

## 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 Data Integrity Boards' approval of the match agreements;
- (3) Publish notice of the computer matching programs 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 programs comply with the requirements of the Privacy Act, as amended.

Dated: September 29, 2006.

**Martin H. Gerry,**

*Deputy Commissioner for Disability and Income Security Programs.*

## Notice Of Computer Matching Program, Social Security Administration (SSA) With The States

### A. PARTICIPATING AGENCIES

SSA and the States.

### B. PURPOSE OF THE MATCHING PROGRAM

Section 1137 of the Social Security Act requires individual States to have in effect an income and eligibility verification system meeting certain requirements in order to administer certain State-administered income, food assistance, and medical assistance programs.

The agreements have been amended to add legal authority for disclosures to non-1137 programs that meet SSA's compatibility requirement and language has been added to address the use of tax data.

A chief purpose of this matching program is to facilitate administration of this provision. Individual agreements with the States will describe the conditions under which SSA agrees to disclose information to the States relating to the eligibility for, and payment of, Social Security, Supplemental Security Income, and Special Veterans Benefits, including certain tax return information disclosed by SSA, in accordance with applicable provisions of the Internal Revenue Code, as well as quarters of coverage, prisoner, and death information.

The matching program will also be used to implement provisions of Pub. L. 104-193, the Personal Responsibility and Work Reconciliation Act of 1996, involving the significance of Social Security coverage information to the eligibility of certain aliens for some Federal and State public benefits. Under this matching program, SSA will disclose certain Social Security coverage information on specific persons to States administering appropriate benefit programs.

### C. AUTHORITY FOR CONDUCTING THE MATCHING PROGRAM

Sections 1106 and 1137 of the Social Security Act; sections 402, 412, 421 and 435 of Pub. L. 104-193; section 202(x)(3)(B)(iv) of the Social Security Act; section 205(r)(3) of the Social Security Act; and section 6103(p)(4) of Title 26 of the Internal Revenue Code; 5 U.S.C. 552a(b)(3); 5 U.S.C. 552a(a)(7); and 20 CFR 401.150.

### D. CATEGORIES OF RECORDS AND INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE MATCHING PROGRAM

States will provide SSA with names and other identifying information of appropriate benefit applicants or recipients. Specific information from participating States will be matched, as provided in the agreement for the specific programs, with the following systems of records maintained by SSA:

1. SDX—Supplemental Security Record/Special Veteran's Benefits (SSR/SVB) System, SSA/ODSSIS (60-0103);
2. BENDEX—Master Beneficiary Record (MBR), SSA/ORSIS (60-0090) and the Earnings Recording and Self-Employment Income System, SSA/OEEAS (60-0059);
3. EVS—Master Files of Social Security Number (SSN) Holders and SSN Applications, SSA/OEEAS (60-0058);

4. SVES—SSR/SVB, SSA/ODSSIS (60-0103); MBR, SSA/ORSIS (60-0090); the Earnings Recording and Self-Employment Income System, SSA/OEEAS (60-0059); the Master Files of SSN Holders and SSN Applications, SSA/OEEAS (60-0058); and the Prisoner Update Processing System (PUPS), SSA/OEEAS (60-0269);

5. Quarters of Coverage Query—the Earnings Recording and Self-Employment Income System, SSA/OEEAS (60-0059) and the Master Files of SSN Holders and SSN Applications, SSA/OEEAS (60-0058);

6. Prisoner Query—PUPS, SSA/OEEAS (60-0269); and

7. Death Query—Master Files of SSN Holders and SSN Applications, SSA/OEEAS (60-0058)—subsection referred to as the NUMIDENT.

SSA and the States will exchange information through the File Transfer Management System (FTMS) or online through the Interstate Connection Network. Cartridge or magnetic tape will be used in the event FTMS is inoperable.

### E. INCLUSIVE DATES OF THE MATCHING PROGRAM

The matching program will become effective no sooner than 40 days after notice of the matching program is sent to Congress and OMB, or 30 days after publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, whichever is later. Individual State matching agreements under the program may also become effective upon the signing of the agreements by the parties to the agreements. The agreements will expire on June 30, 2007.

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## OFFICE OF SPECIAL COUNSEL

### Agency Information Collection Activities; Request for Comment

**AGENCY:** Office of Special Counsel.

**ACTION:** Second Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), and implementing regulations at 5 CFR part 1320, the U.S. Office of Special Counsel (OSC), plans to request approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for use of four previously approved information collections consisting of complaint forms. These collections are listed below in the paragraph called "Title of Collections."

