

for the proper performance of functions of the Office of Personnel Management, and whether it will have practical utility; whether our estimate of the public burden of this collection of information 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 the use of appropriate technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Approximately 45,500 forms are completed annually. The form takes approximately 30 minutes to complete. The annual estimated burden is 22,750 hours.

For copies of this proposal, contact Mary Beth Smith-Toomey on (202) 606-8358, or E-mail to mbtoomey@opm.gov.

DATES: Comments on this proposal should be received on or before January 3, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Send or deliver comments to—Ronald W. Melton, Chief, Operations Support Division, Retirement and Insurance Service, U.S. Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street, NW, Room 3349, Washington, DC 20415.

FOR INFORMATION REGARDING

ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATION—CONTACT: Donna G. Lease, Team Leader, Budget & Administrative Services Division, (202) 606-0623.

U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

Janice R. Lachance,

Director.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request for Review of a Revised Information Collection: RI 25- 7

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 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 a revised information collection. RI 25-7, Marital Status Certification, is used to determine whether widows, widowers, and former spouses receiving survivor annuities from OPM have remarried before reaching age 55 and, thus, are no longer eligible for benefits from us.

Approximately 45,000 forms are completed annually. Each form takes approximately 15 minutes to complete. The annual estimated burden is 11,250 hours.

For copies of this proposal, contact Mary Beth Smith-Toomey on (202) 606-8358, or E-mail to mbtoomey@opm.gov.

DATES: Comments on this proposal should be received on or before December 4, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Send or deliver comments to—

William C. Jackson, Chief, Eligibility Division, Retirement and Insurance Service, U.S. Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street, NW, Room 2336, Washington, DC 20415-3560

and

Joseph Lackey, OPM Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, NW, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503.

FOR INFORMATION REGARDING

ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATION—CONTACT: Phyllis R. Pinkney, Management Analyst, Budget and Administrative Services Division, (202) 606-0623.

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Director.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Privacy Act of 1974: Amendment to a System of Records

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management (OPM).

ACTION: Notice to amend a system of records.

SUMMARY: OPM proposes to amend a system of records in its inventory of record systems subject to the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended. This action is necessary to meet the requirements of the Privacy Act to publish in the **Federal Register** notice of the existence and character of record systems maintained by the agency.

DATES: The changes will be effective without further notice on December 14, 1999, unless comments are received that would result in a contrary determination.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to Office of Personnel Management, ATTN: Mary Beth Smith-Toomey, Office of the Chief Information Officer, 1900 E Street

NW., Room 5415, Washington, DC 20415-7900.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary Beth Smith-Toomey, (202) 606-8358.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice serves to update OPM/Central-13, Executive Personnel Records, to reflect organizational and statutory changes and to delete references to obsolete storage methods.

U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

Janice R. Lachance,

Director.

OPM/CENTRAL-13

SYSTEM NAME:

Executive Personnel Records.

SYSTEM LOCATION:

Office of Executive Resources Management, Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street NW, Washington, DC 20415-0001.

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

Current and former appointees in the Senior Executive Service; current and former incumbents of Executive Schedule, Scientific and Professional research and development, Senior Level, Board of Contract Appeals, and similar positions; former incumbents of General Schedule 16-18 positions; and participants in and graduates of OPM-approved agency Senior Executive candidate development programs.

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

These records include:

a. Demographic, appointment, and assignment information (e.g., name, office address, date of birth, Social Security Number, sex, race and ethnic designation, titles of positions, pay rates, and types of appointments).

b. Background data on work experience, educational experience, publications or awards (includes performance ratings and any performance, rank, or incentive awards received), and career interests.

c. Determinations on nominees for Meritorious and Distinguished Presidential Rank awards.

d. Determinations concerning executive (managerial) qualifications (i.e., Qualification Review Board records).

e. Information on performance of executives (e.g., performance ratings, performance awards, and incentive awards).

f. Information relating to participants (current and former) in the sabbatical leave program (e.g., dates of participation and reasons for the leave).

g. Applications from individuals who, within the 90-day period provided for under 5 U.S.C. 3593(b), seek reemployment in the Senior Executive Service.

h. Information concerning the reason(s) why an individual leaves an executive position (e.g., retired, resigned, to enter private industry, to work for a State government, or removed during probation or after because of performance).

i. Information about the recruitment of individuals for executive positions (e.g., recruited from another Federal agency or from outside the Federal service).

