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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under its Surety Bond Guarantee Program (SBG Program), the U.S. Small Business Administration is authorized to guarantee a bid bond, payment bond, performance bond, as well as any required related ancillary bonds, on a contract issued to a small business contractor up to \$6.5 million or up to \$10 million if a Federal contracting officer certifies that SBA's guarantee is necessary. See Title IV of the Small Business Investment Act (SBIA), Part B, 15 U.S.C. 694a *et seq.* The SBG Program was created to encourage surety companies to issue bonds for small business contractors. The SBIA authorizes SBA to establish the terms and conditions for providing surety bond guarantee assistance and for paying claims resulting from any contractor defaults. This information collection consists of forms relating to the application process for an SBA-guaranteed bond and claims for the reimbursement of losses, including SBA Forms 990, 991, 994, 994B, 994F, and 994H. Except in the case of SBA Form 994H, SBA uses the information to evaluate whether the small business applicant meets the eligibility requirements for a surety bond, as well as the likelihood that the small business will successfully complete the bonded contract. The information collected for this purpose includes: demographics on all owners of the bond applicant, which has no bearing on the credit decision; the status of any current or past SBA financial assistance provided to the applicant; NAICS code for applicant's industry; financial statements; contract amount and nature of contract performance; and in the event performance has begun, evidence that applicant has paid all suppliers and subcontractors. With respect to SBA Form 994H, SBA uses the information collected to evaluate the surety's claim for reimbursement of losses. Surety is required to provide information regarding the date the small business defaulted on the contract; the reason for the default, the amount of any recoveries, and any additional information that would support the surety's claim for reimbursement.

Solicitation of Public Comments

Comments may be submitted on (a) whether the collection of information is necessary for the agency to properly perform its functions; (b) whether the burden estimates are accurate; (c) whether there are ways to minimize the burden, including through the use of

automated techniques or other forms of information technology; and (d) whether there are ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information.

OMB Control Number: 3245-0007.

Title: Surety Bond Guarantee Assistance.

Description of Respondents: Surety Companies.

Form Number: SBA Form 990, 991, 994B, 994H.

Total Estimated Annual Responses: 30,866.

Total Estimated Annual Hour Burden: 8,647.

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Agency Clearance Officer.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

[Docket No. SSA-2022-0048]

Charging Standard Administrative Fees for Non-Program Information

AGENCY: Social Security Administration.

ACTION: Notice of updated schedule of standard administrative fees.

SUMMARY: On August 22, 2012, we announced in the **Federal Register** a schedule of standard administrative fees we charge to the public. When authorized, we charge these fees to recover our full costs when we provide information and related services for non-program purposes. We are announcing an update to the previously published schedule of standard administrative fees. The updated standard fee schedule is part of our continued effort to standardize fees for non-program information requests. Standard fees provide consistency and ensure we recover the full cost of supplying information when we receive a request for a purpose not directly related to the administration of a program under the Social Security Act (Act).

DATES: The changes described above are applicable for requests we receive on or after October 1, 2022.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Karen Hunter, Social Security Administration, Office of Finance, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21235-6401, (410) 965-5861. For information on eligibility or filing for benefits, visit our website, socialsecurity.gov, or call our national toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213 or TTY 1-800-325-0778.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 1106 of the Act and the Privacy Act¹ authorize the Commissioner of Social Security to promulgate regulations regarding the fees related to providing information. Our regulations and operating instructions identify when we will charge fees for information.² Under section 1106(c) of the Act, whenever we determine a request for information is for any purpose not directly related to the administration of the Social Security programs, we may require the requester to pay the full cost of providing the information.³ The agency may also charge fees in response to records requests when otherwise authorized by law, such as when authorized for certain program requests under section 1106(b) of the Act. To inform the public of the standard fees we charge to recover our costs, we announced in the **Federal Register** a schedule of standard administrative fees we charge to the public on August 22, 2012.⁴ We last updated the schedule of standard fees on September 29, 2020.⁵

New Information: We are required to review and update standard administrative fees at least every two years.⁶ Based on the most recent cost analysis, the following table provides the new schedule of standard administrative fees⁷ per request:

Copying an Electronic Folder: \$49.

Copying a Paper Folder: \$97.

*Regional Office Certification:*⁸ \$68.

*Record Extract:*⁹ \$40.

Third Party Manual SSN Verification: \$42.

*Office of Central Operations Certification:*¹⁰ \$44.

*W-2/W-3 Requests:*¹¹ \$126.

Form SSA-7050, Request for Social Security Earning Information: \$100.

Requests for Copy of Original Form SS-5, Application for a Social Security Card: \$30.

¹ 42 U.S.C. 1306 and 5 U.S.C. 552a(f)(5), respectively.

² See 20 CFR 401.95, 402.170, and 402.175; Program Operations Manual System (POMS) GN 03311.005.

³ See 42 U.S.C. 1306(c) and 20 CFR 402.175.

⁴ 77 FR 50757.

⁵ 85 FR 61078.

⁶ See the Office of Management and Budget Circular No. A-25, *User Charges*.

