

(B) institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be disapproved.

#### IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act. Persons making written submissions should file six copies thereof with the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549-0609. 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, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549. Copies of such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the NYSE. All submissions should refer to File No. SR-NYSE-2001-30 and should be submitted by May 16, 2002.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>5</sup>

**Margaret H. McFarland,**  
Deputy Secretary.

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## SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Request

The Social Security Administration (SSA) publishes a list of information collection packages that will require clearance by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in compliance with Public Law 104-13 effective October 1, 1995, The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. 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.

Written comments and recommendations regarding the information collection(s) should be submitted to the SSA Reports Clearance Officer at the following addresses: (SSA), Social Security Administration, DCFAM, Attn: SSA Reports Clearance Officer, 1-A-21 Operations Bldg., 6401 Security Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21235.

The information collection listed below will be submitted to OMB within 60 days from the date of this notice. Therefore, your comments should be submitted to SSA within 60 days from the date of this publication. You can obtain a copy of the collection instrument by calling the SSA Reports Clearance Officer at 410-965-0454, or by writing to her at the address listed above.

Social Security Number Verification Service (SSNVS)—0960-New.

#### Background

Under IRS regulation, employers are obligated to provide wage and tax data to the Social Security Administration (SSA) using form W-2, Wage and Tax Statement or its electronic equivalent. As part of this process, the employer must furnish the employee's name and their Social Security Number (SSN). This information must match SSA's records in order for the employee's wage and tax data to be properly posted to their Earnings Record. Information that is incorrectly provided to the agency must be corrected by the employer using an amended reporting form, which is a labor-intensive and time-consuming process for both SSA and the employer. Therefore, to help ensure that employers provide accurate name and SSN information, SSA plans to offer a free and secure Internet service for employers, SSNVS, that will allow them to perform advance verification of their employees' name and SSN information against SSA records.

#### SSNVS Collection

SSA will use the information collected through the SSNVS to verify that employee name and SSN information, provided by employers, matches SSA records. SSA will respond to the employer informing them only of matches and mismatches of submitted information. SSA plans to conduct a pilot with a limited number of test employers followed by national implementation. Respondents are employers who provide wage and tax data to SSA and have elected to participate in the pilot and the future national service.

#### Pilot Burden Hours Estimate

*Number of Respondents:* 100.

*Frequency of Response:* 10.  
*Average Burden Per Response:* 5 minutes.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 83 hours.

#### National Implementation Burden Hours Estimate

*Number of Respondents:* 1,000,000.

*Frequency of Response:* 10.

*Average Burden Per Response:* 5 minutes.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 833,333 hours.

**Please note:** SSA estimates that each respondent will access the SSNVS an average of 10 times annually.

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**Elizabeth A. Davidson,**  
Reports Clearance Officer, Social Security Administration.

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## SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

### The Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Advisory Panel Meeting

**AGENCY:** Social Security Administration (SSA).

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**DATES:** May 14, 2002, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; May 15, 2002, 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; May 16, 2002, 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Hilton New York (Rockefeller Plaza), 1335 Avenue of the Americas, (53rd to 54th Streets), New York, NY 10019-6078. Phone: (212) 586-7000. Fax: (212) 315-1374.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Type of meeting:* This is a quarterly meeting open to the public. The public is invited to participate by coming to the address listed above. Public comment will be taken during the quarterly meeting. The public is also invited to submit comments in writing on the implementation of the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act (TWWIIA) of 1999 at any time.

*Purpose:* In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Social Security Administration (SSA) announces a meeting of the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Advisory Panel (the Panel). Section 101(f) of Public Law 106-170 establishes the Panel to advise the Commissioner of SSA, the President, and the Congress on issues related to work incentives programs, planning and assistance for individuals with disabilities as provided under section 101(f)(2)(A) of the TWWIIA. The Panel is also to advise the Commissioner on matters specified in section 101(f)(2)(B)

<sup>5</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

of that Act, including certain issues related to the Ticket to Work and Self-Sufficiency Program established under section 101(a) of that Act.

Interested parties are invited to attend the meeting. The Panel will use the meeting time to receive briefings, hear presentations, conduct full Panel deliberations on the implementation of TWWIA and receive public testimony. The focus of this meeting will be on youth with disabilities and their transition from school to employment and/or post-secondary education.

