

**Defense Logistics Agency****Privacy Act of 1974; Computer Matching Program Between the General Services Administration and the Defense Manpower Data Center of the Department of Defense**

**AGENCY:** Defense Manpower Data Center, Defense Logistics Agency, Department of Defense.

**ACTION:** Notice of a computer matching program between the General Services Administration (GSA) and the Department of Defense (DoD) for public comment.

**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 DoD, as the matching agency under the Privacy Act is hereby giving constructive notice in lieu of direct notice to the record subjects of a computer matching program between GSA and DoD that their records are being matched by computer. The record subjects are GSA delinquent debtors who may be current or former Federal employees receiving Federal salary or benefit payments and who are delinquent in their repayment of debts owed to the United States Government under programs administered by GSA so as to permit GSA to pursue and collect the debt by voluntary repayment or by administrative or salary offset procedures under the provisions of the Debt Collection Act of 1982.

**DATES:** This proposed action will become effective May 22, 1995, 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, Crystal Mall 4, Room 920, 1941 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202-4502.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Aurelio Nepa, 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 DMDC and GSA 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 GSA can pursue recoupment of the debt by voluntary payment or by administrative or salary offset procedures. Computer matching appeared to be the most efficient and effective manner to accomplish this task with the least amount of intrusion of personal privacy of the individuals concerned. It was therefore concluded and agreed upon that computer matching would be the best and least obtrusive manner and choice for accomplishing this requirement.

A copy of the computer matching agreement between GSA and DMDC is available upon request to the public. Requests should be submitted to the address caption above or to the Chief Financial Officer, General Services Administration, 18th and F Streets, NW, Washington, DC 20405. Telephone (202) 501-1721.

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

The matching agreement, as required by 5 U.S.C. 552a(r) of the Privacy Act, and an advance copy of this notice was submitted on April 6, 1995, to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight of the House of Representatives, the Committee on Governmental Affairs of the Senate, 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 July 15, 1994 (59 FR 37906, July 25, 1994). The matching program is subject to review by OMB and Congress and shall not become effective until that review period has elapsed.

Dated: April 13, 1995.

**Patricia L. Toppings,**

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

**Notice of a Computer Matching Program Between the General Services Administration and the Department of Defense for Debt Collection**

**A. Participating agencies:** Participants in this computer matching program are the General Services Administration (GSA) and the Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC) of the

Department of Defense (DoD). The GSA 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 GSA 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 GSA 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 GSA 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); 41 CFR part 105-56 (GSA).

**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 GSA will use personal data from the Privacy Act record system identified as GSA/PPFM-7, entitled, 'Credit Data on Individual Debtors', last published in the **Federal Register** at 58 FR 64587 on December 8, 1993.

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 GSA, as the source agency, will provide DMDC with a disk which contains the names of delinquent debtors in programs the GSA administers. Upon receipt of the disk file of debtor accounts, DMDC will perform a computer match using all nine digits of the SSN of the GSA 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 GSA. The GSA is responsible for verifying and determining that the data on the DMDC reply disk file are consistent with the GSA source file and for resolving any discrepancies or inconsistencies on an individual basis. The GSA 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 disk provided by GSA 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 1,870 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 semi-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 GSA 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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### Privacy Act of 1974; Notice to Amend a Record System

**AGENCY:** Defense Logistics Agency, DOD.

**ACTION:** Notice to amend a record system.

**SUMMARY:** The Defense Logistics Agency proposes to amend a system of records notices in its inventory of record systems subject to the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended.

**DATES:** The amendment will be effective on May 22, 1995, unless comments are received that would result in a contrary determination.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to the Privacy Act Officer, Defense Logistics Agency, DASC-RP, Alexandria, VA 22304-6100.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Barry Christensen at (703) 617-7583.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Defense Logistics Agency notices for systems of records subject to the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended, have been published in the **Federal Register** and are available from the address above.

The proposed amendments are not within the purview of subsection (r) of the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a), as

amended, which would require the submission of a new or altered system report for each system. The specific changes to the record systems being amended are set forth below followed by the notice, as amended, published in its entirety.

Dated: April 13, 1995.

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### S322.10 DMDC

#### SYSTEM NAME:

Defense Manpower Data Center Data Base (*November 7, 1994, 59 FR 55462*).

#### CHANGES:

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#### CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

Add to end of entry 'Individuals who were or may have been the subject of tests involving chemical or biological human-subject testing; and individuals who have inquired or provided information to the Department of Defense concerning such testing.'

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#### PURPOSE(S):

Add to entry 'Information will be used by agency officials and employees, or authorized contractors, and other DoD Components in the preparation of the histories of human chemical or biological testing or exposure; to conduct scientific studies or medical follow-up programs; to respond to Congressional and Executive branch inquiries; and to provide data or documentation relevant to the testing or exposure of individuals.'

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### S322.10 DMDC

#### SYSTEM NAME:

Defense Manpower Data Center Data Base.

#### SYSTEM LOCATION:

Primary location—W.R. Church Computer Center, Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, CA 93943-5000.

Back-up files maintained in a bank vault in Hermann Hall, Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, CA 93943-5000.

Decentralized segments—Portions of this file may be maintained by the military and non-appropriated fund personnel and finance centers of the military services, selected civilian contractors with research contracts in manpower area, and other Federal agencies.