⁷ Fees may differ for processing of records depending on applicable fee authorities and actions needed to respond to a records request, such as whether redactions are necessary and whether special services have been requested.

⁸ Requests received in a field office, regional office, or headquarters component.

⁹ Requests received and processed in a field office.

¹⁰ Requests received in the Office of Central Operations.

¹¹ W-2/W-3 Fee is \$126 per request, not dependent on the number of years or number of individuals within request.

Requests for Copy of Numident Record (Computer Extract of the SS-5): \$28.

A requester can obtain certified and non-certified detailed yearly Social Security earnings information by completing Form SSA-7050, *Request for Social Security Earning Information*. We charge \$100 for each Form SSA-7050 for detailed yearly Social Security earnings information. We will certify the detailed earnings information for an additional \$44. Detailed earnings information includes the names and addresses of employers. Yearly earnings totals are available in two ways, depending on the requester's need for certification. A requester can continue to obtain non-certified yearly earnings totals (Form SSA-7004, *Request for Social Security Statement*) through our free online service, *my Social Security*, a personal online account for Social Security information and services. Online Social Security Statements display uncertified yearly earnings, free of charge, and do not show any employer information. A requester can obtain certified yearly Social Security earnings totals by completing the Form SSA-7050. The cost for certified yearly earnings totals is \$144 (\$100 plus an additional \$44 for certification).

We will continue to evaluate all standard fees at least every two years to ensure we capture the full costs associated with providing information for non-program-related purposes. We require nonrefundable advance payment by check, money order, or credit card. We do not accept cash. We will accept only one form of payment in the full amount of the standard fee for each request, and will not divide the fee amount between more than one form of payment. If we revise any of the standard fees, we will publish another notice in the **Federal Register**. For other requests for information not addressed here or within the current schedule of standard administrative fees, we will continue to charge fees calculated on a case-by-case basis.

Additional Information

Additional information is available on our Business Services website at <https://www.ssa.gov/thirdparty/business.html> or by written request to: Social Security Administration, Office of Public Inquiries and Communications Support, 1100 West High Rise, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21235.

The Acting Commissioner of the Social Security Administration, Kilolo Kijakazi, Ph.D., M.S.W., having reviewed and approved this document, is delegating the authority to electronically sign this document to

William P. Gibson, who is a Federal Register Liaison for SSA, for purposes of publication in the **Federal Register**.

William P. Gibson,

Federal Register Liaison, Office of Legislation and Congressional Affairs, Social Security Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 11870]

30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Employee Self-Certification and Ability To Perform in Emergencies (ESCAPE) Posts, Pre-Deployment Physical Exam Acknowledgement Form

ACTION: Notice of request for public comment.

SUMMARY: The Department of State is seeking Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the information collection described below. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we are requesting comments on this collection from all interested individuals and organizations. The purpose of this notice is to allow 60 days for public comment preceding submission of the collection to OMB.

DATES: The Department will accept comments from the public up to October 27, 2022.

ADDRESSES: Include any address that the public needs to know, such as: attending a public hearing or meeting, examining any material available for public inspection. For public comments, use the following text:

You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- **Web:** Persons with access to the internet may comment on this notice by going to www.Regulations.gov. You can search for the document by entering "Docket Number: 1405-0224" in the Search field. Then click the "Comment Now" button and complete the comment form.
- **Email:** Yellandmj@state.gov.
- **Regular Mail:** Send written comments to: Medical Director, Office of Medical Clearances, Bureau of Medical Services, 2401 E Street NW, SA-1, Room H-242, Washington, DC 20522-0101.
- **Fax:** 202-647-0292 Attention: Medical Clearance Director.

You must include the DS form number (if applicable), information collection title, and the OMB control number in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Direct requests regarding the collection listed in this notice, including requests for copies of the proposed collection instrument and supporting documents, to Office of Medical Clearances, Bureau of Medical Services, 2401 E Street NW, SA-1, Room H-242, Washington, DC 20522-0101, and who may be reached at 202-663-1657 or at Yellandmj@state.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

• **Title of Information Collection:** Employee Self-Certification and Ability to Perform in Emergencies (ESCAPE) Posts, Pre-Deployment Physical Exam Acknowledgement Form.

• **OMB Control Number:** 1405-0224.

• **Type of Request:** Revision of a Currently Approved Collection.

• **Originating Office:** Bureau of Medical Services; MED/CP/CL.

• **Form Number:** DS-6570.

• **Respondents:** Contractors deploying to ESCAPE Diplomatic Missions requesting access to the Department of State Medical Program (currently Afghanistan, Iraq, Libya Somalia, Syria, Yemen and Peshawar in Pakistan).

• **Estimated Number of Respondents:** 1900.

• **Estimated Number of Responses:** 1900.

• **Average Time per Response:** 40 minutes.

• **Total Estimated Burden Time:** 1266.

• **Frequency:** Annually for those deployed to an ESCAPE post.

• **Obligation to Respond:** Required to Obtain or Retain a Benefit

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:

• Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department.

• Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.

• Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.

• Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Please note that comments submitted in response to this Notice are public record. Before including any detailed personal information, you should be aware that your comments as submitted, including your personal information, will be available for public review.