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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Tom Dungan, Financial Management Service, Debt Management Services, (202) 874-7349.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Financial Management Service (FMS) operates several programs to facilitate collection or resolution of debts owed to the Federal Government and states, including past due support being enforced by states. One of these programs is FMS's cross-servicing program, wherein Federal agencies refer their debts to FMS for a broad range of debt collection actions. FMS maintains records on individuals who owe debts to the Federal Government, and such records are maintained in its "Debt Collection Operations System" system of records.

In 2006, FMS will begin obtaining data from the Department of Health and Human Service's new hire database to assist in the collection of delinquent debts, as authorized by statute (42 U.S.C. 653(j)(9)). In anticipation of this event, FMS conducted a complete review of its system of records notice entitled "Treasury/FMS .014—Debt Collection Operations System," to determine if any alterations were necessary. FMS has determined that the system of records notice should be clarified in certain respects.

First, FMS is altering this system of records to clarify the categories of records in the system by specifically listing "information concerning the financial status of the debtor and his/her household" as part of the information about the debtor the system may include. Financial information about the debtor and or his/her household is used in considering debt collection actions, such as whether to consider a compromise or installment payment agreement. Financial information is included in the existing system, but is not independently identified as a separate record category. FMS believes that the system of records notice should state explicitly that the records could include financial information about an individual and/or his/her household.

Second, FMS is revising its routine use disclosure number (6), which currently authorizes disclosure to the Department of Justice (DOJ) for the purpose of litigation to enforce collection of a delinquent debt or to obtain DOJ's concurrence in a decision

to compromise, suspend, or terminate collection action on a debt. The revision authorizes disclosure to any Federal agency when requested in connection with any legal proceeding, not just for litigation to enforce collection on a delinquent debt. This routine use is being revised because records contained in this system may be relevant and pertinent to a variety of proceedings, including administrative proceedings, though not specifically to enforce collection of a debt. Where records maintained in this system are relevant and pertinent to official legal proceedings, disclosure of those records to federal agencies should be authorized.

Finally, FMS is altering the record source categories to indicate that a source federal agency may include an agency that has financial or employment information about the debtor but is not the debtor's employer. For example, the Department of Health and Human Services will be a source agency for this system, and the records provided will not necessarily be limited to records of those individuals who are employed by HHS.

The report of an altered system of records, as required by 5 U.S.C. 552a(r) of the Privacy Act, has been submitted to the Committee on Government Reform of the House of Representatives, the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate, and the Office of Management and Budget, pursuant to Appendix I to OMB Circular A-130, "Federal Agency Responsibilities for Maintaining Records About Individuals," dated November 30, 2000.

For the reasons set forth above, FMS proposes to alter system of records Treasury/FMS .014, "Debt Collection Operations System—Treasury/Financial Management Service," as follows:

**Treasury/FMS .014**

**SYSTEM NAME:**

Debt Collection Operations System—Treasury/Financial Management Service.

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**CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:**

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*Description of changes:* The second sentence is revised to read as follows: "The records may contain identifying information, such as name(s) and taxpayer identifying number (i.e., Social Security number or employer identification number); debtor contact information, such as work and home address, and work and home telephone numbers; information concerning the

financial status of the debtor and his/her household, including income, assets, liabilities or other financial burdens, and any other resources from which the debt may be recovered; and name of employer and employer address."

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**ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:**

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*Description of changes:* Routine use (6) is revised to read as follows:

- "(6) The Department of Justice or other Federal agency:
  - a. When requested in connection with a legal proceeding, or
  - b. To obtain concurrence in a decision to compromise, suspend, or terminate collection action on a debt."

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**RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:**

*Description of changes:* The current paragraph is revised to read as follows:

"Information in this system is provided by the individual on whom the record is maintained; Federal and state agencies to which the debt is owed; Federal agencies and other entities that employ the individual or have information concerning the individual's employment or financial resources; Federal and state agencies issuing payments; collection agencies, locator and asset search companies; credit bureaus; Federal, state or local agencies furnishing identifying information and/or address of debtor information; or from public documents."

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Dated: February 26, 2007.

**Wesley T. Foster,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary for Management.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

**Advisory Committee on Prosthetics and Special Disabilities Programs; Notice of Meeting**

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Prosthetics and Special Disabilities Program will be held March 20-21, 2007 in Room 230, at VA Central Office, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC. The sessions will convene at 8:30 a.m. each day and will adjourn at 4:30 p.m. on March 20 and

will end at 12 noon on March 21. The meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on VA's prosthetic programs designed to provide state-of-the-art prosthetics and the associated rehabilitation research, development, and evaluation of such technology. The Committee also provides advice to the Secretary on special disability programs which are defined as any program administered by the Secretary to serve veterans with spinal cord injury, blindness or vision impairment, loss of or loss of use of extremities, deafness or hearing impairment, or other serious

incapacities in terms of daily life functions.

On March 20, the Committee will be briefed by the Chief of Rehabilitation Service; the Director, Blind Rehabilitation Service; the Chief Consultant, Prosthetics and Clinical Logistics; the Chief Consultant, Spinal Cord Injury and Disorder Service; and the Acting Director of Rehabilitation Research and Development Service. On March 21, the Committee will be briefed by the Director of the Veterans Benefits Administration, Compensation and Pension Service.

No time will be allocated for receiving oral presentations from the public. However, members of the public may direct questions or submit written

statements for review by the Committee in advance of the meeting to Ms. Cynthia Wade, Designated Federal Officer, Veterans Health Administration, Patient Care Services, Rehabilitation Strategic Healthcare Group (117), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420. any member of the public wishing to attend the meeting should contact Ms. Wade at (202) 273-8485.

Dated: February 21, 2007.

By Direction of the Secretary.

**E. Philip Riffin,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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