

insurance contracts, and to Qualified Plans; (b) differences in tax treatment or other considerations may cause the interests of various Variable Contract owners participating in an Insurance Products Fund and the interests of Qualified Plans investing in that Insurance Product Fund to conflict; and (c) the Board will monitor the Insurance Product Fund for any material conflicts and determine what action, if any, should be taken.

10. Each Insurance Products fund will comply with all provisions of the 1940 Act requiring voting by shareholders (for these purposes, the persons having a voting interest in shares of the Insurance Products Fund). In particular, each such Insurance Products Fund either will provide for annual shareholder meetings (except insofar as the Commission may interpret Section 16 of the 1940 Act not to require such meetings) or comply with section 16(c) of the 1940 Act (although none of the Insurance Products Fund shall be one of the trusts described in section 16(c) of the 1940 Act), as well as with sections 16(a) of the 1940 Act and, if and when applicable, section 16(b) of the 1940 Act. Further, each insurance Products Fund will act in accordance with the Commission's interpretation of the requirements of section 16(a) with respect to periodic elections of Board members and with whatever rules the Commission may promulgate with respect thereto.

11. If and to the extent that Rules 6e-2 and 6e-3(T) are amended, or Rule 6e-3 under the 1940 Act is adopted, to provide exemptive relief from any provision of the 1940 Act, or the rules promulgated thereunder, with respect to mixed or shared funding, on terms and conditions materially different from any exemptions granted in the Order requested in this Application, then the Insurance Products Funds and/or Participants, as appropriate, shall take such steps as may be necessary to comply with Rules 6e-2 and 6e-3(T), as amended, and Rule 6e-3, as adopted, to the extent such Rules are applicable.

12. The Participants, at least annually, shall submit to the Board such reports, materials, or data as the Board may reasonably request so that such Board may fully carry out the obligations imposed upon them by the conditions stated in this Application. Such reports, materials, and data shall be submitted more frequently if deemed appropriate by the applicable Board. The obligations of the Participants to provide these reports, materials, and data to the Boards shall be a contractual obligation of all Participants under the agreements

governing their participation in the Insurance Products Funds.

13. If a Qualified Plan or Qualified Plan participant should become an owner of 10% or more of the assets of an Insurance Products Fund, such Qualified Plan will execute a fund participation agreement which includes the conditions set forth herein to the extent applicable. A Qualified Plan or Qualified Plan participant will execute an application containing an acknowledgment of this condition upon such plan's initial purchase of shares of any Insurance Products Fund.

Conclusion

For the reasons stated above, Applicants believe that the requested exemptions, in accordance with the standards of section 6(c) of the 1940 Act, are appropriate in the public interest and consistent with the protection of investors and the purposes fairly intended by the policy and provisions of the 1940 Act.

For the Commission, by the Division of Investment Management, pursuant to delegated authority.

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Request and Comment 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 soliciting comments on the accuracy of the agency's burden estimate; the need for the information; its practical utility; ways to enhance its quality, utility and clarity; and on ways to minimize burden on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

I. The information collections listed below will be submitted to OMB within 60 days from the date of this notice. Therefore, comments and recommendations regarding the information collections would be most useful if received by the Agency within 60 days from the date of this publication. Comments should be directed to the SSA Reports Clearance Officer at the address listed at the end of this publication. You can obtain a copy of the collection instruments by calling the SSA Reports Clearance

Officer on (410) 965-4145, or by writing to him at the address listed at the end of this publication.

1. Application for Lump Sum Death Payment—0960-0013. The information collected on form SSA-8 by the Social Security Administration is required to authorize payment of a lump-sum death benefit to a widow, widower, or children as defined in Section 202(i) of the Social Security Act. The respondents are widows, widowers or children who apply for a lump-sum death payment.

Number of respondents	43,850
Frequency of response	1
Average burden per response	10 mins.
Estimated annual burden	7308 hrs.

2. Application for Special Age 72-or-Over Monthly Payments—0960-0096. Form SSA-19-F6 is needed by the Social Security Administration (SSA) to determine whether an individual is entitled to Special Age-72 payments. Eligibility requirements will be evaluated by the data collected on this form. The respondents are individuals who attained age 72 before 1972.

Number of respondents	10
Frequency of response	1
Average burden per response	20 mins.
Estimated annual burden	3 hrs.

3. Request for Self-Employment Information, Request for Employee Information, Request for Employer Information—0960-0508. SSA needs the information collected on Forms SSA-L2765, SSA-L3365 and SSA-L4002 in order to credit the reported earnings to the proper earnings record. When W-2 wage data for an individual cannot be identified, the data are placed in the earnings suspense file, and SSA sends decentralized correspondence (DECOR) to the employee (in certain instances to the employer) in an attempt to obtain his/her correct name and SSN. The respondents are employees, employers or self-employed individuals being requested to furnish additional information for individuals for whom earnings were reported.

Number of respondents	3,000,000
Frequency of response	1
Average burden per response ..	10 mins.
Estimated annual burden	500,000 hrs.

