SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

[Docket No. SSA–2012–0026]

Charging Standard Administrative Fees for Nonprogram-Related Information

AGENCY: Social Security Administration.

ACTION: Notice of standard administrative fees for providing information and related services for nonprogram-related purposes.

SUMMARY: We are announcing the standardized administrative fees we will charge to recover our full cost of providing information and related services for nonprogram purposes we provide to the public. Previously, the fees we charged for nonprogram information requests were not standardized. Standard fee implementation will ensure fees are consistent and that we collect the full cost of supplying our information when a request is for a purpose not directly related to our administration of a program under the Social Security Act (Act). We expect the implementation of standard fees across all field offices will allow us to provide consistent service to members of the public who request information from us for nonprogram-related purposes.

DATES: The standard administrative fees will apply to requests for information for nonprogram-related purposes we receive on or after August 22, 2012.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karen Huelskamp, Social Security Administration, Office of Finance, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21235–6401, (410) 966–4890 for information about this notice. For information on eligibility or filing for benefits, call our national toll-free number, 1–800–772–1213 or TTY 1–800–325–0778, or visit our Internet site, Social Security Online, at *http://www.socialsecurity.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We administer several benefit programs under the Act, including the Retirement and Survivors Insurance (RSI), Disability Insurance (DI), and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) programs. To administer these programs, we collect information from individuals and entities, such as other governmental agencies, and then store this information in our systems. Our employees can retrieve this information by accessing our computer systems. Generally, we use the information we collect and store for purposes of administering the Social Security benefit programs. However, sometimes individuals ask us to release this information to appointed representatives, private companies, or other third parties. When we release this information for a purpose not related to implementation of our programs, we consider it a nonprogram-related service. Nonprogram-related services are not within our mission, and we are required to recover the cost of providing those services.

Section 1106 of the Act and the Privacy Act [1] authorize the Commissioner of Social Security to promulgate regulations regarding agency records and information and to charge fees for providing information and related services. Our regulations and operating instructions identify when we will charge fees for information.[2] Under our regulations, whenever we determine a request for information is for any purpose not directly related to the administration of the Social Security programs, we require the requester to pay the full cost of providing the information.

We receive a large number of requests for nonprogram-related information from third parties, such as private companies, as well as individuals. The number of applications for RSI, DI, and SSI we receive continues to grow. In addition to processing applications, our field offices are responsible for other program-related workloads, such as conducting continuing disability reviews and processing requests for original Social Security Numbers (SSN) and replacement Social Security cards. These services relate directly to our mission and the programs we administer under the Act. Nonprogram-related services are not within our mission, and we recover our full cost when we perform those services, with certain limited exceptions.[3]

The existing process for determining and charging fees on a case-by-case basis has become unwieldy and inefficient. Consequently, we are implementing standard fees that are calculated to reflect the full cost of providing information for nonprogram-related purposes, consistent with section 1106 of the Act and our regulations, 20 CFR 402.175(a). This uniform approach will allow the public to understand the fee associated with a particular request for nonprogram-related information and make it easier for our field offices to determine the full cost of supplying the nonprogram-related information. We will implement the new fee schedule at all of our field offices simultaneously. For nonprogram-related requests not listed below, we will continue to charge fees calculated on a case-by-case basis to recover our full cost of supplying the information.

The new standard fee schedule per request:

Copy an Electronic Folder	$49
Copy a Paper Folder	86
Letter Forwarding	35
3rd Party Manual SSN Verification	29
Regional Office Certification	48
Office of Central Operations Certification	32
W2/W3 Requests	38
Record Extract	33

We will evaluate these standard fees at least every two years to ensure we continue to capture the full costs associated with providing information for nonprogram-related purposes. We will require advance payment of the standard fee by check, money order, or credit card. We will not accept cash. If we revise any of the standard fees, we will publish another notice in the **Federal Register**.

Additional Information

Additional information is available on our Web site at *http://socialsecurity.gov/pgm/business.htm* or by written request to: Social Security Administration, Office of Public Inquiries, Windsor Park Building, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21235.

Dated: August 15, 2012.

Michael J. Astrue,

Commissioner of Social Security.

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[1] 42 U.S.C. 1306 and 5 U.S.C. 552a, respectively.

[2] *See* 20 CFR 402.170, 402.175; Program Operations Manual System (POMS) GN 03311.005.

[3] Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Circular A–25, *User Charges*.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 7986]

60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Exchange Visitor Program Participant Survey—Summer Work Travel Program

ACTION: Notice of request for public comment.

SUMMARY: The Department of State is seeking Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the information collection described below. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we are requesting comments on this collection from all interested individuals and organizations. The purpose of this notice is to allow 60 days for public comment preceding submission of the collection to OMB.

