

Requirement	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Number of responses	Average burden per response (minutes)	Estimated annual burden (hours)
Using the system to upload request file, check status, and download results file .....	115	251	28,865	5	2,405
Storing Consent Forms .....	115	251	28,865	60	28,865
Activities related to compliance review .....	115	251	28,865	60	28,865
<b>Total</b> .....			<b>115,470</b>		<b>89,020</b>

\* One-time registration; approximately 10 new participating companies per year.

\*\* Please note: There are 251 Federal business days per year on which a requesting party could submit a file.

People whose SSNs SSA Will Verify:

Requirement	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Number of responses	Average burden per response (minutes)	Estimated annual burden (hours)
Reading and signing authorization for SSA to release SSN verification .....	986,585	1	986,585	3	49,329
Responding to CPA re-contact .....	5,750	1	5,750	5	479
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>992,335</b>				<b>49,808</b>

CPAs (conducting compliance reviews and preparing written report of findings):

*Number of Respondents:* 115.

*Frequency of Response:* 1.

*Average Burden Per Response:* 4,800.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 9,200 hours.

*Total Collective Burden:* 148,028.

#### Cost Burden

The public burden cost is dependent upon the number of companies and transactions. SSA based the cost estimates below upon 115 participating companies submitting 986,585 transactions. The total cost for developing the system was \$5.6 million. SSA has already expended \$3.0 million we will recoup over the depreciable life of the system based on the fee per-transaction model.

One-Time Per Company Registration Fee—\$5,000.

Estimated Per SSN Transaction Fee—\$5.00.<sup>i</sup>

Estimated Per Company Cost to Build Optional Web Service—\$200,000.<sup>ii</sup>

<sup>i</sup> The annual costs associated with the transaction to each company are dependent upon the number of SSN transactions submitted to SSA by the company on a yearly basis. For example, if a company anticipates submitting 1 million requests to SSA for the year, its total transaction cost for the year would be \$5 × 1,000,000 or \$5,000,000. Periodically, SSA will calculate its costs to provide CBSV services and adjust the fee charged as needed. SSA will notify companies in writing of any change and companies will have the opportunity to cancel the agreement or continue service using the new transaction fee.

<sup>ii</sup> A company may choose to submit batch files via the SSA web site or submit real-time individual requests via the SSA Web site. There is no public

Estimated Per Company Cost to Store Consent Forms—\$300.

Estimated Per Company Cost To Contract with CPA for Audit—\$8,000.

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**Liz Davidson,**

*Center Director, Social Security Administration.*

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#### SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

##### Agency Information Collection Activities: Emergency Clearance Request

The Social Security Administration (SSA) publishes a list of information collection packages requiring clearance by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in compliance with Public Law (Pub. L.) 104-13, the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, effective October 1, 1995. This notice includes a revision to an existing OMB-approved collection.

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 ways to minimize burden on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Mail, e-mail, or fax your comments and

burden cost with either of these methods using the CBSV system. Companies are not required to purchase SSA's Web design service. To date, no participating companies have opted for this service.

recommendations on the information collection to the OMB Desk Officer and SSA Reports Clearance Officer to the following addresses or fax numbers.

(OMB), Office of Management and Budget, Attn: Desk Officer for SSA, Fax: 202-395-6974, E-mail address: [OIRA\\_Submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov).

(SSA), Social Security Administration, DCBFBM, Attn: Reports Clearance Officer, 1333 Annex Building, 6401 Security Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21235, Fax: 410-965-6400, E-mail address: [OPLM.RCO@ssa.gov](mailto:OPLM.RCO@ssa.gov).

SSA submitted the information collection below to OMB for Emergency Clearance. SSA is requesting Emergency Clearance from OMB no later than November 22, 2010. Individuals can obtain copies of the collection instrument by calling the SSA Reports Clearance Officer at 410-965-8783 or by writing to the above e-mail address.