4. State Agency Report of Obligations for SSA Disability Programs—0960-0421. The data collected on Form SSA-4513 are necessary for detailed analysis and evolution of costs incurred by Disability Determination Services (DDS) in making disability determinations for SSA. The data collected also help to

determine funding levels for each DDS. The respondents are DDSs, which are the State agencies that have the responsibility for making disability determinations for SSA.

Number of respondents	54
Frequency of response	4
Average burden per response	60 mins.
Estimated annual burden	216 hrs.

5. Statement For Determining Continuing Eligibility or Supplemental Security Income Payments—0960-0416. Form SSA-8203-BK (printed in both English and Spanish) is used by SSA for high-error-profile (HEP) redeterminations. It is completed in field offices by personal contact (face-to-face or telephone interview) and is not supposed to be mailed to recipients to be completed and returned. The form is used only when a systems limitation prevents the interview from being conducted using the automated Modernized SSI Claim System. A tear-off sheet (Pages 7 and 8 of the form) is given to recipients at the conclusion of a face-to-face interview or is mailed to recipients at the completion of the telephone interview. The tear-off includes information about how, what, when, where, and why Supplemental Security Income (SSI) recipients report when there is a change in income, resources, or living arrangements. The respondents are recipients of title XVI SSI benefits.

Number of respondents	920,000
Frequency of response	1
Average burden per response ..	17 mins.
Estimated annual burden	260,667 hrs.

II. The information collections listed below have been submitted to OMB for clearance. Written comments and recommendations on the information collections would be most useful if received within 30 days from the date of this publication. Comments should be directed to the SSA Reports Clearance Officer and the OMB Desk Officer at the addresses listed at the end of this publication. You can obtain a copy of the OMB clearance packages by calling the SSA Reports Clearance Officer on (410) 965-4145, or by writing to him.

1. Supplement to Claim of Person Outside the United States—0960-0051. The information collected on Form SSA-21 is used by the Social Security Administration (SSA) to determine continuing entitlement to Social Security benefits and the proper benefit amounts of alien beneficiaries living outside the United States (U.S.). It is also used to determine whether benefits are subject to withholding tax. The respondents are comprised of

individuals entitled to Social Security benefits, who are, will be, or have been residing outside the U.S.

Number of respondents	35,000
Frequency of response	1
Average burden per response	5 mins.
Estimated annual burden	2,917 hrs.

2. Statement of Care and Responsibility for Beneficiary—0960-0109. SSA uses Form SSA-788 to select the most qualified representative payee who will apply the benefits in the beneficiary's best interests. The respondents are individuals who have custody of a beneficiary where someone else has filed to be the beneficiary's payee.

Number of respondents	130,000
Frequency of response	1
Average burden per response ..	10 mins.
Estimated annual burden	21,667 hrs.

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

(OMB Address)—Office of Management and Budget, OIRA, Attn: Desk Officer for SSA, New Executive Office Building, Room 10230, 725 17th St., NW, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: June 23, 2000.

Frederick W. Brickenkamp,
Reports Clearance Officer, Social Security Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs Request for Proposals: College and University Affiliations Program

SUMMARY: The Office of Global Educational Programs of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs in the Department of State announces an open competition for an assistance award program. Accredited, post-secondary educational institutions meeting the provisions described in IRS regulation 26 CFR 1.5019(C) may apply to pursue institutional or departmental objectives in partnership with foreign counterpart institutions with support from the College and University Affiliations Program. These objectives should support the overall goal of the Program: to strengthen mutual understanding and cooperation among U.S. and foreign educational institutions on specified themes of common interest to the United States and to the participating

colleges and universities. The means for achieving the objectives of the applicant and its partner(s) may include teaching, scholarship, and outreach to professionals and other members of the communities served by the participating institutions.

Program Overview

Underlying the specific institutional objectives of projects funded by this program should be the goals of encouraging the growth of freedom and democracy, economic stability and prosperity, or environmental cooperation. Innovative strategies to address these underlying concerns in the pursuit of clearly defined institutional objectives are encouraged. Outreach from academic institutions to larger communities of citizens and practitioners to extend understanding about these issues is also encouraged.

The Bureau supports institutional linkages in higher education through the College and University Affiliations Program, for which this Request for Proposals invites applications for funding in FY2001. The College and University Affiliations Program operates in cooperation with the Fulbright Senior Scholar Program; the U.S. institutions of current and former participants in the Fulbright Program are encouraged to apply. Other college and university teachers and administrators with knowledge of educational institutions in other countries are also encouraged to build on this knowledge with support from the Bureau through the College and University Affiliations Program.

Separate Requests for Proposals for institutional linkages in higher education with the New Independent States of the former Soviet Union (N.I.S. College and University Partnerships Program and the N.I.S. Community College Partnerships Program) are being published this fiscal year. For further information about these N.I.S. programs, refer to the "Foreign Country and Location Eligibility" section of this solicitation.

Applicant Objectives

While the benefits of the project to each of the participating institutions may differ significantly in nature and scope, proposals should outline well-reasoned strategies leading to specific objectives for each participating U.S. and foreign department or institution as a whole.

For example, proposals may describe the parameters and possible content of new courses, new research or teaching capacities or methodologies, new or