

performance of functions of the U.S. OPM and its Federal Investigative Services Division, which administers background investigations;

- Whether our estimate of the public burden of this collection is accurate, and based on valid assumptions and methodology;

- Ways in which we can minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through use of the appropriate technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and

- Ways in which we can enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.

The SF 85, SF 85P, SF 85PS, SF 86, SF 86A, and SF 86C are completed by both employees of the Federal Government and individuals not employed with the Federal Government, including Federal contractors and military personnel.

Federal employees are defined as those individuals who are employed as civilian or military personnel with the Federal Government. Non-Federal employees include members of the general public and all individuals employed as Federal and military contractors, or individuals otherwise not directly employed by the Federal Government.

It is estimated that 45,100 non-Federal individuals will complete the SF 85 annually. Each form takes approximately 30 minutes to complete. The estimated annual public burden is 22,600 hours.

It is estimated that 87,400 non-Federal individuals will complete the SF 85P annually. Each form takes approximately 60 minutes to complete. The estimated annual burden is 87,400 hours.

It is estimated that 10,600 non-Federal individuals will complete the SF 85PS annually. Each form takes approximately 10 minutes to complete. The estimated annual burden is 1,800 hours.

It is estimated that 190,100 non-Federal individuals will complete the SF 86 annually. Each form takes approximately 120 minutes to complete. The estimated annual burden is 380,200 hours.

It is estimated that 16,000 non-Federal individuals will complete the SF 86A annually. When this continuation form is used, however, no public burden estimate is provided as it is included with the time computed with the associated security questionnaire.

It is estimated that 1,200 non-Federal individuals will complete the SF 86C annually. Each form takes

approximately 15 minutes to complete. The estimated annual burden is 300 hours.

The total estimated annual number of responses for all forms in this collection is 350,400. The estimated annual burden is 492,300 hours.

e-QIP (Electronic Questionnaires for Investigations Processing) is a Web-based system application that houses electronic versions of the SF 85, SF 85P, SF 85PS, and SF 86. This internet data collection tool is used in place of and not in addition to the paper versions of these forms. Individuals using e-QIP will enjoy more convenience, faster processing time, and immediate data validation to ensure accuracy of their personal history information. The data requested on these forms is consistent with that requested on their paper counterparts. While e-QIP will significantly enhance the processing of security questionnaires for processing of background investigations, we do not expect an immediate discernable change to the public burden hours from those cited above for identical paper versions of the forms. However, we expect to have separate, estimated figures for publication in the 30-day **Federal Register** Notice.

In FY 2007, the total number of e-QIP users totaled 622,300. This includes 40,000 submitted on the SF 85; 69,000 on the SF 85P; and 513,300 on the SF 86.

For copies of this proposal, contact Mary Beth Smith-Toomey on (202) 606-8358, Fax (202) 418-3251 or e-mail to [mbtoomey@opm.gov](mailto:mbtoomey@opm.gov). Please be sure to include a mailing address with your request.

**DATES:** Comments on this proposal should be received within 60 calendar days from the date of this publication.

**ADDRESSES:** Send or deliver comments to—Kathy Dillaman, Associate Director, Federal Investigative Services Division, U.S. Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street, NW., Room 2H31, Washington, DC 20415.

*For Information Regarding Administrative Coordination—Contact:* Mary-Kay Brewer, Program Analyst, Operational Policy Group, Federal Investigative Services Division, U.S. Office of Personnel Management, (202) 606-1835.

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## OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

### Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Reclearance of an Expiring Information Collection: Fingerprint Charts Standard Form 87 (SF 87) and Standard Form 87A (SF 87A), OMB No. 3206-0150

**AGENCY:** U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, May 22, 1995), this notice announces that the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) intends to submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request for reclearance of an expiring information collection (Fingerprint Charts SF 87 and SF 87A; OMB No. 3206-0150). The Fingerprint Charts are used in processing fingerprint checks submitted to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) to assist in determining whether an applicant is suitable for Federal employment or should be granted a security clearance.

The SF 87 and SF 87A are used as a basis of any criminal history check. The SF 87 and SF 87A are completed by respondents for, or incumbents of, Government positions or positions for the Government under contract, or by military personnel. The charts are used as the basis for background investigations to establish that such persons are:

- Suitable for employment or retention in the position;
- Suitable for employment or retention in a public trust position;
- Suitable for employment or retention in a national security position; and
- Eligible for access to classified national security information.

