

Information Quality Act; and (6) other matters important to the successful achievement of the objectives of the study. Additionally, once the Agency completes its responses to the comments received from the HICCAC and the public, the HICCAC will review the Agency's responses.

EPA has already released the external draft SAP 4.6 report for public review. The **Federal Register** notice (FR 72 39798) announcing a forty-five day public comment period was posted on the U.S. Climate Change Science Program (CCSP) Web site ([www.climate-science.gov](http://www.climate-science.gov)) on July 20, 2007. This report is accessible at [www.epa.gov/ncea](http://www.epa.gov/ncea) under *Recent Additions* and is linked to the CCSP Web site.

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## GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

### GSA BULLETIN FMR 2008-B3

#### Use of Segways® and Similar Devices by Individuals with a Mobility Impairment in GSA-Controlled Federal Facilities

**AGENCY:** General Services  
Administration

**ACTION:** Notice of Interim Policy

**SUMMARY:** The General Services Administration (GSA) recognizes that some persons with mobility impairments are utilizing the Segway® Personal Transporter (Segway) and similar devices as their preferred means of locomotion. GSA is committed to making all reasonable efforts to make its facilities accessible to persons with disabilities. To that end, on December 3, 2007, GSA's Public Buildings Service issued the following interim policy to permit individuals with a mobility impairment to use these devices in Federal buildings under GSA's jurisdiction, custody or control, including those buildings delegated to other Federal agencies by the Administrator of General Services. This interim policy does not cover privately-owned leased buildings. GSA will issue a final policy once the effectiveness of the interim policy has been thoroughly reviewed and assessed.

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## GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

### [GSA Bulletin FMR 2008-B3]

*TO:* Heads of Federal Agencies

*SUBJECT:* Use of Segways® and Similar Devices by Individuals with a Mobility Impairment in GSA-Controlled Federal Facilities

#### Interim Segway® Personal Transporter Policy

The General Services Administration (GSA) recognizes that some persons with mobility impairments are utilizing the Segway® Personal Transporter (Segway) and similar devices as their preferred means of locomotion. GSA is committed to making all reasonable efforts to make its facilities accessible to persons with disabilities. To that end, GSA's Public Buildings Service is issuing this interim policy to permit individuals with a mobility impairment to use these devices in Federal buildings under GSA's jurisdiction, custody or control, including those buildings delegated to other Federal agencies by the Administrator of General Services. This interim policy does not cover privately-owned leased buildings. The use of Segways and other similar devices in leased locations should be negotiated with the building lessor. No alterations or modifications should be required for Segways or similar devices to enter GSA-controlled buildings. GSA will continue to comply with the building accessibility standards identified in 41 C.F.R. § 102-76.65.

GSA will issue a final policy once the effectiveness of the interim policy has been thoroughly reviewed and assessed. The following interim policy is designed to facilitate the safe integration of these mobility devices into the Federal workplace.

#### *Definition of Segway and Scope of Interim Policy*

A Segway is a two-wheeled, gyroscopically stabilized, battery-powered personal transportation device. Additional information on this device is available at the following link: <http://www.segway.com>. This policy applies not only to the brand name Segway®, but also to any similar device that is being used as a mobility aid by an individual with a mobility impairment.

This policy does not cover motorcycles, mopeds, tricycles, bicycles (whether or not motor-powered), or other similar devices not permitted to be operated in Federal buildings.

For purposes of this policy, an "individual with a mobility impairment" means any person who is subject to any physical impairment or condition regardless of its cause, nature or extent that renders the person unable to move about without the aid of crutches, a wheelchair or any other form of support, or that limits the person's functional ability to ambulate, climb, descend, sit, or rise, or to perform any related function.

#### *Applicability*

*Individual with a Mobility Impairment* - An individual with a mobility impairment is permitted to operate a Segway in a Federal building under the jurisdiction, custody or control of GSA in any areas open to pedestrian use.

*Individual without a Mobility Impairment* - An individual without a mobility impairment is not permitted to operate a Segway within a Federal building under the jurisdiction, custody or control of GSA. An individual may bring a Segway into a Federal building, provided the "power assist" mode, or any other mode that engages the battery, is not used when walking the Segway, unless the on-site security personnel or building manager determines that bringing the device into the building is not reasonable in the specific circumstances. Requests for waivers to the policy prohibiting an individual without a mobility impairment from operating a Segway in a Federal building under the jurisdiction, custody or control of GSA will be considered on a case-by-case basis and will require the approval of the appropriate GSA Assistant Regional Administrator, Public Buildings Service, where such specific authorization may facilitate improvements in the efficiency in performing work assignments. One example of a circumstance in which a waiver could be appropriate is an individual without a mobility impairment who performs work in areas that are spacious, such as a warehouse, where four-wheeled, battery-operated devices are currently in use.

