

**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****Defense Logistics Agency****Privacy Act of 1974; Computer Matching Program**

**AGENCY:** Defense Manpower Data Center, Defense Logistics Agency, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice of a computer matching program.

**SUMMARY:** Subsection (e)(12) of the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, (5 U.S.C. 552a) requires agencies to publish advance notice of any proposed or revised computer matching program by the matching agency for public comment. The Department of Defense (DoD), as the matching agency under the Privacy Act, is hereby giving notice to the record subjects of a computer matching program between National Science Foundation (NSF) and DoD that records are being matched by computer. The record subjects are NSF delinquent debtors who may be current or former Federal employees receiving Federal salary or benefit payments and who are indebted and or delinquent in their repayment of debts owed to the United States Government under programs administered by NSF.

**DATES:** This proposed action will become effective April 13, 2000 and the computer matching will proceed accordingly without further notice, unless comments are received which would result in a contrary determination or if the Office of Management and Budget or Congress objects thereto. Any public comment must be received before the effective date.

**ADDRESSES:** Any interested party may submit written comments to the Director, Defense Privacy Office, 1941 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 920, Arlington, VA 22202-4502.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Vahan Moushegian, Jr. at telephone (703) 607-2943.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to subsection (o) of the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, (5 U.S.C. 552a), the DoD and NSF have concluded an agreement to conduct a computer matching program between the agencies. The purpose of the match is to exchange personal data between the agencies for debt collection. The match will yield the identity and location of the debtors within the Federal government so that NSF can pursue recoupment of the debt by voluntary payment or by administrative or salary offset procedures.

A copy of the computer matching agreement between the NSF and DoD is

available upon request to the public. Requests should be submitted to the address caption above or to the Debt Management Officer, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

Set forth below is a public notice of the establishment of the computer matching program required by paragraph 6.c. of the Office of Management and Budget Guidelines on computer matching published on June 19, 1989, at 54 FR 25818.

The matching agreement, as required by 5 U.S.C. 552a(r) of the Privacy Act, and an advance copy of this notice were submitted on February 28, 2000, to the House Committee on Government Reform, the Senate Committee on Government Affairs, and the Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget pursuant to paragraph 4d of Appendix I to OMB Circular No. A-130, 'Federal Agency Responsibilities for Maintaining Records about Individuals,' dated February 8, 1996 (February 20, 1996, 61 FR 6427).

Dated: March 8, 2000.

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*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

**Notice of a Computer Matching Program between the National Science Foundation, and the Department of Defense for Debt Collection.**

**A. Participating agencies:** Participants in this computer matching program are the National Science Foundation (NSF) and the Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC), Department of Defense (DoD). The National Science Foundation is the source agency, i.e., the activity disclosing the records for the purpose of the match. The DMDC is the specific recipient activity or matching agency, i.e., the agency that actually performs the computer matching.

**B. Purpose of the match:** The purpose of the match is to identify and locate any matched Federal personnel, employed, serving, or retired, who owe delinquent debts to the Federal Government under certain programs administered by NSF. NSF will use this information to initiate independent collection of those debts under the provisions of the Debt Collection Act of 1982, as amended, when voluntary payment is not forthcoming. These collection efforts will include requests by NSF of the military service/employing agency in the case of military personnel (either active, reserve, or retired) and current non-postal civilian employees, to apply administrative and/

or salary offset procedures until such time as the obligation is paid in full.

**C. Authority for conducting the match:** The legal authority for conducting the matching program is contained in the Debt Collection Act of 1982 (Public Law 97-365), as amended by the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-134, section 31001); 31 U.S.C. Chapter 37, Subchapter I (General) and Subchapter II (Claims of the United States Government); 31 U.S.C. 3711 Collection and Compromise; 31 U.S.C. 3716 Administrative Offset; 5 U.S.C. 5514, Installment Deduction for Indebtedness (Salary Offset); 10 U.S.C. 135, Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller); Section 101(1) of Executive Order 12731; 4 CFR 101.1-105.5, Federal Claims Collection Standards; 5 CFR 550.1101 - 550.1108, Collection by Offset from Indebted Government Employees (OPM); 45 CFR part 607 (NSF).

**D. Records to be matched:** The systems of records maintained by the respective agencies under the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, 5 U.S.C. 552a, from which records will be disclosed for the purpose of this computer match are as follows:

1. NSF will use personal data from the following Privacy Act record systems for the match: NSF-57, 'NSF Delinquent Debtors File' which was published in the **Federal Register** at 62 FR 59903 on November 5, 1997.

