

On May 8, 2003, amendments to Rule G-37 became effective concerning revisions to the definition of municipal finance professional and the exemption process.³ The proposed rule change revises certain of the Rule G-37 Qs & As to reflect the new rule language as contained in the amendments, primarily concerning the definition of municipal finance professional. The proposed rule change also revises certain Rule G-37 Qs & As to reflect subsequent changes to the rule since the time the particular Qs & As were adopted. In addition, the MSRB has been publishing the Rule G-37 Qs & As in chronological order. The proposed rule change rearranges the order of the Qs & As by grouping them by subject matter. This should make their presentation more helpful to users of the Qs & As.

2. Basis

The MSRB believes the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 15B(b)(2)(C) of the Act, which provides that the Board's rules shall:

be designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles of trade * * * to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market in municipal securities, and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest.

The MSRB believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act in that it provides guidance to brokers, dealers and municipal securities dealers in complying with existing MSRB rules.

B. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition

The MSRB does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on competition not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act since it would apply equally to all brokers, dealers and municipal securities dealers.

C. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants, or Others

Written comments were neither solicited nor received.

III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

The Board has designated this proposed rule change as constituting a stated policy, practice, or interpretation with respect to the meaning, administration, or enforcement of an existing Board rule under Section

19(b)(3)(A) of the Act,⁴ which renders the proposed rule change effective upon receipt of this filing by the Commission.

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act. Persons making written submissions should file six copies thereof with the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549-0609. Copies of the submissions, 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 the filing will also be available for inspection and copying at the Board's principal offices. All submissions should refer to File No. SR-MSRB-2003-08 and should be submitted by December 9, 2003.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.⁵

Jonathan G. Katz,

Secretary.

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Herbert L. Mitchell,

Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Declaration of Disaster #3557]

State of Washington

As a result of the President's major disaster declaration on November 7, 2003, I find that Chelan, Clallam, Grays Harbor, Island, Jefferson, King, Kitsap, Mason, Okanogan, Pierce, San Juan, Skagit, Snohomish, Thurston and Whatcom Counties in the State of Washington constitute a disaster area due to damages caused by severe storms and flooding occurring on October 15 through October 23, 2003. Applications for loans for physical damage as a result of this disaster may be filed until the close of business on January 6, 2004 and for economic injury until the close of business on August 9, 2004 at the address listed below or other locally announced locations:

Small Business Administration, Disaster Area 4 Office, P.O. Box 13795, Sacramento, CA 95853-4795.

In addition, applications for economic injury loans from small businesses located in the following contiguous counties may be filed until the specified date at the above location: Douglas, Ferry, Grant, Kittitas, Lewis, Lincoln, Pacific and Yakima in the State of Washington.

The interest rates are:

	Percent
For Physical Damage:	
Homeowners with credit available elsewhere	5.125
Homeowners without credit available elsewhere	2.562
Businesses with credit available elsewhere	6.199
Businesses and non-profit organizations without credit available elsewhere	3.100
Others (including non-profit organizations) with credit available elsewhere	5.500
For Economic Injury:	
Businesses and small agricultural cooperatives without credit available elsewhere	3.100

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 355706 and for economic injury the number is 9X8400.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 59002 and 59008)

³ Release No. 34-47814 (May 8, 2003), 68 FR 25917 (May 14, 2003).

⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

⁵ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

Dated: November 7, 2003.

Cheri L. Cannon,

Acting Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Privacy Act of 1974 as Amended; Computer Matching Program (SSA/ Department of Health and Human Services, Administration on Children and Families, Office of Child Support Enforcement (HHS/ACF/OCSE)) Match Number 1074

AGENCY: Social Security Administration (SSA).

ACTION: Notice of the renewal of an existing computer matching program which is scheduled to expire on December 9, 2003.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the provisions of the Privacy Act, as amended, this notice announces a computer matching program that SSA plans to conduct with the Department of Health and Human Services, Administration on Children and Families, Office of Child Support Enforcement (HHS/ACF/OCSE).

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 and Oversight 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) 965-5328 or writing to the Associate Commissioner, Office of Income Security Programs, 200 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 the Office of 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 Data Integrity Boards' approval of the match agreements;

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

Dated: November 7, 2003.

Martin H. Gerry,

Deputy Commissioner for Disability and Income Security Programs.

Notice of Computer Matching Program, Health and Human Services (HHS)/Administration on Children and Families (ACF)/Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE) with the Social Security Administration (SSA).

A. Participating Agencies

SSA and OCSE.

B. Purpose of the Matching Program

The matching program is designed to assist SSA in establishing or verifying eligibility and/or payment amounts under the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program, as authorized by the Social Security Act and by the Privacy Act. Under the matching program, SSA will obtain quarterly wage, new hire, or unemployment insurance information from OCSE.

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

On the basis of certain identifying information as provided by SSA to OCSE, OCSE will provide SSA with electronic files containing Quarterly Wage, New Hire and Unemployment Insurance information in National Directory of New Hires of its Federal Parent Locator Service system of records. SSA will then match the OCSE data with title XVI payment information maintained in Supplemental Security Income Record and Special Veterans Benefits system of records.

D. Inclusive Dates of the Match

The matching program shall become effective no sooner than 40 days after notice for the program is sent to Congress and OMB, 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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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Final Environmental Impact Statement; Jefferson and Lewis & Clark Counties, MT

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Montana Environmental Policy Act (MEPA), the FHWA, in cooperation with the Montana Department of Transportation (MDT), has prepared a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for proposed transportation improvements along the I-15 Corridor in Lewis & Clark and Jefferson Counties, Montana. The alternative evaluated in the FEIS include the Preferred Alternative (Alternative 1), Alternative 2 and the No-Action Alternative, and their associated social, economic and environmental impacts. Interested citizens are invited to review the Final EIS and submit comments. Copies of the Final EIS may be obtained by telephoning or writing the contact persons listed below under the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** heading. Public reading copies of the Final EIS