The Panel will meet in person commencing on Tuesday, May 14, 2002 from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Wednesday, May 15, 2002 from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; and Thursday, May 16, 2002 from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

**Agenda:** The Panel will hold a quarterly meeting. Briefings, presentations, full Panel deliberations and other Panel business will be held Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, May 14, 15, and 16, 2002. Public testimony will be heard in person Tuesday, May 14, 2002 from 11 a.m. to 12 noon and on Wednesday May 15, 2002 from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. The Panel is particularly interested in hearing public comment on youth with disabilities and their transition to employment and/or post-secondary education. Members of the public must schedule a timeslot in order to comment. In the event that the public comments do not take up the scheduled time period for public comment, the Panel will use that time to deliberate and conduct other Panel business.

Individuals interested in providing testimony in person should contact the Panel staff as outlined below to schedule time slots. Each presenter will be called on by the Chair in the order in which they are scheduled to testify and is limited to a maximum five-minute verbal presentation. Full written testimony on TWWIA Implementation, no longer than 5 pages, may be submitted in person or by mail, fax or email on an on-going basis to the Panel for consideration.

Since seating may be limited, persons interested in providing testimony at the meeting should contact the Panel staff by e-mailing Kristen M. Breland, at [kristen.m.breland@ssa.gov](mailto:kristen.m.breland@ssa.gov) or calling (202) 358-6423.

The full agenda for the meeting will be posted on the Internet at <http://www.ssa.gov/work/panel/> one week before the meeting or can be received in advance electronically or by fax upon request.

**Contact Information:** Anyone requiring information regarding the Panel should contact the TWWIA Panel

staff. Records are being kept of all Panel proceedings and will be available for public inspection by appointment at the Panel office. Anyone requiring information regarding the Panel should contact the Panel staff by:

- Mail addressed to Social Security Administration, Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Advisory Panel Staff, 400 Virginia Avenue, SW., Suite 700, Washington, DC, 20024.
- Telephone contact with Kristen Breland at (202) 358-6423.
- Fax at (202) 358-6440.
- E-mail to [TWWIAPanel@ssa.gov](mailto:TWWIAPanel@ssa.gov).

Dated: April 19, 2002.

**Deborah M. Morrison,**  
*Designated Federal Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

### [Public Notice 3996]

#### **Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs Request for Grant Proposals: North African Educational Partnerships Program (Algeria and Tunisia)**

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Global Educational Programs of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs announces an open competition for an assistance award program to support the development of programs of instruction and faculty training at universities in Algeria and Tunisia in business management, public administration, information technology, computer science, or other fields with significant potential to support the modernization of the Algerian or Tunisian economies. Accredited, post-secondary educational institutions meeting the provisions described in Internal Revenue Code section 26 U.S.C. 501(c)(3) may apply to pursue institutional or departmental objectives in partnership with one or more Algerian or Tunisian institutions with support from the North African Educational Partnerships Program.

Proposals may include more than one partner institution within one of the eligible countries, but may not include more than one country. The means for achieving the objectives of the applicant and its partner(s) may include mentoring, teaching, consultation, research, distance education, internship training, and professional outreach to public sector managers or private sector entrepreneurs.

#### *Program Information*

**Overview and Project Objectives:** The program is designed to assist North

African universities to develop modern curricula and programs of instruction in business management, public administration, and related fields, to facilitate the development of business activity; and to improve the quality, efficiency, and integrity of management in the private and public sectors in the participating countries. Proposals emphasizing practical strategies to assist the North African faculty and administrators to develop new curricula, teaching methodologies and programs are encouraged.

Pending availability, funds will be awarded for a period of two to three years to assist with the costs of exchanges, of providing educational materials, of increasing library holdings, and of improving Internet connections.

The project should pursue these objectives through a strategy that coordinates the participation of junior and senior level faculty, administrators, or graduate students in appropriate combinations of teaching, mentoring, internships, in-service training, and outreach, in exchange visits ranging from one week to an academic year. Visits of one semester or more for participants from Algeria and Tunisia are strongly encouraged and program activities must be tied to the goals and objectives of the project.

Proposals may also include English language training for selected participants whose existing English skills need to be strengthened or refreshed.

**U.S. Institution and Participant Eligibility:** The lead institution and grant recipient must be an accredited U.S. college or university. Applications from community colleges, institutions serving significant minority populations, undergraduate liberal arts colleges, comprehensive universities, research universities, and combinations of these types of institutions are eligible. The lead U.S. organization in a consortium or other combination of cooperating institutions is responsible for submitting the application. Each application must document the lead organization's authority to represent all U.S. cooperating partners. Secondary U.S. partners may include governmental or non-governmental organizations at the federal, state, or local levels as well as non-profit service, community and professional organizations.

With the exception of translators and outside evaluators, participation is limited to teachers, advanced graduate students, and administrators from the participating U.S. institution(s). All participants who are funded by the Bureau under the program budget and who represent the U.S. institution must