

in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act. Persons making written submissions should file six copies thereof with the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20549-0609. Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Reference Room. Copies of such filing will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Phlx. All submissions should refer to File No. SR-Phlx-99-20 and should be submitted by September 22, 1999.

For the Commission by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.¹²

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Declaration of Disaster #3207]

State of Nebraska

As a result of the President's major disaster declaration on August 20, 1999, I find that Burt, Douglas, and Washington Counties in the State of Nebraska constitute a disaster area due to damages caused by severe storms and flooding that occurred on August 6-9, 1999. Applications for loans for physical damage as a result of this disaster may be filed until the close of business on October 18, 1999, and for loans for economic injury until the close of business on May 22, 2000 at the address listed below or other locally announced locations: U.S. Small Business Administration, Disaster Area 3 Office, 4400 Amon Carter Blvd., Suite 102, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

In addition, applications for economic injury loans from small businesses located in the following contiguous counties may be filed until the specified date at the above location: Cuming, Dodge, Sarpy, Saunders, and Thurston Counties in Nebraska, and Harrison, Monona, and Pottawattamie Counties in Iowa.

The interest rates are:

	Percent
For Physical Damage:	
Homeowners With Credit Available Elsewhere	7.250
Homeowners Without Credit Available Elsewhere	3.625
Businesses With Credit Available Elsewhere	8.000
Businesses and Non-Profit Organizations Without Credit Available Elsewhere	4.000
Others (Including Non-Profit Organizations) With Credit Available Elsewhere	7.000
For Economic Injury:	
Businesses and Small Agricultural Cooperatives Without Credit Available Elsewhere ...	4.000

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 320711. For economic injury the numbers are 9D8400 for Nebraska and 9D8500 for Iowa.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 59002 and 59008.)

Dated: August 24, 1999.

Bernard Kulik,

Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Emergency Consideration Request

In compliance with Public Law 104-13, the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, SSA is providing notice of its information collections that require submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). SSA is requesting emergency consideration from OMB by September 10, 1999 of the information collection listed below.

Partnership Questionnaire—0960-0025. Form SSA-7104 is used to establish several aspects of eligibility for benefits, including accuracy of reported partnership earnings, the veracity of a retirement, and lag earnings where they are needed for insured status. The respondents are applicants for old age and disability benefits.

Number of Respondents: 12,350.
Frequency of Response: 1.
Average Burden Per Response: 30 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 6,175 hours.

You can obtain a copy of the collection instrument and/or OMB clearance package by calling the SSA Reports Clearance Officer on (410) 965-4145, or by writing to him.

(SSA Address), Social Security Administration, DCFAM, Attn: Frederick W. Brickenkamp, 6401 Security Blvd., 1-A-21 Operations Bldg., Baltimore, MD 21235.

Dated: August 26, 1999.

Frederick W. Brickenkamp,

Reports Clearance Officer.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Statement of Organization, Functions and Delegation of Authority

This statement amends part S of the Statement of the Organization, Functions and Delegations of Authority, which covers the Social Security Administration (SSA). Chapter S2 covers the Deputy Commissioner, Operations. Notice is hereby given that Subchapter S2L, the Office of Automation Support, is being amended to reflect a revised mission statement and the establishment of the Electronic Service Delivery Process Team. The new material and changes are as follows:

Section S2.20 *The Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Operations—Functions):*

H. The Office of Automation Support (OAS) (S2L)

Amend the second sentence to read: "It determines and defines DCO requirements for software, hardware and electronic service delivery support".

Amend the fifth sentence to read: "OAS develops, implements and administers evaluative tools for hardware purchases, software development and electronic service delivery".

Section S2L.00 *The Office of Automation Support—(Mission):*

Amend third sentence to read: "In concert with the Deputy Commissioner for Systems (DCS) and other Central Office components, it determines and defines DCO requirements for software, hardware and electronic service delivery support". Section S2L.10 *The Office of Automation Support—(Organization):*

Amend as follows:

¹² 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

A. The Associate Commissioner, Office of Automation Support (S2L).

B. The Deputy Associate Commissioner, Office of Automation Support (S2L).

C. The Immediate Office of the Associate Commissioner, Office of Automation Support (S2L).

D. The Software Implementation Process Team (S2LA).

E. The Technology Support Process Team (S2LB).

Establish:

