

2001. The monthly SGA amount for non-blind disabled individuals for 2002 shall be the larger of: (1) such amount for 2000 multiplied by the ratio of the national average wage index for 2000 to that for 1998; or (2) such amount for 2001. In either case, if a resulting amount is not a multiple of \$10, it shall be rounded to the nearest multiple of \$10.

#### *SGA Amount for Statutorily Blind Individuals*

Multiplying the 1994 monthly SGA amount for statutorily blind individuals (\$930) by the ratio of the national average wage index for 2000 (\$32,154.82) to that for 1992 (\$22,935.42) produces the amount of \$1,303.83. We then round this amount to \$1,300. Because \$1,300 is larger than the current amount of \$1,240, the monthly SGA amount for statutorily blind individuals is \$1,300 for 2002.

#### *SGA Amount for Non-Blind Disabled Individuals*

Multiplying the 2000 monthly SGA amount for non-blind individuals (\$700) by the ratio of the national average wage index for 2000 (\$32,154.82) to that for 1998 (\$28,861.44) produces the amount of \$779.88. We then round this amount to \$780. Because \$780 is larger than the current amount of \$740, the monthly SGA amount for non-blind individuals is \$780 for 2002.

#### **Trial Work Period Earnings Threshold**

##### *General*

During a trial work period, a beneficiary receiving Social Security disability benefits may test his or her ability to work and still be considered disabled. We do not consider services performed during the trial work period as showing that the disability has ended until services have been performed in at least 9 months (not necessarily consecutive) in a rolling 60-month period. In 2001, any month in which earnings exceed \$530 is considered a month of services for an individual's trial work period. In 2002, this monthly amount increases to \$560.

##### *Computation*

The method used to determine the new amount is set forth in our regulations at 20 CFR 404.1592(b), as revised on December 29, 2000, at 65 FR 82905. Monthly earnings in 2002, used to determine whether a month is part of a trial work period, is such amount for 2001 multiplied by the ratio of the national average wage index for 2000 to that for 1999, or, if larger, such amount for 2001. If the amount so calculated is

not a multiple of \$10, we round it to the nearest multiple of \$10.

##### *Amount*

Multiplying the 2001 monthly earnings threshold (\$530) by the ratio of the national average wage index for 2000 (\$32,154.82) to that for 1999 (\$30,469.84) produces the amount of \$559.31. We then round this amount to \$560. Because \$560 is larger than the current amount of \$530, the monthly earnings threshold is \$560 for 2002.

#### **Domestic Employee Coverage Threshold**

##### *General*

The minimum amount a domestic worker must earn so that such earnings are covered under Social Security or Medicare is the domestic employee coverage threshold. For 2002, this threshold is \$1,300. Section 3121(x) of the Internal Revenue Code provides the formula for increasing the threshold.

##### *Computation*

Under the formula, the domestic employee coverage threshold amount for 2002 shall be equal to the 1995 amount of \$1,000 multiplied by the ratio of the national average wage index for 2000 to that for 1993. If the resulting amount is not a multiple of \$100, it shall be rounded to the next lower multiple of \$100.

#### *Domestic Employee Coverage Threshold Amount*

Multiplying the 1995 domestic employee coverage threshold amount (\$1,000) by the ratio of the national average wage index for 2000 (\$32,154.82) to that for 1993 (\$23,132.67) produces the amount of \$1,390.02. We then round this amount to \$1,300. Accordingly, the domestic employee coverage threshold amount is \$1,300 for 2002.

#### **Election Worker Coverage Threshold**

##### *General*

The minimum amount an election worker must earn so that such earnings are covered under Social Security or Medicare is the election employee coverage threshold. For 2002, this threshold is \$1,200. Section 218(c)(8)(B) of the Act provides the formula for increasing the threshold.

##### *Computation*

Under the formula, the election worker coverage threshold amount for 2002 shall be equal to the 1999 amount of \$1,000 multiplied by the ratio of the national average wage index for 2000 to that for 1997. If the amount so

determined is not a multiple of \$100, it shall be rounded to the nearest multiple of \$100.

#### *Election Worker Coverage Threshold Amount*

Multiplying the 1999 election worker coverage threshold amount (\$1,000) by the ratio of the national average wage index for 2000 (\$32,154.82) compared to that for 1997 (\$27,426.00) produces the amount of \$1,172.42. We then round this amount to \$1,200. Accordingly, the election worker coverage threshold amount is \$1,200 for 2002.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance: Program Nos. 96.001 Social Security-Disability Insurance; 96.002 Social Security-Retirement Insurance; 96.004 Social Security-Survivors Insurance; 96.006 Supplemental Security Income)

Dated: October 19, 2001.