#### *Safety*

The Segway must be operated in a manner that does not compromise the safety of the user, the building occupants or the building infrastructure. Those individuals operating a Segway within a Federal building must remain in control at all times and must exercise caution when turning corners and

entering or exiting elevators. GSA requires users to operate their Segway at a speed no greater than a walking pace of three (3) miles per hour. Security personnel, as well as GSA personnel and other agency personnel in delegated buildings, shall monitor, to the extent practical, the safe and responsible operation of Segway devices by their users. Should security or building management personnel observe the unsafe operation of a Segway device, these individuals shall remind the user of their responsibility for the safe operation of the Segway and the user's accountability for not operating the device at a speed that exceeds three (3) miles per hour.

*Security (where access is controlled by security personnel and screening devices)*

Magnetometer and X-ray security screening devices are ineffective for the evaluation of Segways. Segway representatives have reported that magnetometer devices affect the operation and software programs of the transporter device when coming in contact with or close proximity to magnetic fields. Accordingly, Segway recommends that the transporter device not be operated within five (5) feet of any magnetometer or X-ray security screening device. If within five (5) feet of a magnetometer or X-ray security screening device, the user of the transporter device should place the unit in standby mode or powered off mode to prevent damage to the transporter device.

GSA and associated building security personnel reserve the right to inspect Segway devices upon entrance to a Federal building. Upon entering a Federal building under the jurisdiction, custody or control of GSA, security personnel shall notify the individual that only those persons with a mobility impairment are authorized to operate a Segway within the building. The security personnel may not ask a person using the device questions about the nature and extent of the person's disability. Security personnel shall inspect Segways in the same manner as

other motorized devices that enter the building, including electric wheelchairs and scooters. Security personnel may request that the Segway user demonstrate that the device is operational thereby ensuring that the device contains its propulsion and battery equipment. The Segway user will be subject to the appropriate screening protocols established by security personnel for the protection of occupants, visitors and facilities, while maintaining the dignity of all persons who enter the building.

*Vertical Transportation*

Segway devices are permitted on elevators, but are not permitted on escalators, as per manufacturer guidance.

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

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**Agency Information Collection Request. 60-Day Public Comment Request**

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Secretary (OS), Department of Health and Human Services, is publishing the following summary of a proposed information collection request for public comment. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including any of the following subjects: (1) The necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, e-mail your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and OS document identifier, to *Sherette.funncoleman@hhs.gov*, or call the Reports Clearance Office on (202) 690-6162. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections must be received with 60 days.

*Proposed Project: SF-424*  
Mandatory—OMB No. 4040-0002-Revision—Grants.gov.

*Abstract:* This collection is the government-wide form used for mandatory grant programs. Proposed revision to the form includes the addition of a data block that will collect the "Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project." The data field labeled "County" will be revised to read "County/Parish." The instructions are also being revised to incorporate the new descriptive title block and also, revisions to the instructions for areas affected by funding and the congressional district. Changes to the instructions will increase data quality and clarity for the collection.

Adding an additional data block is necessary to comply with the requirements of the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA). FFATA was signed into law on September 26, 2006 (Pub. L. 109-282). The legislation requires the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to establish a publicly available, online database containing information about entities that are awarded federal grants, loans, and contracts. The revised form will assist agencies in collecting the required data elements for the database through the SF-424 applications. This form will be utilized on occasion by up to 26 Federal grant making agencies with mandatory grant programs. We are requesting a 2-year clearance of this form. The affected public includes, Federal, State, local or tribal governments, business or other for profit, and not for profit institutions.

**ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN TABLE**

| Agency     | Number of respondents | Number of responses per respondent | Average burden per response (in hours) | Total burden hours |
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| DOL .....  | 110                   | 2.6                                | 1                                      | 286                |
| DOT .....  | 50                    | 1.1                                | 1                                      | 55                 |
| DoED ..... | 114                   | 1                                  | 1                                      | 114                |
| NEA .....  | 65                    | 1                                  | 32/60                                  | 35                 |
| USDA ..... | 317                   | 1                                  | 1                                      | 317                |