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COPIES: Request for clearance (OMB 83-1), supporting statement, and other documents submitted to OMB for review may be obtained from the Agency Clearance Officer. Submit comments to the Agency Clearance Officer and the OMB Reviewer.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Agency Clearance Officer: Jacqueline White, Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street, SW, 5th floor, Washington, DC 20416, Telephone: (202) 205-6629.

OMB Reviewer: Victoria Wassmer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Title: Loan Closing Documents.
Form No's.: SBA Form 147, 148, 159, 160, 160A 529B, 928, 1059.
Frequency: On Occasion.
Description of Respondents: SBA Loan Applicants.
Annual Responses: 45,000.
Annual Burden: 135,000.

Dated: April 23, 1997.

Jacqueline White,

Chief, Administrative Information Branch.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Declaration of Disaster #2950]

State of Arkansas

As a result of the President's major disaster declaration on April 14, 1997, and an amendment thereto on April 16, I find that the following counties in the State of Arkansas constitute a disaster area due to damages caused by severe

storms and flooding beginning on April 4, 1997 and continuing: Columbia, Craighead, Jefferson, Lonoke, Ouachita, and Poinsett. Applications for loans for physical damages may be filed until the close of business on June 13, 1997, and for loans for economic injury until the close of business on January 14, 1998 at the address listed below or other locally announced locations: U.S. Small Business Administration, Disaster Area 3 Office, 4400 Amon Carter Blvd., Suite 102, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

In addition, applications for economic injury loans from small businesses located in the following contiguous counties may be filed until the specified date at the above location: Arkansas, Calhoun, Clark, Cleveland, Crittenden, Cross, Dallas, Faulkner, Grant, Greene, Jackson, Lafayette, Lawrence, Lincoln, Mississippi, Nevada, Prairie, Pulaski, Union, and White in the State of Arkansas; Claiborne and Webster in the State of Louisiana; and Dunklin in the State of Missouri. Interest rates are:

| | Percent |
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| For Physical Damage | |
| Homeowners with credit available elsewhere | 8.000 |
| Homeowners without credit available elsewhere | 4.000 |
| Businesses with credit available elsewhere | 8.000 |
| Businesses and non-profit organizations without credit available elsewhere | 4.000 |
| Others (including non-profit organizations) with credit available elsewhere | 7.250 |
| For Economic Injury | |
| Businesses and small agricultural cooperatives without credit available elsewhere | 4.000 |

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 295006 and for economic injury the numbers are 947400 for Arkansas, 947600 for Louisiana, and 947700 for Missouri.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 59002 and 59008.)

Dated: April 18, 1997.

Bernard Kulik,

Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.

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PLACES AND TIMES OF PUBLIC FORUMS

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| Hartford, Conn., State of Connecticut, Legislative Office Bldg., Room 1-D, 210 Capitol Ave. | May 5, 1997. |
| Des Moines, Iowa, Des Moines Convention Center. | May 16. |
| San Jose, Cal., San Jose State University, Student Union Bldg. | May 28. |
| Austin, Tex | June 6. |
| Atlanta, Ga., Richard E. Russell, Federal Bldg. | June 10. |
| Washington, D.C | June 16. |

Locations of the other forums will be announced later.

Type of Meeting: The forums are open to the public.

Purpose: In our efforts to make it easier and simpler for our customers to deal with us, we are seeking new ways to interact with the public. SSA seeks the public's views on how the agency can provide electronic services to the public through the Internet while protecting the privacy of individual information in our records.

Social Security is committed to providing timely and quality service to its customers, while safeguarding individual privacy. To help meet these commitments, SSA's business plan includes the testing and implementation of secure electronic services directly to the public on networks such as the Internet. Over the past year, SSA has initiated several important Internet test services. One of these tests allows individuals to request and receive their Personal Earnings and Benefit Estimate Statement (PEBES) using an online, interactive process at the Social Security Administration Internet server, Social Security Online (<http://www.ssa.gov>).

PEBES information includes a year-by-year display of an individual's earnings covered by Social Security and Medicare; the Social Security taxes paid, and an estimate of retirement, survivors, and disability benefits. The PEBES does not include current year earnings, employer information, or any information that could reveal the whereabouts of an individual.

