

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Declaration of Disaster #3269; Amendment #5]

State of North Dakota

In accordance with information received from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the above-numbered Declaration is hereby amended to expand the incident period for this disaster and to extend the deadline for filing applications for physical damage. The incident period is now established as beginning on April 5, 2000 and continuing through August 12, 2000. The deadline for filing applications for physical damage as a result of this disaster has been extended from August 26, 2000 to September 22, 2000.

All other information remains the same, *i.e.*, the deadline for filing applications for economic injury is March 27, 2001.

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

Dated: August 25, 2000.

James E. Rivera,

Acting Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.

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[Declaration of Disaster #3289]

State of West Virginia

Lewis County and the contiguous Counties of Braxton, Doddridge, Gilmer, Harrison, Upshur, and Webster in the State of West Virginia constitute a disaster area as a result of damages caused by flash flooding that occurred on August 18, 2000. Applications for loans for physical damage as a result of this disaster may be filed until the close of business on October 30, 2000 and for economic injury until the close of business on May 30, 2001 at the address listed below or other locally announced locations: U.S. Small Business Administration, Disaster Area 1 Office, 360 Rainbow Boulevard South, 3rd Floor, Niagara Falls, NY 14303.

The interest rates are:

	Percent
For Physical Damage:	
Homeowners With Credit Available Elsewhere	7.375
Homeowners Without Credit Available Elsewhere	3.687
Businesses With Credit Available Elsewhere	8.000

	Percent
Businesses and Non-Profit Organizations Without Credit Available Elsewhere	4.000
Others (Including Non-Profit Organizations) With Credit Available Elsewhere	6.750
For Economic Injury: Businesses and Small Agricultural Cooperatives Without Credit Available Elsewhere	4.000

The numbers assigned to this disaster are 328906 for physical damage and 914700 for economic injury.

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

Dated: August 30, 2000.

Kris Swedin,

Acting Administrator.

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Federal Assistance for Women's Business Center (WBC) Program To Provide Financial Counseling and Other Management and Technical Assistance to Women

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Program Announcement No. OWBO-2001-015.

SUMMARY: This notice corrects the application period of Program Announcement No. OWBO-2001-15. The previous notice (Doc. 00-20873), published August 17, 2000, stated that the application period will be from late September 2001 to mid-November 2001. The correct application period will be from late September 2000 to mid-November 2000.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As stated in the previous notice, The Small Business Administration (SBA) plans to issue Program Announcement No. OWBO-2001-015 to invite applications from eligible nonprofit organizations to conduct Women's Business Center projects. The authorizing legislation is the Small Business Act, 2 (h) and 29, 15 U.S.C. 631 (h) and 656. SBA Headquarters must receive applications/proposals by 4 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, on the closing date of the application period. SBA will select successful applicants using a competitive process. The successful applicants will receive an award to provide long term training and other technical assistance to women who want to start or expand businesses.

Service and assistance areas must include financial, management,

marketing, loan packaging, eCommerce and government procurement/certification assistance. Applicants must plan to include women who are socially and economically disadvantaged in the target group. The applicant may propose specialized services that will assist women in Empowerment Zones, women who are veterans, women with disabilities, women who have home-based businesses, women in agribusiness, or women in rural or urban areas. SBA will require award recipients to provide content and support to the SBA-funded Online Women's Business Center, (www.onlinewbc.org) and provide training on the business uses of the Internet. Each applicant must submit a five-year plan that describes proposed fund-raising, training and technical assistance activities. A center may receive financial assistance up to five years, however, the award will be issued annually to conduct a 12-month project.

Award recipients must provide non-Federal matching funds as follows: one non-Federal dollar for each two Federal dollars in years 1 and 2; and one non-Federal dollar for each Federal dollar in years 3, 4 and 5. Up to one-half of the non-Federal matching funds may be in the form of in-kind contributions.

DATES: The application period will be from late September 2000 to mid-November 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sally Murrell, (202) 205-6673 or Mina Wales, (202) 205-7080.

