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**Gil Coronado,**

*Director.*

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## SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

### Data Collection Available for Public Comments and Recommendations

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, these notices announces the Small Business Administration's intentions to request approval on a new, and/or currently approved information collection.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before May 15, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Send all comments regarding whether this information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the function of the agency, whether the burden estimate is accurate, and if there are ways to minimize the estimated burden and enhance the quality of the collection, to Terri A. Dickerson, Associate Administrator, Office of Small Disadvantaged Business Certification & Eligibility, Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street, SW, Suite 8000A.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Terri A. Dickerson, Associate Administrator, 202-619-1727 or Curtis B. Rich, Management Analyst, 202-205-7030.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** *Title:* "8(a) Business Development and Small Disadvantaged Business Programs Application".

*Form No:* 1010.

*Description of Respondents:* Small Disadvantaged Businesses and 8(a) eligible Companies.

*Annual Responses:* 10,000.

*Annual Burden:* 30,000.

**Jacqueline White,**

*Chief, Administrative Information Branch.*

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## SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

### Privacy Act of 1974, as Amended; New System of Records; New Routine Use Disclosures; and Alterations to Existing Systems of Records

**AGENCY:** Social Security Administration (SSA).

**ACTION:** New System of Records, Proposed Routine Uses and Alterations to Existing Systems of Records.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a(e)(4) and (e)(11)), we are issuing public notice of our intent to:

(1) Establish a new system of records, the Social Security Title VIII Special Veterans Benefits Claims Development and Management Information System, and routine uses applicable to this system, and

(2) Alter two existing systems of records entitled the Claims Folders System and the Supplemental Security Income Record.

The proposed new system of records and the two altered systems of records will maintain information collected for use in connection with SSA's implementation of title VIII of the Social Security Act (the Act), Special Veterans Benefits (SVB). We invite public comment on these proposals.

**DATES:** We filed a report of the proposed new system of records and proposed altered systems of records with the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Director, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget on February 18, 2000. We also requested a waiver of the OMB 40-day advance notice requirements. If OMB does not grant the waiver we will not implement the proposal before March 29, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested individuals may comment on this publication by writing to the SSA Privacy Officer, Social Security Administration, 3-F-1 Operations Building, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21235. All comments received will be available for public inspection at the above address.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Joan Peddicord (new system of records) or Ms. Hazel Brodie (alterations to the existing systems), Social Insurance Policy Specialists, Social Security Administration, Room 3-C-3 Operations Building, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21235, telephone (410) 966-6491 or (410) 965-1744, respectively.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

### I. Background and Purpose of the Proposed New System of Records, the Social Security Title VIII Special Veterans Benefits Claims Development and Management Information System and Proposed Alterations to Existing Systems of Records, the Claims Folders System and the Supplemental Security Income Record

#### A. General Background

On December 14, 1999, Public Law 106-169, the Foster Care Independence Act of 1999, was enacted into law. Section 251 of this law added title VIII to the Act, providing a new benefit program, Special Benefits for Certain World War II Veterans. Under this title, veterans of the U.S. military and the organized military forces of the Philippines (while in the service of the U.S. Armed Forces) during World War II, who are age 65 or older on or before December 14, 1999, and who are eligible for supplemental security income (SSI) benefits in both the month of enactment and the month of application for the special benefit, and whose total benefit income is less than the title VIII benefit amount are entitled to a title VIII benefit for each month the individual resides outside the United States.

SSA is responsible for the administration of the SVB to eligible veterans under title VIII of the Act. In order to administer this program SSA must collect and maintain personally identifiable information about applicants for title VIII SVB and be able to retrieve specific information about each applicant's claim. Thus, SSA's maintenance of this information requires it to modify existing systems of records and to create a new system of records under the Privacy Act. Information about the applicants for SVB will be maintained in a new system of records, the Social Security Title VIII Special Veterans Benefits Claims Development and Management Information System, and in two existing systems of records, the Claims Folders System and the Supplemental Security Income Record.

#### B. Proposed New System of Record, the Social Security Title VIII Special Veterans Benefits Claims Development and Management Information System

##### 1. Purpose

All information in this system of records will be maintained under the claimant/beneficiary's name and SSN. The system of records will be designed to permit electronic entry and retrieval of claims development and tracking and management information about title VIII SVB claims. This electronic record will