2. DOD will use personal data from the record system identified as S322.11 DMDC, entitled 'Federal Creditor Agency Debt Collection Data Base,' last published in the **Federal Register** at 64 FR 42101 on August 3, 1999.

**E. Description of computer matching program:** NSF, as the source agency, will provide DMDC with a file which contains information specified below. Upon receipt of the file of debtor accounts, DMDC will perform a computer match using all nine digits of the SSN of the NSF file against a DMDC computer database. The DMDC database, established under an interagency agreement between DOD, OPM, OMB, and the Department of the Treasury, consists of personnel records of non-postal Federal civilian employees and military members, both active, and retired. The 'hits' or matches will be furnished to NSF. NSF is responsible for verifying and determining that the data on the DMDC reply file are consistent with NSF's source file and for resolving any discrepancies or inconsistencies on an individual basis. NSF will also be responsible for making final determinations as to positive

identification, amount of indebtedness and recovery efforts as a result of the match.

**F. Individual notice and opportunity to contest:** Due process procedures will be provided by NSF to those individuals matched (hits) consisting of the NSF's verification of debt; a minimum of 30-day written notice to the debtor explaining the debtor's rights; opportunity for the debtor to examine and copy NSF's documentation relating to the debt; provision for debtor to seek the NSF's review of the debt (or in the case of the salary offset provision, opportunity for a hearing before an individual who is not under the supervision or control of the agency); and opportunity for the individual to enter into a written agreement satisfactory to the NSF for repayment. Only when all of the steps have been taken will the NSF disclose, pursuant to a routine use, to effect an administrative or salary offset. Unless the individual notifies NSF within 30 days from the date of the notice, NSF will infer that the data provided the individual is accurate and correct and will take the next step, as authorized by law, to recoup the delinquent debt.

**G. Inclusive dates of the matching program:** This computer matching program is subject to review by the Office of Management and Budget and Congress. If the mandatory 30 day period for public comment has expired and if no objections are raised by either Congress or the Office of Management and Budget within 40 days of being notified of the proposed match, the computer matching program becomes effective and the respective agencies may begin the exchange of data at a mutually agreeable time and will be repeated on an six month basis. By agreement between NSF and DoD, the matching program will be in effect and continue for 18 months with an option to extend for 12 additional months unless one of the parties to the agreement advises the other by written request to terminate or modify the agreement.

**H. Address for receipt of public comments or inquiries:** Director, Defense Privacy Office, 1941 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 920 Arlington, VA 22202-4502. Telephone (703) 607-2943. [FR Doc. 00-6174 Filed 3-13-00; 8:45 am]

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**SUMMARY:** The Acting Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before May 15, 2000.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Acting Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g. new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) title; (3) summary of the collection; (4) description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment.

The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: March 9, 2000.

**William E. Burrow,**

*Acting Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

### Office of Elementary and Secondary Education

*Type of Review:* Regular.

*Title:* Goals 2000, Parental Information and Resource Center's Annual/Final Performance Report.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:* Responses: 58; Burden Hours: 226.

*Abstract:* Recipients of grants under the Parental Assistance Program must submit an annual performance report that establishes substantial progress toward meeting their project objective to receive a continuation award.

Written comments and requests for copies of the proposed information collection request should be addressed to Vivian Reese, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651, or should be electronically mailed to the internet address [Vivian\\_Reese@ed.gov](mailto:Vivian_Reese@ed.gov), or should be faxed to 202-708-9346.

For questions regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements, contact, Jackie Montague at 202-708-5359. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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### State Vocational Rehabilitation Unit In-Service Training; Notice reopening the closing date for transmittal of applications for new awards for fiscal year (FY) 2000

*Deadline for Transmittal of Applications:* The deadline date for transmittal of applications is reopened from December 17, 1999 to March 28, 2000.

On October 21, 1999 we published in the **Federal Register** (64 CFR 56775) a notice inviting applications for new awards for FY 2000 under the State Vocational Rehabilitation Unit In-Service Training program. The regulations for this program state that each State agency is eligible to receive an award under the In-Service Training program. The purpose of this notice is to reopen the deadline date for transmittal of applications to allow all eligible applicants an opportunity to apply for funds under this program. Applicants who submitted applications under the prior notice need not submit a new application, unless they wish to do so.

*Deadline for Intergovernmental Review:* May 30, 2000.

*For Applications Contact:* Education Publications Center (ED Pubs), P.O. Box 1398, Jessup, MD 20794-1398.