F. The Electronic Service Delivery Process Team (S2LC). Section S2L.20 *The Office of Automation Support—(Functions)*:

Amend to read as follows:

A. The Associate Commissioner, Office of Automation Support (S2L).

B. The Deputy Associate Commissioner, Office of Automation Support (S2L).

C. The immediate Office of the Associate Commissioner, Office of Automation Support (S2L).

D. The Software Implementation Process Team (S2LA).

E. The Technology Support Process Team (S2LB).

Establish:

F. The Electronic Service Delivery Process Team (S2LC).

1. Serves as the focal point for user components to define operational requirements for electronic service delivery initiatives/issues. Examples of such initiatives include internet and intranet access and application development, data exchanges with local, State and Federal agencies and walk-up information systems in a kiosk environment that are self-service, client-initiated and client-specific.

2. Supports field components in integrating electronic service delivery technology into day-to-day environments.

3. Identifies operational needs and works through other Central Office components to plan, direct and evaluate the expansion of SSA monthly benefit applications and other documents that can be completed and submitted for processing via the internet.

4. Consistent with operational needs, works to promote the Agency's purchase of electronic data from private/commercial sources for use in SSA application processes.

5. Works with other SSA components to ensure that operational needs are addressed in the development of policies governing the Agency's optional use and acceptance of electronic documents and signatures.

Dated: August 17, 1999.

Paul D. Barnes,

Deputy Commissioner for Human Resources.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

[USCG 1999-6154]

Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: The Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee (MERPAC) and its working groups will meet to discuss various issues relating to the training and fitness of merchant marine personnel. MERPAC advises the Secretary of Transportation on matters relating to the training, qualifications, licensing, certification and fitness of seamen serving in the U.S. merchant marine. All meetings will be open to the public.

DATES: MERPAC will meet on Tuesday, September 28, 1999, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Wednesday, September 29, from 8 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. These meetings may close early if all business is finished. Written material and requests to make oral presentations should reach the Coast Guard on or before September 14, 1999. Requests to have a copy of your material distributed to each member of the committee or subcommittee should reach the Coast Guard on or before September 14, 1999.

ADDRESSES: MERPAC will meet on both days in the Liberty Room of the Academic Building, MEBA Engineering School, 27050 St. Michaels Rd., Easton, MD 20593-0001. Further directions regarding the location of the MEBA Engineering School may be obtained by contacting Mr. Lee Kincaid of MEBA at (410) 822-5228 or (410) 822-9600. Send written material and requests to make oral presentations to Commander Steven J. Boyle, Commandant (G-MSO-1), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001. This notice is available on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Commander Steven J. Boyle, Executive Director of MERPAC, or Mr. Mark C. Gould, Assistant to the Executive Director, telephone 202-267-0229, fax 202-267-4570, or e-mail mgould@comdt.uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice of these meetings is given under the

Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2.

Agenda of September 28, 1999, Meeting

The full committee will meet to discuss the objectives for the meeting. The committee will then break up into the following working groups: the working group on the International Convention on the Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping (STCW), specifically addressing the Assessment of Proficiencies as Mandated by the Amended 1995 STCW Convention; and the working group addressing evidence of five-year recency in the four elements of basic training. New working groups may be formed to address any new issues or tasks. At the end of the day, the working groups will make a report to the full committee on what has been accomplished in their meetings. No action will be taken on these reports on this date.

Agenda of September 29, 1999, Meeting

Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee (MERPAC)

The agenda includes the following:

- (1) Introduction.
- (2) Working Group Reports.
- (3) Other items to be discussed:
 - (a) Standing Committee—Prevention Through People
 - (b) STCW developments
 - (c) Assessment of Proficiencies as Mandated by the Amended 1995 STCW Convention
 - (d) Other items brought up for discussion by the committee or the public

Procedural

All meetings are open to the public. Please note that the meetings may close early if all business is finished. At the Chair's discretion, members of the public may make oral presentations during the meetings. If you would like to make an oral presentation at a meeting, please notify the Executive Director no later than September 14, 1999. Written material for distribution at a meeting should also reach the Coast Guard no later than September 14, 1999. If you would like a copy of your material distributed to each member of the committee or subcommittee in advance of a meeting, please submit 25 copies to the Executive Director no later than September 7, 1999.

Information on Services for Individuals With Disabilities

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the