Comments are particularly invited on:

- Whether this information is necessary for the proper performance of functions of the OPM and its Federal Investigative Services Division, which administers background investigations;
- Whether our estimate of the public burden of this collection of information is accurate, and based on valid assumptions and methodology;

- Ways in which we can minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through the use of appropriate technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and

- Ways in which we can enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.

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It is estimated that 363,500 SF 87 or SF 87A inquiries are sent to individuals annually. Each form takes approximately five minutes to complete. The estimated annual burden is approximately 25,979 hours.

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**DATES:** Comments on this proposal should be received within 60 calendar days from the date of this publication.

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## OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

### Excepted Service

**AGENCY:** U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This gives notice of OPM decisions granting authority to make appointments under

Schedules A, B, and C in the excepted service as required by 5 CFR 6.6 and 213.103.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mary Lamary Acting Group Manager, Executive Resources Services Group, Center for Human Resources, Division for Human Capital Leadership and Merit System Accountability, 202-606-2246.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Appearing in the listing below are the individual authorities established under Schedules

A, B, and C between May 1, 2008, and May 30, 2008. Future notices will be published on the fourth Tuesday of each month, or as soon as possible thereafter. A consolidated listing of all authorities as of June 30 is published each year.

#### Schedule A

No Schedule A appointments were approved for May 2008.

#### Schedule B

No Schedule B appointments were approved for May 2008.

#### Schedule C

The following Schedule C appointments were approved during May 2008.

#### *Section 213.3303 Executive Office of the President*

##### Council on Environmental Quality

EQGS60021 Special Assistant to the Chairman (Council on Environmental Quality). Effective May 09, 2008.

EQGS00018 Associate Director for Congressional Affairs to the Chairman (Council on Environmental Quality). Effective May 29, 2008.

##### Office of Management and Budget

BOGS70005 Confidential Assistant to the Associate Director for Legislative Affairs. Effective May 13, 2008.

##### Office of National Drug Control Policy

QQGS80008 Special Assistant to the Associate Director for the Office of Legislative Affairs. Effective May 14, 2008.

#### *Section 213.3304 Department of State*

DSGS69741 Staff Assistant to the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. Effective May 02, 2008.

DSGS69735 Senior Advisor to the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Counter Proliferation. Effective May 12, 2008.

DSGS69743 Staff Assistant to the Under Secretary for Arms Control and Security Affairs. Effective May 12, 2008.

DSGS69744 Staff Assistant to the Senior Advisor to the Secretary and White House Liaison. Effective May 12, 2008.

DSGS69745 Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for International Organizational Affairs. Effective May 13, 2008.

DSGS69742 Office Director to the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary. Effective May 14, 2008.

#### *Section 213.3305 Department of the Treasury*

DYGS00457 Deputy Executive Secretary to the Chief of Staff. Effective May 16, 2008.

#### *Section 213.3306 Department of Defense*

DDGS17157 Special Assistant to the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Budget and Appropriations Affairs). Effective May 14, 2008.

DDGS17158 Special Assistant to the Director, Department of Defense Office of Legislative Counsel. Effective May 14, 2008.

DDGS17161 Personal and Confidential Assistant to the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs. Effective May 30, 2008.

#### *Section 213.3310 Department of Justice*

DJGS00297 Counsel to the Assistant Attorney General (Civil Rights). Effective May 02, 2008.

DJGS00103 Counsel to the Associate Attorney General. Effective May 14, 2008.

DJGS00091 Staff Assistant to the Assistant Attorney General (Legislative Affairs). Effective May 16, 2008.

DJGS00088 Deputy Director Scheduling to the Attorney General. Effective May 21, 2008.

#### *Section 213.3311 Department of Homeland Security*

DMGS00751 Public Affairs and Press Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs. Effective May 13, 2008.

#### *Section 213.3313 Department of Agriculture*

DAGS00941 Press Assistant to the Director of Communications. Effective May 09, 2008.

#### *Section 213.3314 Department of Commerce*

DCGS00652 Confidential Assistant to the Director of Public Affairs. Effective May 1, 2008.

DCGS00380 Confidential Assistant to the Under Secretary for International Trade. Effective May 09, 2008.

DCGS00556 Confidential Assistant to the Chief of Staff to the Deputy Secretary. Effective May 09, 2008.

DCGS00688 Confidential Assistant to the Chief of Staff for Market Access and Compliance. Effective May 09, 2008.

DCGS00689 Confidential Assistant to the Director, Executive Secretariat. Effective May 09, 2008.

DCGS00662 Special Assistant to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for