

Dated: February 8, 1995.

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**Notice of a Computer Program
Between the Department of
Transportation and the Department of
Defense for Debt Collection**

A. Participating agencies:

Participants in this computer matching program are the Department of Transportation (DOT) and the Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC) of the Department of Defense (DoD). The DOT 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: Upon the execution of an agreement, the DOT will provide and disclose debtor records to DMDC to identify and locate any matched Federal personnel, employed or retired, who may owe delinquent debts to the Federal Government under certain programs administered by the DOD. The DOT will use this information to initiate independent collection of those debts under the provisions of the Debt Collection Act of 1982 when voluntary payment is not forthcoming. These collection efforts will include requests by the DOT of any employing Federal agency 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 (Pub. L. 97-365), 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. 136, Assistant Secretaries of Defense, Appointment Powers and Duties; section 206 of Executive Order 11222; 4 CFR Ch. II, Federal Claims Collection Standards (General Accounting Office - Department of Justice); 5 CFR 550.1101 - 550.1108 Collection by Offset from Indebted Government Employees (OPM); 49 CFR part 92, Recovering Debt to the United States by Salary Offset (DOT).

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:

The DOT will use personal data from the Privacy Act record system identified as DOT/ALL 10, entitled, 'Debt Collection File', last published in the **Federal Register** at 59 FR 54941 on November 2, 1994.

DMDC will use personal data from the record systems identified as S322.11 DMDC, entitled 'Federal Creditor Agency Debt Collection Data Base,' last published in the **Federal Register** on February 22, 1993, at 58 FR 10875.

Sections 5 and 10 of the Debt Collection Act (Pub.L. 97-365) authorize agencies to disclose information about debtors in order to effect salary or administrative offsets. Agencies must publish routine uses pursuant to subsection (b)(3) of the Privacy Act for those systems of records from which they intend to disclose this information. Sections 5 and 10 of the Debt Collection Act will comprise the necessary authority to meet the Privacy Act's 'compatibility' condition. The systems of records described above contain an appropriate routine use disclosure between the agencies of the information proposed in the match. The routine use provisions are compatible with the purpose for which the information was collected.

E. Description of computer matching program: The DOT, as the source agency, will provide DMDC with a magnetic computer tape which contains the names of delinquent debtors in programs the DOT administers. Upon receipt of the magnetic computer tape file of debtor accounts, DMDC will perform a computer match using all nine digits of the SSN of the DOT 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 employment records of Federal employees and military members, active, and retired. Matching records ('hits'), based on the SSN, will produce the member's name, service or agency, category of employee, and current work or home address. The hits or matches will be furnished to the DOT. The DOT is responsible for verifying and determining that the data on the DMDC reply tape file are consistent with the DOT source file and for resolving any discrepancies or inconsistencies on an individual basis. The DOT will also be responsible for making final determinations as to positive identification, amount of

indebtedness and recovery efforts as a result of the match.

The magnetic computer tape provided by DOT will contain data elements of the debtor's name, Social Security Number, debtor status and debt balance, internal account numbers and the total amount owed on approximately 2,100 delinquent debtors.

The DMDC computer database file contains approximately 10 million records of active duty and retired military members, including the Reserve and Guard, and the OPM government wide Federal civilian records of current and retired Federal employees.

F. Inclusive dates of the matching program: This computer matching program is subject to review by the Office of Management and Budget and Congress. If no objections are raised by either, and the mandatory 30 day public notice period for comment has expired for this **Federal Register** notice with no significant adverse public comments in receipt resulting in a contrary determination, then this computer matching program becomes effective and the respective agencies may begin the exchange of data 30 days after the date of this published notice at a mutually agreeable time and will be repeated annually. Under no circumstances shall the matching program be implemented before the 30 day public notice period for comment has elapsed as this time period cannot be waived. By agreement between DOT and DMDC, the matching program will be in effect and continue for 18 months with an option to renew for 12 additional months unless one of the parties to the agreement advises the other by written request to terminate or modify the agreement.

G. Address for receipt of public comments or inquiries: Director, Defense Privacy Office, Crystal Mall 4, Room 920, 1941 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202-4502. Telephone (703) 607-2943.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of proposed information collection requests.

SUMMARY: The Director, Information Resources Group, invites comments on proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980.

DATES: An expedited review has been requested in accordance with the Act, since allowing for the normal review period would adversely affect the public interest. Approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has been requested by February 21, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Dan Chenok, Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street NW., Room 3208, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503. Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, D.C. 20202-4651.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Patrick J. Sherrill, (202) 708-9915. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3517 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 3517) requires that the Director of OMB provide interested Federal agencies and persons 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 Director, Information Resources Group, publishes this notice with the attached proposed information collection request prior to submission of this request to OMB. This notice contains the following information: (1) Type of review requested, e.g., expedited; (2) Title; (3) Abstract; (4) Additional Information; (5) Frequency of collection; (6) Affected public; and (7) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. Because an expedited review is requested, a description of the information to be collected is also included as an attachment to this notice.

Dated: February 10, 1995.

Gloria Parker,

Director, Information Resources Group.

Office of Postsecondary Education

Type of Review: Expedited

Title: Part A Strengthening Institutions Program—Hispanic-Serving Institutions Grants

Frequency: Annually

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions

Reporting Burden:

Responses: 85

Burden Hours: 2,975

Recordkeeping Burden:

Recordkeepers: 0

Burden Hours: 0

Abstract: This information is required of institutions of higher education applying for Hispanic-Serving Institutions grants under the Strengthening Institutions Programs, Title III, Part A of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended. This information will be used in the evaluation process to determine which applicants should receive funds.

Additional Information: Clearance for this information collection is requested for February 21, 1995. Expedited review is requested so that awards could be made on schedule under the new authority, to allow applicants ample time to prepare quality applications, and for printing and distribution purposes.

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ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Dan Chenok, Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street NW., Room 3208, New Executive Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20503. Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, D.C. 20202-4651.

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Office of Educational Research and Improvement

Type of Review: Expedited

Title: Third International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS)

Frequency: Annually

Affected Public: Individuals or households; not-for-profit institutions; State, Local or Tribal Government

Reporting Burden:

Responses: 56,460

Burden Hours: 111,085

Recordkeeping Burden:

Recordkeepers: 0

Burden Hours: 0

Abstract: TIMSS will assess student achievement in math and science at the 4th, 8th, and 12th grade levels in about 50 countries. In the U.S., the data will be used to measure progress toward the fourth National Education Goal—that the U.S. will be first in the world in math and science by the year 2000. The study will also help educators to understand differences in student performance by providing