Note: Automated and manual duplicates of records in this system, maintained by agencies for purposes of actual administration of the SES, along with other records agencies have on Federal executives, are not considered part of this system. Such records are considered general personnel records and are covered by the OPM/GOVT-1, General Personnel Records system.

AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:

Includes the following with any revisions and amendments:

5 U.S.C. 2101 through 2103; 3104; 3131 through 3134; 3136; 3324; 3325; 3391 through 3397; 3591 through 3596; 4311 through 4315; 4507; 5108; 5381 through 5385; 5752 through 5754; and 7541 through 7543.

PURPOSE(S):

The records are used to:

a. Assist OPM in carrying out its responsibilities under title 5, U.S. Code, and OPM rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, including the allocation and establishment of SES, Senior Level, and Scientific and Professional research and development positions, development of qualification standards for SES positions, establishment and operation of one or more qualifications review boards, establishment of programs to develop candidates for and incumbents of executive positions, and development of performance appraisal systems.

b. Pursuant to section 415 of the Civil Service Reform Act, assist OPM in meeting its mandate to evaluate the effectiveness of the SES and the manner in which the Service is administered.

c. Provide data used in policy formulation, program planning and administration, research studies, and required reports regarding the Government-wide executive program.

d. Locate specified groups of individuals for personnel research (while protecting their individual privacy). Race and ethnic data and performance ratings are collected for statistical use only.

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

Routine uses 1 through 5, and 7 through 11, of the Prefatory Statement at the beginning of OPM's system notices (60 FR 63075, effective January 17, 1996) apply to the records maintained within this system. The routine uses listed below are specific to this system of records only:

a. To identify and refer qualified current or former Federal employees to Federal agencies for executive vacancies.

b. To refer qualified current or former Federal employees or retirees to State and local governments and international organizations for employment considerations.

c. To provide an employing agency with extracts from the records of that agency's employees in the system.

d. By OPM to locate individuals for personnel research or survey response and in the production of summary descriptive statistics and analytical studies in support of the functions for which the records are collected and maintained, or for related work force studies. While published studies do not contain individual identifiers, in some instances the selection of elements of data included in the study may be structured in such a way as to make the data individually identifiable by inference.

e. To disclose information to any member of an agency's Performance Review Board or other board or panel (e.g., one convened to select or review nominees for awards of merit pay increases), when the member is not an official of the employing agency; information would then be used for the purposes of approving or recommending selection of candidates for executive development programs, issuing a performance appraisal rating, issuing performance awards, nominating for Meritorious and Distinguished Executive ranks, and removal, reduction-in-grade, and other personnel actions based on performance.

f. To provide information to the White House on executives with noncareer appointments in the Senior Executive Service, in positions formerly in the General Schedule filled by noncareer executive assignments, in excepted positions paid at Executive Schedule pay rates, and in positions in the Senior Level pay system or other pay systems equivalent to those described which are filled by Presidential appointment or excepted from the competitive service because they are of a confidential or policy-determining character.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES OF STORING, RETRIEVING, SAFEGUARDING, RETAINING AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

STORAGE:

Records are maintained in hardcopy, magnetic media, and microfiche.

RETRIEVABILITY:

Records are retrieved by the name and Social Security Number of the individual to whom they pertain.

SAFEGUARDS:

Manual records are maintained in lockable metal filing cabinets or in secured rooms with access limited to those whose official duties require access. Access to computerized records is limited to those whose official duties require access. Access to race and ethnic data is restricted to specially designated OPM personnel.

RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:

Records are retained for varying lengths of time, in accordance with disposition schedules approved by NARA. Disposal of manual records is by shredding or burning, electronic databases are erased.

SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:

Director, Office of Executive Resources Management, Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street NW, Washington, DC 20415-0001.