The current OMB approval for Form OSC-11 expires 11/06. We are submitting the other three forms for approval even though their expiration

dates may or may not coincide with Form OSC-11. Current and former Federal employees, employee representatives, other Federal agencies, state and local government employees, and the general public are invited to comment on this information collection for a second time. The first notification, sent out on February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2006, received no replies. Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of OSC functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of OSC's estimate of the burden of the proposed collections of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**DATES:** Comments should be received by November 4, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** Roderick Anderson, Director of Management and Budget, U.S. Office of Special Counsel, 1730 M Street, NW., Suite 218, Washington, DC 20036-4505.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Roderick Anderson, Director of Management and Budget at the address shown above; by facsimile at (202) 254-3715. The complaint forms for the collection of information are available for review on OSC's Web site, at <http://www.osc.gov/forms.htm>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** OSC is an independent agency responsible for, among other things, (1) investigation of allegations of prohibited personnel practices defined by law at 5 U.S.C. 2302(b), protection of whistleblowers, and certain other illegal employment practices under titles 5 and 38 of the U.S. Code, affecting current or former Federal employees or applicants for employment, and covered state and local government employees; and (2) the interpretation and enforcement of Hatch Act provisions on political activity in chapters 15 and 73 of title 5 of the U.S. Code.

**Title of Collections:** (1) Form OSC-11, (Complaint of Possible Prohibited Personnel Practice of Other Prohibited Activity); (2) Form OSC-12 (Information about filing a Whistleblower Disclosure with the Office of Special Counsel); (3) Form OSC-13 (Complaint of Possible Prohibited Political Activity (Violation of the Hatch Act)); (4) Form OSC-14 (Complaint of Possible Violation of the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA).

**Type of Information Collection Request:** Approval of a previously approved collection of information, of which OSC-11 expires on 11/06 and form OSC-12 expires on 11/06.

**Affected public:** Current and former Federal employees, applicants for Federal employment, state and local government employees, and their representatives, and the general public.

**Respondent's Obligation:** Voluntary.  
**Estimated Annual Number of Respondents:** 2,700.

**Frequency:** Daily.  
**Estimated Average Amount of Time for a Person to Respond:** 64 minutes.

**Estimated Annual Burden:** 2,899 hours.

**Abstract:** This form is used by current and former Federal employees and applicants for Federal employment to submit allegations of possible prohibited personnel practices or other prohibited activity for investigation and possible prosecution by OSC.

Dated: October 3, 2006.

**Scott J. Bloch,**  
*Special Counsel.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Federal Aviation Administration**

[Summary Notice No. PE-2006-33]

**Petitions for Exemption; Summary of Petitions Received; Reopening of Comment Period**

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of petitions for exemption received; reopening of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** This action reopens the comment period for a petition for exemption that was published on September 6, 2006. Pursuant to FAA's rulemaking provisions governing the application, processing, and disposition of petitions for exemption part 11 of Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR), this notice contains a summary of certain petitions seeking relief from specified requirements of 14 CFR. The purpose of this notice is to improve the public's awareness of, and participation in, this aspect of FAA's regulatory activities. Neither publication of this notice nor the inclusion or omission of information in the summary is intended to affect the legal status of any petition or its final disposition.

**DATE:** Comments on petitions received must identify the petition docket

number involved and must be received on or before November 6, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments [identified by Docket Number FAA-2006-25466] using any of the following methods:

- Web site: <http://dms.dot.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments on the DOT electronic docket site.

- Fax: 1-202-493-2251.

- Mail: Docket Management Facility; U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Nassif Building, Room PL-401, Washington, DC 20590-001.

- Hand Delivery: Room PL-401 on the plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

**Docket:** For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to <http://dms.dot.gov> at any time or to Room PL-401 on the plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Tim Adams (202) 267-8033, Sandy Buchanan-Sumter (202) 267-7271, Susan Lender (202) 267-8029, or Frances Shaver (202) 267-9681, Office of Rulemaking (ARM-1), Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591.

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Issued in Washington, DC, on October 10, 2006.

**Brenda D. Courtney,**

*Acting Director, Office of Rulemaking.*

**Petition for Exemption**

**Docket No.:** FAA-2006-25466.

**Petitioner:** Southwest Airlines Company.

**Section of 14 CFR Affected:** 14 CFR 121.391(a) and 121.393 (b).

**Description of Relief Sought:** To permit the Southwest Airlines Company to reduce the number of required flight attendants onboard during the boarding and deplaning of passengers at intermediate stops. During the boarding processes at intermediate stops, the petitioner is requesting to substitute a pilot qualified in emergency evacuation procedures for the forward flight attendant. During the deplaning process at intermediate stops, the petitioner is