

#### IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

##### *Electronic Comments*

- Use the Commission's Internet comment form (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>); or
- Send an e-mail to [rule-comments@sec.gov](mailto:rule-comments@sec.gov). Please include File Number SR-NASD-2004-152 on the subject line.

##### *Paper Comments*

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Jonathan G. Katz, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549-0609.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-NASD-2004-152. This file number should be included on the subject line if e-mail is used. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's Internet Web site (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>). Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Reference Room. Copies of such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the NASD. All comments received will be posted without change; the Commission does not edit personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-NASD-2004-152 and should be submitted on or before November 26, 2004.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>14</sup>

**J. Lynn Taylor,**

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#### SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM

##### **Computer Matching Between the Selective Service System and the Department of Education**

**AGENCY:** Selective Service System.

**ACTION:** Notice.

In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 522a), as amended by the Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1988 (Pub. L. 100-503), and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Guidelines on the Conduct of Matching Programs (54 FR 25818 (June 19, 1989)), and OMB Bulletin 89-22, the following information is provided:

1. *Name of participating agencies:* The Selective Service System (SSS) and the Department of Education (ED).
2. *Purpose of the match:* The purpose of this matching program is to ensure that the requirements of Section 12(f) of the Military Selective Service System Act [50 U.S.C. App. 462 (f)] are met.
3. *Authority for conducting the matching:* Computerized access to the Selective Service Registrant Registration Records (SSS 10) enables ED to confirm the registration status of applicants for assistance under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (HEA), as amended (20 U.S.C. 1070 *et seq.*). Section 12(f) of the Military Selective Service Act, as amended [50 U.S.C. App. 462(f)], denies eligibility for any form of assistance or benefit under Title IV of the HEA to any person required to present himself for and submit to registration under Section 3 of the Military Selective Service System Act [50 U.S.C. App. 453] who fails to do so in accordance with that section and any rules and regulations issued under that section. In addition, Section 12(f)(2) of the Military Selective Service System Act specifies that any person required to present himself for and submit to registration under Section 3 of the Military Selective Service System Act must file a statement with the institution of higher education where the person intends to attend or is attending that he is in compliance with the Military Selective Service System Act. Furthermore, Section 12(f)(3) of the

Military Selective Service System Act authorizes the Secretary of Education, in agreement with the Director of the Selective Service, to prescribe methods for verifying the statements of compliance filed by students.

Section 484(n) of the HEA [20 U.S.C. 1091(n)], requires the Secretary to conduct data base matches with SSS, using common demographic data elements, to enforce the Selective Service registration provisions of the Military Selective Service Act [50 U.S.C. App. 462(f)], and further states that appropriate confirmation of a person's shall fulfill the requirement to file a separate statement of compliance.

##### 4. *Categories of records and individuals covered:*

1. Federal Student Aid Application File (18-11-01). Individuals covered are men born after December 31, 1959, but at least 18 years old by June 30 of the applicable award year.

2. Selective Service Registration Records (SSS 10).

5. *Inclusive dates of the matching program:* Commence on January 1, 2005 or 40 days after copies of the matching agreement are transmitted simultaneously to the Committee on Government Affairs of the Senate, the Committee on Government Operations of the House of Representatives, and the Office of Management and Budget, whichever is later, and remain in effect for eighteen months unless earlier terminated or modified by agreement of the parties.

6. *Address for receipt of public comments or inquires:* Richard S. Flahavan, Associate Director, Office of Public and Intergovernmental Affairs, Selective Service System.

Dated: October 28, 2004.

**Jack Martin,**

*Acting Director.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 4884]

##### **Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) Request for Grant Proposals for Four (4) Study of the United States (U.S.) Institutes**

*Announcement Type:* New Cooperative Agreements.

Funding Opportunity Numbers:

- (1) Study of the U.S. Institute on Religious Pluralism—ECA/A/E/USS-05-03-RP.
- (2) Study of the U.S. Institute on U.S. Foreign Policy—ECA/A/E/USS-05-03-FP.

<sup>14</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).