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:

Individuals wishing to inquire whether this system or records contains information about them should contact the system manager. Individuals must furnish the following information for their records to be located and identified:

- Full name.
- Social Security Number.
- Address where employed.

RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURE:

Individuals wishing to request access to records about themselves should contact the system manager. Individuals must furnish the following information for their records to be located and identified:

- Full name.
- Social Security Number.
- Address where employed.

An individual requesting access must also follow OPM's Privacy Act regulations regarding verification of identity and access to records (5 CFR part 297).

CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURE:

Individuals wishing to request amendment of their records should contact the system manager. Individuals

must furnish the following information for their records to be located and identified:

- a. Full name.
- b. Social Security Number.
- c. Address where employed.

Individuals requesting amendment must also follow OPM's Privacy Act regulations regarding verification of identity and amendment of records (5 CFR part 297).

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

Information in this system of records is obtained from:

- a. The individual named in the record.
- b. His or her employing agency.
- c. Official documents of OPM.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary Beth Smith-Toomey, (202) 606-8358.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice serves to update OPM/Central-5, Intergovernmental Personnel Act Assignment Records, by amending the system manager, the records maintained in the system, and the records storage and retrievability practices.

U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

Janice R. Lachance,
Director.

OPM/CENTRAL-5

SYSTEM NAME:

Intergovernmental Personnel Act Assignment Records.

SYSTEM LOCATION:

Office of Merit Systems Oversight and Effectiveness, Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street NW., Washington DC 20415-0001.

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

a. Current and former Federal employees who have completed or are presently on an assignment in a State or local government agency, an educational institution, or in Indian tribal government, or other organizations under the provisions of the Intergovernmental Personnel Act (IPA).

b. Current or former State or local government or educational institution employees, employees of Indian tribal governments, or other organizations who have completed or are presently on an assignment in a Federal agency under the provisions of the Intergovernmental Personnel Act (IPA).

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

These records consist of the name of the IPA assignee and the name of his/her permanent organization and IPA assignment organization, type of IPA assignment, salary, percentage of salary funded by the Federal Government, title of the IPA position, and beginning and ending dates of the IPA assignment.

AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:

Includes the following with any revisions and amendments:

The Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (84 Stat. 1909), 5 U.S.C. 3371-3376, and E.O. 11589.

PURPOSE(S):

These records are maintained to document and track mobility assignments (including extensions, modifications, and terminations thereof) made under the Intergovernmental Personnel Act. Internally, OPM may use these records to locate individuals for personnel research.

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

Routine uses 1 through 6 of the Prefatory Statement at the beginning of OPM's system notices (60 FR 63075, effective January 17, 1996) apply to the records maintained within this system.

The routine use listed below is specific to this system of records only:

a. To disclose information to any source from which additional information is requested (to the extent necessary to identify the individual, inform the source of the purpose(s) of the request, and to identify the type of information requested), where necessary to obtain information relevant to an OPM decision regarding possible termination of an assignment.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES OF STORING, RETRIEVING, SAFEGUARDING, RETAINING AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

STORAGE:

Records are maintained in an electronic database on a personal computer, floppy disks, and in file folders.

RETRIEVABILITY:

Records are retrieved by the name of the individual on whom they are maintained or any of the data elements in the database.

SAFEGUARDS:

Records are maintained in a secured area with access limited to authorized personnel whose duties require access. Confidential passwords are required for access to automated records.

RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:

Records are retained for 5 years from the signing of the agreement. Manual records are destroyed by shredding or burning, electronic records are destroyed by erasure.

SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:

Assistant Director, Office of Merit Systems Effectiveness, Office of Merit Systems Oversight and Effectiveness, Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street NW., Washington, DC 20415-0001.

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:

Individuals wishing to inquire whether this system contains information about them should contact the system manager. Individuals must furnish the following information for their records to be located and identified:

- a. Full name.
- b. Federal agency involved in the assignment.
- c. Non-Federal organization involved in the assignment.
- d. Date of each assignment.

RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURE:

Individuals wishing to request access to records about them should contact the system manager. Individuals must furnish the following information for