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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Financial Management Service

Privacy Act of 1974, as Amended; New System of Records

AGENCY: Financial Management Service, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of proposed system of records.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, Financial Management Service (FMS), proposes to add a new record system entitled "Payment Records for Other than Regular Recurring Benefit Payments—Treasury/Financial Management Service—Treasury/FMS .016," to its inventory of systems of records subject to the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended (5 U.S.C. 552a).

DATES: Comments must be received no later than October 12, 1995. The proposed system of records will be effective October 23, 1995, unless FMS receives comments which would result in a contrary determination.

ADDRESSES: Comments must be submitted to Debt Management Services, Financial Management Service, 401 14th Street, SW, Room 151, Washington, DC 20227. Comments received will be available for inspection at the same address between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Gerry Isenberg, Debt Management Services, (202) 874-6660.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of this system is to facilitate the disbursement of Federal payments to individuals, corporations and other entities. Currently, FMS has a system of records entitled "Payment Issue Records for Regular Recurring Benefit Payments—Treasury/FMS .002," however, this system of records covers only six types of Federal payments. The proposed system is intended to include all records for payments not included in Treasury/FMS .002 such as vendor payments, Federal salary payments, and Veterans' benefit payments.

FMS is the central disbursing source for the Federal Government and currently receives recurring and non-recurring payment certification records from departments and agencies of the Government.

Currently, information contained in the payment records of FMS (not included in Treasury/FMS .002) is not retrievable by personal identifier, and these records have not been considered a "system of records" under the Privacy Act of 1974.

FMS has been designated by the Office of Management and Budget as the lead agency in credit management and debt collection for the Federal Government. FMS is establishing this system of records to more effectively apply certain debt collection tools established under Federal law such as tax refund offset under section 31 U.S.C. 3720A, administrative offset under 31 U.S.C. 3716, and Federal employee salary offset under 5 U.S.C. 5514. FMS also intends to use this system to report vendor payments to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) in accordance with 26 U.S.C. 6041.

In order to facilitate the collection of delinquent debts and the reporting of vendor payments to IRS, FMS intends to obtain personal identifier(s) as part of payment certifications received from departments and agencies. This action will not result in any additional data collection from the public since the departments and agencies already have this information. However, it will change the status of the non-recurring payment records maintained by FMS to a "system of records" as defined by the Privacy Act of 1974.

Given the nature of the information that will be maintained and its proposed use, the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, 5 U.S.C. 552a, requires FMS to give general notice and seek public comments.

The new system report, as required by the Privacy Act of 1974, was submitted to the Committee on Government Operations of the House of Representatives, the Committee on Governmental Affairs of the Senate, and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), pursuant to Appendix I to OMB Circular No. A-130, "Federal Agency Responsibilities for Maintaining Records About Individuals," dated July 15, 1994 (59 FR 37914, July 25, 1994).

Dated: August 29, 1995.

Alex Rodriguez,

Deputy Assistant Secretary (Administration).

Treasury/FMS .016

SYSTEM NAME:

Payment Records for Other Than Regular Recurring Benefit Payments—Treasury/Financial Management Service.

SYSTEM LOCATION:

The Financial Management Service, U.S. Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC 20227. Records maintained at Financial Centers in six regions: Austin, TX; Birmingham, AL; Chicago, IL; Kansas City, MO; Philadelphia, PA; and San Francisco, CA.

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

Persons who are the intended recipients or recipients of payments from the United States Government, and for whom vouchers have been certified for payment by departments or agencies and sent to FMS for disbursement.

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

Payment records showing name, social security or employer identification number or other agency identification number, address, payment amount, date of issuance, check number and symbol or other payment identification number, routing number of the payee's financial institution and the payee's account number at the financial institution, vendor contract and/or purchase order, and the name and location number of the certifying department or agency.

AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:

5 U.S.C. 301; Executive Order 6166, dated June 10, 1933.

PURPOSE:

To facilitate disbursement of Federal monies to individuals by check or electronically, authorized under various programs of the Federal Government.

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

These records and information in these records may be used to: (1) Disclose to the banking industry for payment verification; (2) disclose to Federal agencies, departments and agencies for whom payments are made, and payees; (3) disclose pertinent information to appropriate Federal, State, local or foreign agencies responsible for investigating or prosecuting violations of, or for enforcing or implementing, a statute, rule, regulation, order, or license, where the disclosing agency becomes aware of an indication of a violation or potential violation of civil or criminal law or regulation; (4) disclose information to a Federal, State, or local agency, maintaining civil, criminal or other relevant enforcement information or other pertinent information, which has requested information relevant to or necessary to the requesting agency's or

