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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

**AGENCY:** Federal Student Aid, Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice of a new system of records.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, Federal Student Aid (FSA) of the U.S. Department of Education publishes this notice of a new system of records for the FSA Students Portal. FSA is requesting to modify the existing FSA Students Portal in order to bring together in one, simple Web site all the information and productivity tools relevant to FSA's customers. This modification will assist FSA's customers in making informed financial aid decisions by allowing them to customize information based upon their own criteria.

**DATES:** The Department seeks comment on the new system of records described in this notice, in accordance with the requirements of the Privacy Act. We must receive your comments on the proposed routine uses for this system of records included in this notice on or before May 30, 2003.

The Department has filed a report describing the new system of records covered by this notice with the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs, the Chairman of the House Committee on Government Reform, and the Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB) on April 25, 2003. This new system of records will become effective at the later date of—(1) the expiration of the 40-day period for OMB review on June 4, 2003 or (2) May 30, 2003, unless the system of records needs to be changed as a result of public comment or OMB review.

**ADDRESSES:** Address all comments on the proposed routine uses to Adam Essex, Federal Student Aid, U.S. Department of Education, 830 First St., NE., Rm 31K1, Washington, DC 20202. If you prefer to send your comments through the Internet, use the following address: *Comments@ed.gov*. You must include the term "FSA Students Portal" in the subject line of your electronic message.

During and after the comment period, you may inspect all comments about this notice at Federal Student Aid (FSA), U.S. Department of Education, 830 First St., NE., Rm 31K1, Washington, DC 20202, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday of each week except Federal holidays.

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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Adam Essex, Telephone: (202) 377-3515. If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), you may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

Individuals with disabilities may obtain this document in an alternative format (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, or computer diskette) on request to the contact person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Introduction

The Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a(e)(4)) requires the Department to publish in the **Federal Register** this notice of a new system of records maintained by the Department. The Department's regulations implementing the Privacy Act of 1974 are contained in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) in 34 CFR part 5b.

The Privacy Act of 1974 (Privacy Act), 5 U.S.C. 552a, applies to a record about an individual that is retrieved by a unique identifier associated with each individual, such as a name or social security number. The information about each individual is called a "record" and the system, whether manual or computer-driven, is called a "system of

records." The Privacy Act requires each agency to publish notices of systems of records in the **Federal Register** and to prepare reports to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) whenever the agency publishes a new or "altered" system of records.

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**Authority:** 40 U.S.C. 1425(b).

Dated: April 25, 2003.

**Theresa S. Shaw,**  
Chief Operating Officer, Federal Student Aid.

For reasons discussed in the preamble, the Chief Operating Officer of Federal Student Aid (FSA) of the U.S. Department of Education publishes a notice of a new system of records to read as follows:

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#### SYSTEM NAME:

FSA Students Portal.

#### SECURITY CLASSIFICATION:

None.

#### SYSTEM LOCATION(S):

(1) Virtual Data Center (VDC) (operated by CSC, Inc.), Meriden Data Center, 71 Deerfield Lane, Meriden, CT 06450.

(2) Students Portal Database (operated by XAP Corp.) 3534 Hayden Ave., Culver City, CA 90232.

#### CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

Any user with Internet accessibility that is interested in exploring financial aid information and chooses to personalize the "Students Portal" an Internet Portal web site (hereafter "the Web site"). The personalization functionality is referred to as "My FSA" (<http://www.studentaid.ed.gov>).