

Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549-0609. Comments should be submitted electronically at the following e-mail address: rule-comments@sec.gov. All comment letters should refer to File No. SR-NYSE-2004-18. This file number should be included on the subject line if e-mail is used. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, comments should be sent in hard copy or by e-mail but not by both methods. 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 1 office of the NYSE. All submissions should refer to File No. SR-NYSE-2004-18 and be submitted by April 29, 2004.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁵

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Small Business Innovation Research Rural Outreach Program To Provide Outreach and Technical Assistance to Small Technology-Based Businesses

AGENCY: Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Program Announcement No. SBIRROP-04-R-0003.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) plans to issue Program Announcement No. SBIRROP-04-R-0003 to invite applicants from the 25 eligible states including the District of Columbia and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico to conduct outreach and provide technical assistance to small technology-based small business owners. This program is authorized by the Small Business Act, § 9(s)(2), 15 U.S.C. 638(s)(2). There is a one proposal per state limitation on this competition. Only one proposal from each state may

be submitted to SBA for consideration, and this application must have an original signed Letter of Endorsement from the State Governor or Mayor for the District of Columbia. Prospective recipients of SBA funding under this Program Announcement include both new applicants and prior year SBIR-ROP Program service providers. Eligible applicants include, but are not limited to, state and local Economic Development Agencies, colleges and universities and Small Businesses Development Centers. Funds will be provided to conduct programs for a 12-month budget and performance period. Applications/proposals must be postmarked by 4 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time, May 12, 2004. If using a delivery service other than the U.S. Postal Service, the application must be delivered and accepted by the Office of Procurement and Grants Management by the deadline specified above. SBA will select successful applicants using a competitive process. The SBIR-ROP Program is authorized through Fiscal Year 2005 and will be competed annually, subject to availability of funds. There is a non-Federal match requirement for this program. The program announcement will be available at <http://www.sba.gov/sbir>.

DATES: The application period will be from March 31, 2004 until May 12, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Cherina Hughes, (202) 205-7344, regarding the Program Announcement and Patricia Branch, (202) 205-7081, about budget matters.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Privacy Act of 1974 as Amended; Computer Matching Program (SSA/ Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS))—Match Number 1300

AGENCY: Social Security Administration (SSA).

ACTION: Notice of a new computer matching program.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the provisions of the Privacy Act, as amended, this notice announces a new computer matching program that SSA will conduct with CMS.

DATES: SSA will file a report of the subject matching program with the Committee on Governmental Affairs of

the Senate, the Committee on Government Reform of the House of Representatives and the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The matching program will be effective as indicated below.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties may comment on this notice by either telefax to (410) 965-8582 or writing to the Associate Commissioner for Income Security Programs, 245 Altmeyer Building, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21235-6401. All comments received will be available for public inspection at this address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Associate Commissioner for Income Security Programs as shown above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. General

The Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1988 (Public Law (Pub. L.) 100-503), amended the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a) by establishing the conditions under which computer matching involving the Federal Government could be performed and adding certain protections for individuals applying for and receiving Federal benefits. Section 7201 of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990 (Pub. L. 101-508) further amended the Privacy Act regarding protections for such individuals.

The Privacy Act, as amended, regulates the use of computer matching by Federal agencies when records in a system of records are matched with other Federal, State, or local government records. It requires Federal agencies involved in computer matching programs to:

(1) Negotiate written agreements with the other agency or agencies participating in the matching programs;

(2) Obtain the approval of the matching agreement by the Data Integrity Boards (DIB) of the participating Federal agencies;

(3) Publish notice of the computer matching program in the **Federal Register**;

(4) Furnish detailed reports about matching programs to Congress and OMB;

(5) Notify applicants and beneficiaries that their records are subject to matching; and

(6) Verify match findings before reducing, suspending, terminating or denying an individual's benefits or payments.

B. SSA Computer Matches Subject to the Privacy Act

We have taken action to ensure that all of SSA's computer matching

¹⁵ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).