the bureau's hiring or retention of an individual, or issuance of a security clearance, license, contract, grant, or other benefit; (5) disclose information to a court, magistrate, or administrative tribunal in the course of presenting evidence, including disclosures to opposing counsel or witnesses in the course of civil discovery, litigation, or settlement negotiations, in response to a subpoena, or in connection with criminal law proceedings; (6) disclose information to foreign governments in accordance with formal or informal international agreements; (7) provide information to a congressional office in response to an inquiry made at the request of the individual to whom the record pertains; (8) provide information to the news media in accordance with guidelines contained in 28 CFR 50.2 which relate to an agency's functions relating to civil and criminal proceedings; (9) provide information to unions recognized as exclusive bargaining representatives under the Civil Service Reform Act of 1978, 5 U.S.C. 7111 and 7114; (10) provide information to third parties during the course of an investigation to the extent necessary to obtain information pertinent to the investigation; (11) disclose information concerning delinquent debtors to Federal creditor agencies, their employees, or their agents for the purpose of facilitating or conducting Federal administrative offset, Federal tax refund offset, Federal salary offset, or for any other authorized debt collection purpose; and (12) disclose to the Defense Manpower Data Center and the United States Postal Service and other Federal agencies through authorized computer matching programs for the purpose of identifying and locating individuals who are delinquent in their repayment of debts owed to the Department or other Federal agencies in order to collect those debts through salary offset and administrative offset, or by the use of other debt collection tools.

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

STORAGE:

Storage is on magnetic media and hard copy.

RETRIEVABILITY:

Records are retrieved by name, employer identification number (EIN) and social security number.

SAFEGUARDS:

These records are available only to those persons whose official duties require such access. Records are kept in

limited access areas during duty hours and in locked cabinets at all other times. Records are password protected and are maintained in a building subject to 24-hour security.

RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:

Records are retained for three years. Records are disposed of in accordance with Treasury Directive 25-02, Records Disposition Management Program.

SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESSES:

Chief Disbursing Officer, Financial Management Service, 401 14th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20227.

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:

Inquiries under the Privacy Act of 1974 shall be sent to the Disclosure Officer at 401 14th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20227. All individuals making inquiries should provide with their request as much descriptive matter as is possible to identify the particular record desired. The System Manager will advise as to whether the Service maintains the record requested by the individual.

RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:

Individuals requesting information under the Privacy Act of 1974 concerning procedures for gaining access or contesting records should write to the Disclosure Officer at the address shown above. All individuals are urged to examine the rules of the U.S. Department of the Treasury published in 31 CFR part 1, subpart C concerning requirements of this department with respect to the Privacy Act of 1974.

CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:

See Record Access Procedures above.

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

Information is obtained from vouchers, payment tapes and electronic data transmissions via the Electronic Certification System by departments and agencies for whom payments are made.

EXEMPTIONS CLAIMED FOR THE SYSTEM:

None.

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Fiscal Service

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Surety Companies Acceptable on Federal Bonds; RLI Insurance Co.

A Certificate of Authority as an acceptable surety on Federal Bonds is hereby issued to the following company

under sections 9304 to 9308, Title 31, of the United States Code. Federal bond-approving officers should annotate their reference copies of the Treasury Circular 570, 1995 Revision, on page 34446 to reflect this addition:

RLI Insurance Company BUSINESS ADDRESS: 9025 N. Lindbergh Drive, Peoria, Illinois 61615 PHONE: (309) 692-1000. UNDERWRITING LIMITATION *b/*: \$11,642,000. SURETY LICENSES *c/*: AL, AK, AS, AZ, AR, CA, CO, CT, DE, DC, FL, GA, HI, ID, IL, IN, IA, KS, KY, LA, ME, MD, MA, MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NE, NV, NH, NJ, NM, NY, NC, ND, OH, OK, OR, PA, PR, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VT, VA, WA, WV, WI, WY. INCORPORATED IN: Illinois

Certificates of Authority expire on June 30 each year, unless revoked prior to that date. The Certificates are subject to subsequent annual renewal as long as the companies remain qualified (31 CFR part 223). A list of qualified companies is published annually as of July 1 in Treasury Department Circular 570, with details as to underwriting limitations, areas in which licensed to transact surety business and other information.

Copies of the Circular may be obtained by calling the U.S. Department of the Treasury, Financial Management Service, computerized public bulletin board system (FMS Inside Line) at (202) 874-6817/7034/6953/6872 or by purchasing a hard copy from the Government Printing Office (GPO), Washington, DC, telephone (202) 512-1800. When ordering the Circular from GPO, use the following stock number: 048-000-00489-0.

For further assistance, contact the U.S. Department of the Treasury, Financial Management Service, Funds Management Division, Surety Bond Branch, 3700 East-West Highway, Room 6F04, Hyattsville, MD 20782, telephone (202) 874-6905 or (202) 874-9978 (fax).

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Charles F. Schwan III,

Director, Funds Management Division, Financial Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Medical Research Services Cooperative Studies Evaluation Committee; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs gives notice under Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) as amended, by section 5(c) of Public Law 94-409 that a meeting of the Medical Research Services Evaluation Committee will be held at the Back Bay