**Larry G. Massanari,**

*Acting Commissioner of Social Security.*

[FR Doc. 01-26911 Filed 10-24-01; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4191-02-P

## **DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

### **[Public Notice 3823]**

#### **Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Office of Citizen Exchanges (ECA/PE/C); 60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Evaluation of DOS-Sponsored Citizen Exchange Programs**

##### **ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of State is seeking Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the information collection described below. The purpose of this notice is to allow 60 days for public comment in the **Federal Register** preceding submission to OMB. This process is conducted in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

The following summarizes the information collection proposal to be submitted to OMB:

*Type of Request:* New collection.

*Originating Office:* Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Office of Citizen Exchanges (ECA/PE/C).

*Title of Information Collection:* Evaluation of DOS-Sponsored Citizen Exchange Programs.

*Frequency:* Information is collected on a per exchange program or exchange project basis.

*Form Number:* N/A [Multiple survey questionnaires may be used for exchange programs on an on-going and per-program basis.]

*Respondents:* Respondents of evaluation and/or program monitoring

information collections may include U.S. and foreign applicants, current grantee exchange visitor participants (J-1 visa) and alumni of the ECA/PE/C exchange programs, program administrators, domestic grantee organizations, foreign partner organizations, domestic and foreign hosts of exchange visitor participants, and other similar types of respondents associated with ECA/PE/C exchange programs.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1,485.

*Average Hours Per Response:* 30 minutes.

*Total Estimated Burden:* 743 (1,485 total annual response x 30 minutes).

Public comments are being solicited to permit the agency to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency.
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of technology.

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT:** Public comments, or requests for additional information, regarding the collection listed in this notice should be directed to Tamara L. Martin, U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Office of Policy and Evaluation, 301 4th Street, SW., (SA-44), Room 357, Washington, DC 20547, who may be reached on (202) 619-5307.

Dated: August 15, 2001.

**David Whitten,**

*Executive Director, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA), U.S. Department of State.*

[FR Doc. 01-26904 Filed 10-24-01; 8:45 am]

**BILLING CODE 4710-05-P**

## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 3822]

**Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Office of Citizen Exchanges (ECA/PE/C); 60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Evaluation of DOS-Sponsored Academic Exchange Programs**

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of State is seeking Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the information collection described below. The purpose of this notice is to allow 60 days for public comment in the **Federal Register** preceding submission to OMB. This process is conducted in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

The following summarizes the information collection proposal to be submitted to OMB:

*Type of Request:* New collection.

*Originating Office:* Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Office of Academic Exchanges (ECA/A).

*Title of Information Collection:* Evaluation of DOS-Sponsored Academic Exchange Programs.

*Frequency:* Information is collected on a per exchange program or exchange project basis.

*Form Number:* N/A [Multiple survey questionnaires may be used for exchange programs on an on-going and per-program basis.]

*Respondents:* Respondents of evaluation and/or program monitoring information collections may include U.S. and foreign applicants, current grantee exchange visitor participants (J-1 visa) and alumni of the ECA/A exchange programs, program administrators, domestic grantee organizations, foreign partner organizations, domestic and foreign hosts of exchange visitor participants, and other similar types of respondents associated with ECA/A exchange programs.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 2,386.

*Average Hours Per Response:* 30 minutes.

*Total Estimated Burden:* 1,193 (2,386 total annual responses x 30 minutes).

Public comments are being solicited to permit the agency to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency.
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of technology.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Public comments, or requests for additional information, regarding the

collection listed in this notice should be directed to Tamara L. Martin, U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Office of Policy and Evaluation, 301 4th Street, SW (SA-44), Room 357, Washington, DC 20547, who may be reached on (202) 619-5307.

Dated: October 15, 2001.

**David Whitten,**

*Executive Director, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA), U.S. Department of State.*

[FR Doc. 01-26905 Filed 10-24-01; 8:45 am]

**BILLING CODE 4710-05-P**

## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice #3796]

**Overseas Buildings Operations; Industry Advisory Panel: Notice of Establishment**

The Department of State is establishing an Industry Advisory Panel to serve the Director/Chief Operating Officer and staff of Overseas Buildings Operations in an advisory capacity with respect to industry and academia's latest concepts, methods, best practices, and ideas related to property management and oversight of the Department's real property assets at U.S. missions overseas. The objective is to ensure the most efficient processes and optimal solutions are utilized. The Panel will advise with respect to areas such as research and development, design, construction, the environment, seismic issues, emergency operations, security, planning and development, and banking and finance. The Under Secretary for Management has determined that the Committee is necessary and in the public interest.

The Director of Overseas Buildings Operations will appoint members that represent a cross-section of interested and qualified professionals with significant, relevant experience and diverse opinions. The Panel will follow the procedures prescribed by the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA).

Meetings will be open to the public, unless a determination is made in accordance with section 10(d) of FACA (Pub. L. 92-463) that a meeting or a portion of the meeting should be closed to the public. Notice of each Panel meeting will be provided in the **Federal Register** at least 15 days prior to the meeting date.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Sandra J. Piech, 703-516-1968.