Sherrye P. Henry,

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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. Employment Relationship Questionnaire—0960-0040. The SSA uses the information collected on Form SSA-7160 to determine whether the numberholder is self-employed or an employee. The respondents are applicants for Social Security Benefits and/or employers.

Number of Respondents: 47,500.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 25 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 19,792 hours.

2. Benefits Planning, Assistance and Outreach (BPAO) Projects—0960-NEW. On May 31, 2000, SSA announced its intention to competitively award cooperative agreements to establish community-based BPAO projects. The overall goal of the projects is to disseminate accurate information to beneficiaries with disabilities (including transition-to-work aged youth) about work incentives programs and issues related to such programs, to enable them to make informed choices about work.

The BPAO project managers will collect data from Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) beneficiaries who request BPAO services. The BPAO project managers and SSA will use the data to manage the projects and to determine what additional resources or other approaches may be needed to improve the process. The data is needed to determine the efficacy of the program and to ensure that those dollars appropriated for BPAO services are actually being used for SSA beneficiaries. The data will also be valuable to SSA in its analysis of and future planning for the SSDI and SSI programs.

BPAO projects will collect data on:

- Beneficiary background;
- Beneficiary employment;
- Beneficiary training;
- Beneficiary benefits;
- Beneficiary work incentives;
- Services to which BPAO projects refer beneficiaries; and

• BPAO activities performed.

Number of Respondents: 500,000.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 30 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 250,000 hours.

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. Application for Special Age 72-or-Over Monthly Payments—0960-0096. SSA collects the information on form SSA-19-F6 to determine whether an individual is entitled to Special Age-72 payments. The respondents are individuals who attained age 72 before 1972.

Number of Respondents: 10.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 20 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 3 hours.

2. Request for Self-Employment Information, Request for Employee Information, Request for Employer Information—0960-0508. SSA uses the information collected on Forms SSA-L2765, SSA-L3365 and SSA-L4002 to credit the reported earnings to the proper earnings record. When W-2 wage data for an individual cannot be identified, the data is 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 Social Security Number. The respondents are employees, employers or self-employed individuals who are asked 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 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 500,000 hours.

3. State Agency Report of Obligations for SSA Disability Programs—0960-0421. The data collected on Form SSA-4513 is necessary for detailed analysis and evaluation of costs incurred by Disability Determination Services (DDS) in making disability determinations for SSA. The data collected also helps 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 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 216 hours.

4. Statement For Determining Continuing Eligibility for Supplemental Security Income Payments—0960-0416. SSA uses form SSA-8203-BK for high-error-profile (HEP) redeterminations. The information is normally completed in field offices by personal contact (face-to-face or telephone interview) using the automated Modernized SSI Claim System (MSSICS). The paper form is used only when a systems limitation prevents the interview from being completed on MSSICS. When the paper form is used, 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 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 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 260,667 hours.

5. Childhood Disability Evaluation Form—0960-0568. The information collected on form SSA-538 is used by SSA and the State DDSs to record medical and functional findings concerning the severity of impairments of children who are claiming SSI benefits based on disability. The form is used for initial determinations of eligibility, in appeals, and in initial continuing disability reviews. SSA is revising the form in order to make it easier for those who use it to better record their medical and functional findings.

Number of Respondents: 750,000.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 25 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 312,500 hours.

6. Employment Support Representative Position: Survey of Beneficiaries and Community Organizations—0960-NEW. SSA has created a new position, the Employment Support Representative (ESR), to provide employment support information and counseling to SSA

disability beneficiaries and community organizations. The positions are established initially in a pilot program supporting 51 service areas. SSA proposes to test three models, which

vary by organizational placement and assigned duties of the ESR. SSA will evaluate the models to determine which model or feature(s) of the model(s) are most effective through information we

will collect from individuals and organizations who made contact with, or received services from, ESRs in each of the models during the pilot.

	Individuals	Organizations
Number of Respondents	1,332	894.
Frequency of Response	1	1.
Average Burden Per Response	10 minutes	15 minutes.
Estimated Annual Burden	222 hours	224 hours.

