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- Ways in which we can minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are asked to respond, through the use of the appropriate technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

It is estimated that 1.12 million INV 41 inquiries are sent to supervisors and employers annually. Each form takes approximately five minutes to complete. The estimated annual burden is approximately 93,300 hours. It is estimated that 434,000 INV 42 inquiries are sent to individuals annually. Each form takes approximately five minutes to complete. The estimated annual burden is approximately 36,170 hours. It is estimated that 168,000 INV 43 inquiries are sent to educational institutions annually. Each form takes approximately five minutes to complete. The estimated annual burden is approximately 14,000 hours. It is estimated that 871,000 INV 44 inquiries are sent to law enforcement agencies annually. Each form takes approximately five minutes to complete. The estimated annual burden is approximately 72,583 hours. The total number of respondents for the INV 41, INV 42, INV 43, and INV 44 is 1,417,500 and the total estimated burden is 118,125 hours.

For copies of this proposal, contact Mary Beth Smith-Toomey on (202) 606-8358, Fax (202) 418-3251 or e-mail to mbtoomey@opm.gov. Please be sure to include a mailing address with your request.

DATES: Comments on this proposal should be received within 60 calendar days from the date of this publication.

ADDRESSES: Send or deliver comments to: Kathy Dillaman, Deputy Associate Director, Center for Federal Investigative Services, U.S. Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E. Street, Room 5416, Washington, DC 20415.

FOR INFORMATION REGARDING

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**OFFICE OF PERSONNEL
MANAGEMENT**

**Proposed Collection; Comment
Request for Revised Information
Collections Fingerprint Chart Standard
Form 87 (SF-87) and Standard Form
87A (SF-87A), OMB No. 3206-0150**

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13), this notice announces that the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) intends to submit to the Office of Management and Budget a request for clearance of revised information collections. The Fingerprint Charts (SF-87 and SF-87A) are used in processing fingerprint checks submitted to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) to assist in determining whether an applicant is suitable for Federal employment and should be granted a security clearance.

The SF-87 and SF-87A are completed by:

- Applicants to Government positions;
- Incumbents of Government positions;
- Contractors for the Government; and
- Military personnel.

The SF-87 and SF-87A are used as the basis for criminal history checks to establish suitability for:

- Initial employment or retention as a Government employee;
- Initial employment or retention as a contract employee;
- Public trust positions; and
- Sensitive or national security positions requiring access to classified national security information or special nuclear information or material.

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It is estimated that 363,500 SF-87 or SF-87A inquiries are sent to individuals annually. Each form takes approximately five minutes to complete. The estimated annual burden is approximately 28,630 hours.

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**OFFICE OF PERSONNEL
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Excepted Service

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This gives notice of OPM decisions granting authority to make appointments under Schedules A, B and C in the excepted service as required by 5 CFR 6.6 and 213.103 (b).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Cathy Penn, Center for Leadership and Executive Resources Policy, Division for Strategic Human Resources Policy, 202-606-2671.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Appearing in the listing below are the individual authorities established under Schedule C between June 1, 2004, and June 30, 2004. Future notices will be published on the fourth Tuesday of each month, or as soon as possible thereafter. A consolidated listing of all authorities as of June 30 is published each year.