Nothing is more important to Social Security than maintaining the public's

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Notice of "Social Security Forums: Privacy and Customer Service in the Electronic Age"

AGENCY: Social Security Administration (SSA).

ACTION: Notice.

confidence in our ability to carry out our mission by protecting the privacy of sensitive information we maintain about individual workers and beneficiaries. That confidence was questioned following the start of our test of the interactive PEBES service. In response to those concerns, Social Security suspended the interactive PEBES test on April 9, 1997. When the online service was suspended, the Acting Commissioner stated that he wanted to conduct a series of forums with the public to discuss issues of privacy and security in providing electronic services directly to the public. Our desire is to provide customers with ready access to their personal information without compromising privacy and without excessive barriers and costs.

In soliciting public views in the forums (and in comments outside the forums), SSA welcomes expert and general public input on the following questions:

- In providing electronic services, what information should SSA require from a customer for authentication of identity?
- Beyond information obtained directly from the customer, what further safeguards should SSA employ to support customer authentication and privacy in electronic transactions? Which safeguards should be employed in the near term, and which in the longer term?
- Should we reinstate the PEBES online service with minor additions to the safeguards we had in place, should we reinstate it only with fundamental changes to our safeguards, or should we not reinstate it at all?
- If you believe electronic PEBES should be reinstated, what additional safeguards should we include?
- Because the question of maintaining privacy in electronic transactions has far-reaching implications in both the public and private sectors, what other matters should SSA consider in addressing this major public policy issue?

Ground Rules and Agenda

The following general procedure will be followed for each forum:

- Experts and members of the general public are invited to attend the forums, state their views on these issues to an SSA executive panel, and submit written statements.

- Statements may be submitted to SSA before, at, or after the forums, with all statements submitted no later than June 20, 1997. Each statement should include a one-page summary of the submitter's views, focusing primarily on answers to the questions posed above.

- Each panel member will have five to eight minutes, and each member of the public will have four minutes, to state his/her views, with added time given to respond to questions seeking clarification from the SSA executive panel.

Agenda (subject to change):

11:30 am

Registration of experts and members of the public

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Welcome and introduction by SSA panel; explanation of ground rules

12:30 pm

Panel of privacy experts and consumer advocates presents its views

1:30 pm

Panel of computer technology experts presents its views

2:45 pm

Panel of business experts (commerce, banking, financial planning) presents its views

3:45 pm

Members of public present their views

5:30 pm

Closing remarks by SSA executive panel

National Electronic Town Meeting

In addition to these public forums, SSA will conduct a National Electronic Town Meeting through its Internet web site. Dates and other details will be available later on Social Security Online, www.ssa.gov.

How to Notify SSA

Mail:

SSA Forums, Social Security Administration, Room 4-C-5 Annex, Baltimore MD 21235

Fax: 410-965-0695

Internet mail: publicforum@ssa.gov

We welcome your written statement even if you are unable to attend one of the forums or participate in the electronic town meeting.

Questions about forum procedures may be telephoned to: Linda Thibodeaux, Social Security Administration, 410-966-8222.

Dated: April 25, 1997.

Joan E. Wainwright,

Deputy Commissioner for Communications.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

[CGD 97-022]

Chemical Transportation Advisory Committee; Subcommittee on the Review/Update of Vapor Control System Regulations Meetings

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: The Vapor Control System (VCS) Regulations Review/Update Subcommittee of the Chemical Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC) will meet to continue work on developing a recommended revision of the marine vapor control regulations found in Title 33, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 154 and Title 46, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 39. The meetings are open to the public.

DATES: The meetings of the VCS Subcommittee will be held on May 19, 1997, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and May 20, 1997, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Written material and requests to make oral presentations should reach the Coast Guard on or before May 12, 1997.

ADDRESSES: The meetings of the VCS Subcommittee will be held in the training academy conference room, ABS Plaza, 16855 Northchase Drive, Houston, TX 77060. For directions to the meetings, please contact Lieutenant J.J. Plunkett, Commandant (G-MSO-3), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice of this meeting is given pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2.

Agenda of Meetings

The agenda includes the following:

(1) Presentation of each subcommittee member's work thus far and plans for the future.

(2) Review and discussion of the work completed by each member.

(3) Discussion of joint facility/vessel opportunities for improvements to the VCS program.

After meeting together, the subcommittee members will form into two work groups to discuss in detail