7. Survey of Low-Income and Disabled Children-0960-NEW. The Survey of Low-Income and Disabled Children (SOLID KIDS) is designed to collect nationally representative data on children and young adults with SSI experience, including current and previous SSI recipients and SSI applicants. To solicit information, SSA will employ two versions of the SOLID KIDS survey. One survey will be directed at children under age 17. The other, a young adult version, is designed for children who are 17 or older at the time of the survey.

The survey is designed to provide SSA with data on SSI recipients in the following areas:

- Disability and health status;
- Health care utilization;
- Health insurance coverage;
- Out-of-pocket health care expenses;
- Education and training;
- Service utilization and cost;
- Employment income assets;
- Child care; and
- Housing and transportation.

This information will allow SSA to answer policy-relevant questions, for example, the impact of welfare reform on SSI children and young adults, cost of caring for children and young adults with disabilities, transition issues for young adults with disabilities, service utilization patterns, health care access, and unmet health care needs.

The data will be used for internal research and policy evaluation, for briefings, in mandated reports to Congress, in published descriptions in the Social Security Bulletin and elsewhere. External researchers will have access to public-use files.

Respondents to the SOLID KIDS survey, children's version, will be parent's or guardian's of the sample children under age 17 at the time of the survey. The young adult version of the SOLID KIDS survey is designed for children who are 17 or older at the time of the survey. For young adults who are still living in their parents' household, the respondent will be the parent or guardian. For young adults who are living away from their parents (for example, in a group home or facility, or

in their own home or apartment), the respondent will be the young adults themselves. In cases where the young adult is living outside of the parent's home and is unable to complete the survey due to disability, a proxy respondent will be selected.

Number of respondents: 9,857.

Number of Response: 1.

Average burden per response: 58 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 9,528 hours.

SSA Address—Social Security Administration, DCFAM, Attn: Frederick W. Brickenkamp, 1-A-21 Operations Bldg., 6401 Security Blvd., 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, D.C. 20503.

Dated: August 31, 2000.

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

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Statement of Organization, Functions and Delegations 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 given that Subchapter S2R, the Office of Central Operations (OCO), is being amended to reflect the establishment of the Center for Security and Integrity (S2RC6) under the Associate Commissioner for Central Operations. Functions within some components in OCO are expanded or realigned. The new material and changes are as follows:

Section S2R.10 *The Office of Central Operations—(Organization):*

C. The Immediate Office of the Associate Commissioner, Office of Central Operations (OCO) (S2R).

4. The Assistant Associate Commissioner for Management and Operations Support (S2RC):

Establish:

f. The Center for Security and Integrity (S2RC6).

Section S2R.20 *The Office of Central Operations—(Functions):*

C. The Immediate Office of the Associate Commissioner, OCO (S2R).

2. The Assistant Associate Commissioner for International Operations (S2RE).

a. The Division of International Operations (DIO) (S2RE1):

Delete the eleventh sentence, i.e., "It designs and conducts validation and other special studies to foster integrity in the Social Security program overseas."

3. The Assistant Associate Commissioner for Earnings Operations (S2RB).

a. The Division of Earnings Record Operations (S2RB1):

Add:

6. Provides information on all SSA-administered programs in response to telephone inquiries and requests for assistance from the public through SSA's 800 number system.

c. The Wilkes-Barre Data Operations Center (S2RB-F3):

Delete:

4. Is the central repository for SSI folders.

Add:

4. Provides information on all SSA-administered programs in response to telephone inquiries and requests for assistance from the public through SSA's 800 number system.

4. The Assistant Associate Commissioner for Management and Operations Support (S2RC):

Amend as follows:

The Assistant Associate Commissioner for Management and Operations Support (S2RC) is responsible for the direction of six centers which perform systems, management, program, material resources, personnel management services and security and integrity support functions for OCO.

b. The Center for Management Support (S2RC2): Delete Item 3 in its entirety.

d. The Center for Material Resources Support (S2RC4):

Add:

7. Is the central repository for SSI folders.

Establish:

f. The Center for Security and Integrity (S2RC6).