

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION**Agency Information Collection****Activities: Proposed Request and Comment Request**

In compliance with Public Law 104-13, the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, SSA is providing notice of its information collections that require submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). 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.

I. The information collections listed below will be submitted to OMB within 60 days from the date of this notice. Therefore, comments and recommendations regarding the information collections would be most useful if received by the Agency within 60 days from the date of this publication. Comments should be directed to the SSA Reports Clearance Officer at the address listed at the end of this publication. You can obtain a copy of the collection instruments by calling the SSA Reports Clearance Officer on (410) 965-4145, or by writing to him at the address listed at the end of this publication.

1. Request for Reconsideration-0960-NEW. The information collected on Form SSA-561 is used by the Social Security Administration (SSA) to document and initiate the reconsideration process for determining entitlement to Social Security benefits under (title II), Supplemental Security Income payments (title XVI), Special Veterans Benefits (title VIII) and Medicare benefits (title XVIII). The respondents are individuals filing for such reconsideration.

Number of respondents: 1,455,000.

Number of Response: 1.

Average burden per response: 8 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 194,000.

2. Disability Hearing Officer's Decision—Title XVI Disabled Child Continuing Disability Review—0960-NEW. The information collected on form SSA-1209 will be used by State Disability Hearing Officers (DHO) to formalize disability decisions. The form will aid the DHO in addressing the crucial elements of the case in a sequential and logical fashion. The form is used as the official determination of the DHO's decision and the personalized portion of the notice to the claimant.

Number of Respondents: 40,000.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 3.6 hours.

Estimated Annual Burden: 144,000 hours.

II. The information collections listed below have been submitted to OMB for clearance. Written comments and recommendations on the information collections would be most useful if received within 30 days from the date of this publication. Comments should be directed to the SSA Reports Clearance Officer and the OMB Desk Officer at the addresses listed at the end of this publication. You can obtain a copy of the OMB clearance packages by calling the SSA Reports Clearance Officer on (410) 965-4145, or by writing to him.

1. Claimant's Medications-0960-0289. SSA uses Form HA-4632 to request that applicants for disability benefits provide information to facilitate processing their title II, Old-Age, Survivors and Disability Insurance (OASDI) and Title XVI, Supplemental Security Income (SSI) claims. The form elicits from the claimants an updated list of medications used by the claimants. It enables the Administrative Law Judge hearing the case to fully inquire into medical treatment the claimant is receiving and the effect of medications on the claimant's medical impairments. The respondents are applicants for OASDI and SSI benefits.

Number of Respondents: 171,939.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 15 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 42,985 hours.

2. Statement of Employer-0960-0030. The information collected on Form SSA-7011 is needed by SSA to substantiate allegations of wages paid to workers when those wages do not appear in SSA's records of earnings and the worker does not have proof that payment was made. This information is used to process claims for social security benefits and to resolve discrepancies in earnings records. The respondents are certain employers who can verify allegations of wages made by the wage earner.

Number of Respondents: 925,000.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 20 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 308,333 hours.

3. Request for SSI Benefit Estimate-0960-0492. SSA uses Form SSA-3716 for an SSI beneficiary who wishes to request a 5-month estimate of what their benefits would be if they should return

to work in the future. The respondents are SSI recipients.

Number of Respondents: 50,000.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 5 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 4,167 hours.

(SSA Address)

Social Security Administration,
DCFAM, Attn: Frederick W.
Brickenkamp, 6401 Security Blvd., 1-
A-21 Operations Bldg., Baltimore,
MD 21235.

(OMB Address)

Office of Management and Budget,
OIRA, Attn: Desk Officer for SSA,
New Executive Office Building, Room
10230, 725 17th St., NW, Washington,
D.C. 20503.

Dated: April 3, 2000.

Frederick W. Brickenkamp,

Reports Clearance Officer, Social Security Administration.

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**OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES
TRADE REPRESENTATIVE**
**Generalized System of Preferences
(GSP); Public Hearings for the
Petitions for the GSP 1999 IPR Country
Practices Review, Additional Change
in Schedule of Hearings and Deadline
for Submitting Comments on Petitions
for the GSP 1999 Country Practices
Review**

AGENCY: Office of the United States
Trade Representative (USTR).

ACTION: Notice of Change in Schedule of
Hearings and Deadline for Submitting
Comments on Petitions for the GSP 1999
Country Practices Review.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is
hereby given of a change in the date,
and a change in the date for submission
of comments, for the GSP Public
Hearings to be held for country practice
petitions accepted for review in the GSP
1999 Country Practices Review. These
hearings were scheduled for April 3 and
April 4, 2000, and then rescheduled for
April 13 and April 14, beginning at
10:00 a.m. A **Federal Register** notice
regarding these hearings was published
on February 14, 2000 (65 FR 7410-
7412), and then another published on
March 1, 2000 (65 FR 11104-11105).

The scheduled dates for the GSP
Public Hearings are changed from April
3 and April 4, 2000, and again from
April 13 and April 14, to May 12. There
is only one day of hearings. The location

of the GSP Hearings remains the same at the White House Conference Center, the Truman Room, 726 Jackson Place, NW, Washington, DC 20500. The deadline for submission of Post-hearing Briefs and Rebuttal Briefs is changed to

June 9. The Hearings will begin at 10:00 a.m. See attached revised calendar.

All other information in the notice at 65 FR 7410 (February 14, 2000) remains the same.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: GSP Subcommittee, Office of the United

States Trade Representative, 600 17th Street, NW, Room 518, Washington, DC 20508 (Tel. 202/395-6971).