DATES: The Department will accept comments from the public up to October 22, 2012.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by any of the following methods:

• Persons with access to the Internet may view and comment on this notice by going to the regulations.gov Web site at *http://www.regulations.gov/#!home.* You can search by selecting ''Notice'' under Document Type, enter the Public Notice number, and check ''Open for Comment''. Search, and then to view the document, select an Agency.

• *Mail (paper, disk, or CD–ROM submissions):* U.S. Department of State, Office of Exchange Coordination and Designation, SA–5, 2200 C Street NW., Floor 5, Washington, DC 20522–0505

• *Email: jexchanges@state.gov.*

You must include the information collection title and OMB control number in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Direct requests for additional information regarding the collection listed in this notice, including requests for copies of the proposed collection instrument and supporting documents, to Robin J Lerner, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Private Sector Exchange, U.S. Department of State, SA–5, Floor 5, 2200 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20522–0505, who may be reached at 202–632–2805 or email at *jexchanges@state.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

• *Title of Information Collection:* Exchange Visitor Program Participant Survey—Summer Work Travel Program.

• *OMB Control Number:* None.

• *Type of Request:* New Collection.

• *Originating Office:* Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, ECA/EC.

• *Form Number:* SV 2012–0004.

• *Respondents:* Exchange Visitor Program participants in the Summer Work Travel category.

• *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 109,000 .

• *Estimated Number of Responses:* 109,000.

• *Average Hours per Response:* 30 minutes.

• *Total Estimated Burden Time:* 54,500 hours.

• *Frequency:* On occasion.

• *Obligation to Respond:* Voluntary.

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:

• Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the effective administration of the Summer Work Travel category of the Exchange Visitor Program.

• Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.

• Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.

• Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of technology.

Abstract of proposed collection: This collection of information is under the provisions of the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act, as amended, and its implementing regulations (22 CFR Part 62). Summer Work Travel Participant Surveys will be sent to all Summer Work Travel participants at least once during their program. Sponsors are required to ensure that the link to the Survey is provided to all exchange participants in orientation materials, follow-up emails, etc. Although the survey is voluntary, the Department is trying to capture a high volume of responses to trend participant satisfaction, complaints, safety and welfare.

Methodology: The collection will be submitted to the Department electronically through Survey Monkey.

Dated: August 14, 2012.

Robin J. Lerner,

Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Private Sector Exchange, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 7989]

U.S. Department of State Advisory Committee on Private International Law (ACPIL): Notice of Public Meeting on Draft Principles Regarding the Enforceability of Close-Out Netting

The Office of the Assistant Legal Adviser for Private International Law, Department of State, hereby gives notice of a public meeting on UNIDROIT's draft Principles Regarding the Enforceability of Close-out Netting. Close-out netting is a contractual mechanism used by financial institutions and other market participants to reduce their risk exposure, and is thus a key tool for preserving the stability of the financial system. A study group organized by UNIDROIT (the International Institute for the Unification of Private Law) produced a draft set of principles that are intended to serve as a guide for evaluating whether the legal systems in various jurisdictions around the world adequately recognize the enforceability of netting provisions. The draft principles and background documents are available on the UNIDROIT Web site (*http://www.unidroit.org/english/studies/study78c/main.htm*). On October 15, 2012, UNIDROIT will be holding an intergovernmental meeting at which the draft principles will be further developed, although it is not expected that the principles will be finalized until next year.

The purpose of this public meeting is to obtain the views of concerned stakeholders on these topics in advance of the UNIDROIT meeting. This is not a meeting of the full Advisory Committee.

Time and Place: The meeting will take place on Friday, September 21, 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, 33 Liberty Street, New York, NY. Participants should arrive between 9:30 a.m. and 9:45 a.m. for visitor screening. If you are unable to attend the public meeting and would like to participate from a remote location, teleconferencing will be available.

Public Participation: This meeting is open to the public, subject to the capacity of the meeting room. For pre-clearance purposes, those planning to attend in person are requested to email or phone Tricia Smeltzer (*smeltzertk@state.gov,* 202–776–8423) or Niesha Toms (*tomsnn@state.gov,* 202–776–8420) and provide your full name and affiliation. Attendees are requested to bring a photo ID such as a driver's license or a passport. This will greatly facilitate entry.

A member of the public needing reasonable accommodation should advise Ms. Smeltzer or Ms. Toms not later than September 12, 2012. Requests made after that date will be considered, but might not be able to be fulfilled. If you would like to participate by telephone, please contact Ms. Smeltzer or Ms. Toms to obtain the call-in number and other information.

Dated: August 14, 2012.

Keith Loken,

Assistant Legal Advisor, Office of Private International Law, Office of the Legal Advisor, Department of State.

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