which  
SSA agrees to the disclosure of tax  
return information to OPM. The SSA  
records will be used in a matching  
program in which OPM will match  
SSA's tax return records with OPM's  
records on disability retirees under age  
60, disabled adult child survivors,

certain retirees in receipt of a  
supplemental benefit under the Federal  
Employees Retirement System, and  
certain annuitants receiving a  
discontinued service retirement benefit  
under the Civil Service Retirement  
System. By law, these annuitants and  
survivors are limited in the amount they  
can earn and still retain benefits paid to  
them. In the case of the discontinued  
service annuitants, retirement benefits  
will cease upon re-employment in  
federal service. OPM will use the SSA  
data to determine continued eligibility  
for benefits being paid.

Office of Personnel Management.

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### Report of Computer Matching Program Between the Office of Personnel Management and the Social Security Administration

#### A. Participating Agencies

OPM and SSA.

#### B. Purpose of the Matching Program

Chapters 83 and 84 of title 5, United  
States Code (U.S.C.) require OPM to  
verify earnings data supplied by civil  
service annuitants. Section 6103(11) of  
the Internal Revenue Code requires SSA  
to disclose tax return information to  
OPM to administer programs under  
chapters 83 and 84 of title 5, United  
States Code. The purpose of this  
agreement is to establish the conditions  
under which SSA agrees to the  
disclosure of tax return information to  
OPM.

#### C. Authority for Conducting the Matching Program

Public Law 97-253, Chapters 83 and  
84, title 5, United States Code and 26  
U.S.C. 6103(11).

#### D. Categories of Records and Individuals Covered by the Match

The SSA records involved in the  
match are earnings, self-employment  
and other data which constitute tax  
return information pursuant to 26 U.S.C.  
6103. The Earnings Recording and Self-  
Employment Income System, SSA/OSR,  
60-0059 (last published in the **Federal  
Register** at 59 FR 62407, December 5,  
1994), maintains records of individuals'  
wages or self-employment income from  
employment under Social Security. The  
OPM records consist of annuity data  
from its system of records entitled OPM/  
Central 1—Civil Service Retirement and  
Insurance Records (last published in the  
**Federal Register** at 64 FR 54930,  
October 8, 1999), as amended May 3,  
2000 (65 FR 25775).

#### E. Description of Matching Program

OPM provides an annual electronic  
finder file containing identifying  
information for those records that SSA  
will verify. SSA will then provide an  
electronic reply file containing  
information in response to OPM's finder  
file.

#### F. Privacy Safeguards and Security

The personal privacy of the  
individuals whose names are included  
in the data exchange is protected by  
strict adherence to the provisions of the  
Privacy Act and OMB's "Guidance  
Interpreting the Provisions of Public  
Law 100-503, the Computer Matching  
and Privacy Protection Act of 1988".  
Access to the records used in the data  
exchange is restricted to only those  
authorized employees and officials who  
need it to perform their official duties in  
connection with the uses of the  
information authorized in this  
agreement. Records matched or created  
will be stored in an area that is  
physically safe. Records used in the  
exchange and any records created by  
this exchange will be processed under  
the immediate supervision and control  
of authorized personnel in a manner  
which will protect the confidentiality of  
the records, and in such a way that  
unauthorized persons cannot retrieve  
any such records by means of computer,  
remote terminal or other means. The  
records matched and any records  
created by this agreement will be  
transported under appropriate  
safeguards consistent with the manner  
in which they are stored and processed.  
All personnel who will have access to  
the records matched and to any records  
created by the match will be advised of  
the confidential nature of the  
information, the safeguards required to  
protect the information and the civil  
and criminal sanctions for  
noncompliance contained in applicable  
federal laws.

#### G. Inclusive Dates of the Matching Program

This computer matching program is  
subject to review by the Congress and  
the Office of Management and Budget  
(OMB). OPM's report to these parties  
must be received at least 40 days prior  
to the initiation of any matching  
activity. If no objections are raised by  
either Congress or OMB, and the  
mandatory 30 day public notice period  
for comment for this **Federal Register**  
notice expires, with no significant  
receipt of adverse public comments  
resulting in a contrary determination,  
then this computer matching program  
becomes effective. By agreement