Jon Rosenbaum,

Assistant USTR for Trade and Development.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20508

*** Rev. 4-4-2000 New Date For Hearings/Submission**

GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES (GSP)

1999 GSP ANNUAL REVIEW

IPR COUNTRY PRACTICE CASES ACCEPTED FOR REVIEW

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| Armenia | 005-CP-99 |
| Dominican Republic | 007-CP-99 |
| Kazakhstan | 008-CP-99 |
| Moldova | 011-CP-99 |
| Ukraine | 015-CP-99 |
| Uzbekistan | 016-CP-99 |

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND COMMENT SCHEDULE

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| March 16, 2000 | <p>Deadline for REQUESTS TO APPEAR AT PUBLIC HEARINGS and submission of PRE-HEARING BRIEFS.</p> <p>Deadline for providing the name, address, and organization of witnesses.</p> |
| * May 12, 2000 - One Day Only | <p>PUBLIC HEARINGS, LOCATION REMAINS SAME: White House Conference Center, 726 Jackson Place, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20500</p> |
| * June 9, 2000 | <p>Deadline for submission of POST-HEARING BRIEFS and REBUTTAL BRIEFS.</p> |
| Future Federal Register Notice | <p>Date Modifications to GSP List of Beneficiary Developing Countries will take effect.</p> |
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| For further information contact: | <p>GSP Information Center Office of the U.S. Trade Representative 600 17th Street Washington, D.C. 20508 202-395-6971</p> |
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| Notification of any changes will be given in the <u>Federal Register</u> . | |

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Highway Administration****Federal Transit Administration****[FTA/FHWA Docket No. FTA-2000-7171]****Notice of Request for the Extension of Currently Approved Information Collections**

AGENCIES: Federal Transit Administration (FTA), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intention of the FTA and FHWA to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to extend the following currently approved information collection: Metropolitan and Statewide Transportation Planning.

DATES: Comments must be submitted before June 6, 2000.

ADDRESSES: All written comments must refer to the docket number that appears at the top of this document and be submitted to the United States Department of Transportation, Central Dockets Office, PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590. All comments received will be available for examination at the above address from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays. Those desiring notification of receipt of comments must include a self-addressed, stamped postcard/envelope.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Robert Stout, FTA, (202) 366-1628 or Mr. Sheldon Edner, FHWA, (202) 366-4066.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Interested parties are invited to send comments regarding any aspect of this information collection, including: (1) The necessity and utility of the information collection for the proper performance of the functions of the FTA and the FHWA; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways to minimize the collection burden without reducing the quality of the collected information. Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB reinstatement of this information collection.

Title: Metropolitan and Statewide Transportation Planning (OMB Number: 2132-0529).

Background: The FTA and FHWA jointly carry out the Federal mandate to improve urban and rural transportation. 49 U.S.C. 5303-5306 and 23 U.S.C. 134 and 135 require metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) and States to develop transportation plans and programs. The information collection activities involved in developing the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, the Statewide Transportation Plan, the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) are necessary to identify and evaluate the transportation issues and needs in each urbanized area and throughout every State. These products of the transportation planning process are essential elements in the reasonable planning and programming of federally-funded transportation investments.

In addition to serving as a management tool for MPOs and State DOTs, the UPWP is used by both FTA and FHWA to oversee the expenditure of federal transportation planning funds and to monitor the transportation planning activities of those agencies. It is also needed to develop policy on using funds, monitor State and local compliance with national technical emphasis areas, respond to congressional inquiries, prepare congressional testimony, and ensure efficiency in the use and expenditure of federal funds by determining that planning proposals are both reasonable and cost-effective. 49 U.S.C. Section 5304 and 23 U.S.C. 134(h) require the development of TIPs for urbanized areas; STIPs are mandated by 23 U.S.C. 135(f). After approval by the Governor and MPO, metropolitan TIPs in air quality attainment areas are to be incorporated directly into the STIP. For nonattainment areas, FTA/FHWA must make a conformity finding on the TIPs before including them into the STIP. The complete STIP is then jointly reviewed and approved or disapproved by FTA and FHWA. These conformity findings and approval actions constitute the determination that States are complying with the requirements of 23 U.S.C. 135 and 49 U.S.C. Section 5303 as a condition of eligibility for federal-aid funding. Without these documents, approvals and findings, capital and/or operating assistance, cannot be provided.

Respondents: State Departments of Transportation (DOTs) and Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs).

Estimated Annual Burden on Respondents: 646 hours for each of the 392 respondents.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 253,250 hours.

Frequency: Annually and biennially.

Issued: April 3, 2000.

Dorrie Y. Aldrich,
FTA Associate Administrator for Administration.

Dated: April 3, 2000.

Michael J. Vecchiatti,
FHWA Acting Director of Administration.
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Railroad Administration****Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request**

AGENCY: Federal Railroad Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Information Collection Requirements (ICRs) abstracted below have been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The ICRs describes the nature of the information collections and their expected burdens. The **Federal Register** notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collections of information was published on January 26, 2000 (65 FR 4297).

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before May 8, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Robert Brogan, Office of Planning and Evaluation Division, RRS-21, Federal Railroad Administration, 1120 Vermont Ave., NW, Mail Stop 17, Washington, DC 20590 (telephone: (202) 493-6292), or Dian Deal, Office of Information Technology and Productivity Improvement, RAD-20, Federal Railroad Administration, 1120 Vermont Ave., NW, Mail Stop 35, Washington, DC 20590 (telephone: (202) 493-6133). (These telephone numbers are not toll-free.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), Pub. L. 104-13, § 2, 109 Stat. 163 (1995) (codified as revised at 44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), and its implementing regulations, 5 CFR part 1320, require Federal agencies to issue two notices seeking public comment on information collection activities before OMB may