

are: name, social security number, password request code, benefit payment amount, and other shared secret types of information from SSA records. Once the requestor's identity is verified, SSA issues a PIN to the requestor which will allow them to establish a password for use with SSA Internet/telephone transactions. Until now, the services offered have been primarily to beneficiaries receiving benefits under title II of the Social Security Act, including Retirement, Survivors and Disability benefits. SSA now offers the opportunity for certain beneficiaries receiving benefits under title XVI of the Social Security Act, known as SSI, to report their wages electronically. SSA has initiated a 6-month Proof of Concept project to test the beneficiary acceptance of this technology for reporting wages. Participation in this Proof of Concept is voluntary. Individuals who must report wages include SSI beneficiaries, and, in some cases, the parent or spouse of the SSI beneficiary. In order to use SSA's electronic services, SSA must authenticate the person using its PIN/password process to protect the information in its records from those not authorized to receive it. This technology is expected to be more secure, less burdensome, faster and provide better customer service than other available options. The respondents are individuals who elect to conduct business with the agency in an electronic medium.

Type of Request: Extension of an OMB-approved Information Collection.

Number of Respondents: 412,267.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 10 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 68,711 hours.

7. *Student Reporting Form—20 CFR 404 Subpart B, and 20 CFR 422 Subparts D & E—0960-0088.* Form SSA-1383 is used by Social Security student beneficiaries to report events or changes that may affect continuing entitlement to these benefits. We are revising this form in order to solicit information about incarceration in compliance with current law. The respondents are Social Security student beneficiaries.

Type of Request: Revision of an OMB-approved Information Collection.

Number of Respondents: 75,000.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 6 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 7,500 hours.

8. *Waiver of Right to Appear; 20 CFR 404.913-914, 20 CFR 404.916(b)(5); 20 CFR 416.1413-.1414 and 416(b)(5)—*

0960-0534. SSA uses Form SSA-773-U4 to provide claimants with an effective means of requesting a waiver of their right to appear at a disability hearing. The information collected will be used as documentation that claimants understand their rights to appear and the effects of the decision to waive this right. The respondents are claimants under Title II (Old-Age, Survivors and Disability Insurance) and Title XVI (SSI) of the Social Security Act, who wish to waive their right to a disability hearing.

Type of Request: Extension of an OMB-approved Information Collection.

Number of Respondents: 200.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 3 minutes.

Annual Burden: 10 hours.

III. *Action: Notice of OMB Approval.*

As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3507), SSA is providing notice of OMB's approval of the information collections in 20 CFR parts 404 subpart P & 416 subpart I. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, persons are not required to respond to an information collection unless it displays a valid Office of Management and Budget control number. The OMB Number is 0960-0654, which expires October 31, 2006.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Statement of Organization, Functions and Delegations of Authority

This statement amends Part S of the Statement of the Organization, Functions and Delegations of Authority which covers the Social Security Administration (SSA). Notice is given that Chapter S8 for the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) is being amended to add, revise, and delete functions; retitle the name of the Office of the Counsel to the Inspector General; as well as, make several administrative and clerical revisions. The material changes are as follows: The Immediate Office of the Inspector General is being revised to add functions; the Office of Executive Operations within the Office of the Inspector General is also being revised to add and delete functions; the Office of the Counsel to the Inspector General is being retitled; and the Office of Investigations, within the Office of

the Inspector General is being revised to add and delete functions.

Section S8.00 *The Office of the Inspector General—(Mission):*

Delete in its entirety and replace with the following:

The Office of the Inspector General (OIG) is directly responsible for meeting the statutory mission of promoting economy, efficiency, and effectiveness in the administration of Social Security Administration (SSA) programs and operations and to prevent and detect fraud, waste, abuse, and mismanagement in such programs and operations. To accomplish this mission, the OIG directs, conducts and supervises a comprehensive program of audits, evaluations and investigations, relating to SSA's programs and operations. OIG also searches for and reports systemic weaknesses in SSA programs and operations, makes recommendations for needed improvements, and corrective action.

Section S8.10 *The Office of the Inspector General —(Organization):*

Delete in its entirety and replace with the following:

The Office of the Inspector General under the leadership of the Inspector General includes the:

A. Inspector General (S8)

B. Deputy Inspector General (S8)

C. Immediate Office of the Inspector General (S8A)

D. Office of Investigations (S8B)

E. Office of Audit (S8C)

F. Office of Executive Operations (OEO) (S8L)⁵

G. Office of the Chief Counsel to the Inspector General (S8H)

Section S8.20 *The Office of the Inspector General—(Functions):*

Delete paragraph C in its entirety and replace with the following:

C. The Immediate Office of the Inspector General (S8A) provides the Inspector General and Deputy Inspector General with staff assistance on the full range of their responsibilities and administers a comprehensive Professional Responsibility and Quality Assurance program that ensures the adequacy of OIG compliance with its policies and procedures, internal controls and professional standards. In addition, the Immediate OIG oversees the Ombudsman program to provide OIG employees with confidential and informal assistance for resolving work-related conflicts, disputes, and grievances; to promote fair and equitable treatment within OIG; and to work towards improving the overall quality of worklife for OIG employees. The Immediate OIG also directs reviews and takes actions to ensure the