*Medicare Income-Related Monthly Adjustment Amount—Life-Changing Event Form—0960-NEW.* Per the Medicare Modernization Act of 2003, selected Medicare insurance recipients pay an income-related monthly adjustment amount (IRMAA). The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) transmits income tax return data to SSA for SSA to determine the IRMAA. SSA will use the new Form SSA-44 to determine if a recipient qualifies for a reduction in IRMAA. If affected Medicare recipients believe SSA should use more recent tax data because a life-changing event occurred that significantly reduces their income, they can report these changes to

SSA and ask for a new initial determination of their IRMAA.

We are seeking OMB clearance for a new SSA-44 to fulfill the provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Pub. L. 111-148), which mandates reductions in the Federal Medicare Part D prescription drug

coverage subsidies, resulting in higher premiums for those with income above a specific threshold who have this coverage. Since the provisions of the law become effective January 1, 2011, we are seeking emergency clearance for this form. The respondents are Medicare Part B and prescription drug coverage

recipients and enrollees with modified adjusted gross income over a high-income threshold who experience one of the eight significant life-changing events.

*Type of Request:* Request for a new information collection.

Method of information collection	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Average burden per response (minutes)	Estimated annual burden (hours)
Personal Interview (SSA field office) .....	147,000	1	30	73,500
Paper Form (mailed) .....	39,000	1	45	29,250
Totals .....	186,000	.....	.....	102,750

**Liz Davidson,**

*Center Director, Center for Reports Clearance, Social Security Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 7228]

### Privacy Act; System of Records: Equal Employment Opportunity Records

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the Department of State proposes to amend an existing system of records, Equal Employment Opportunity Records, State-09, pursuant to the provisions of the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended (5 U.S.C. 552a) and Office of Management and Budget Circular No. A-130, Appendix I. The Department's report was filed with the Office of Management and Budget on October 20, 2010.

It is proposed that the current system will retain the name "Equal Employment Opportunity Records." It is also proposed that the amended system description will include revisions/additions to the following sections: Categories of records, Purpose, Routine uses, Storage, as well as other administrative updates. The following section has been added to the system of records, Equal Employment Opportunity Records, State-09, to ensure Privacy Act of 1974 compliance: Purpose. Any persons interested in commenting on the amended system of records may do so by submitting comments in writing to Director, Office of Information Programs and Services, A/GIS/IPS, Department of State, SA-2, 515 22nd Street, Washington, DC 20522-8001. This system of records will be effective 40 days from the date of publication, unless we receive

comments that will result in a contrary determination.

The amended system description, "Equal Employment Opportunity Records, State-09," will read as set forth below.

Dated: October 20, 2010.

**Steven J. Rodriguez,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary of Operations, Bureau of Administration, U.S. Department of State.*

#### State-09

##### SYSTEM NAME:

Equal Employment Opportunity Records.

##### SECURITY CLASSIFICATION:

Unclassified.

##### SYSTEM LOCATION:

Department of State, 2201 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20520.

##### CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

Employees and applicants for employment who have filed formal or informal complaints which allege discrimination.

##### CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

Investigative reports; employment applications; biographic information to include race, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, religion, age, disability, genetic information; and employment histories.

##### AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:

42 U.S.C. 2000e; Executive Order 11478, as amended.

##### PURPOSE(S):

For the investigation, processing and resolution of formal and informal complaints of discrimination filed against the Department of State in accordance with 29 CFR 1614 and the Department's internal procedures for

addressing Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) complaints.

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

Records from this system will be disclosed to other federal agencies for purposes of investigating, processing, adjudicating, resolving and litigating EEO complaints involving more than one agency, or in situations where the Department of State has requested that another federal agency provide investigative support for an EEO complaint.

The Department of State periodically publishes in the **Federal Register** its standard routine uses that apply to all of its Privacy Act systems of records. These notices appear in the form of a Prefatory Statement. These standard routine uses apply to the Equal Employment Opportunity Records, State-09.

##### DISCLOSURE TO CONSUMER REPORTING AGENCIES:

None.

##### POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

##### STORAGE:

Hard copy and electronic.

##### RETRIEVABILITY:

By individual name.

##### SAFEGUARDS:

All users are given cyber security awareness training which covers the procedures for handling Sensitive but Unclassified information, including personally identifiable information. Annual refresher training is mandatory. Before being granted access to Equal Employment Opportunity Records, a user must first be granted access to the Department of State computer system.