

USCIS believes the information would assist enforcement of civil or criminal laws;

H. To Federal and foreign government intelligence or counterterrorism agencies or components where USCIS becomes aware of an indication of a threat or potential threat to national or international security, or where such use is to assist in anti-terrorism efforts and disclosure is appropriate to the proper performance of the official duties of the person making the disclosure;

I. To a Federal, State, local, tribal, territorial, foreign, or international agency, if necessary to obtain information relevant to a Department of Homeland Security decision concerning the hiring or retention of an employee, the issuance of a security clearance, the reporting of an investigation of an employee, the letting of a contract, or the issuance of a license, grant or other benefit.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

STORAGE:

Records in the system will be stored in a central computer database.

RETRIEVABILITY:

A combination of the following BCS data elements may be used to initiate a query in order to retrieve data from the BCS User Interface. These data elements include, an individual's Alien File Number; Name and Date of Birth; and Receipt Number.

SAFEGUARDS:

Information in this system is safeguarded in accordance with applicable laws and policies, including the DHS Information Technology Security Program Handbook. All records are protected from unauthorized access through appropriate administrative, physical, and technical safeguards. These safeguards include restricting access to authorized personnel who have a need-to-know, using locks, and password protection identification features. The system is also protected through a multi-layer security approach. The protective strategies are physical, technical, administrative and environmental in nature and provide access control to sensitive data, physical access control to DHS facilities, confidentiality of communications, authentication of sending parties, and personnel screening to ensure that all personnel with access to data are screened through background investigations commensurate with the level of access required to perform their duties.

RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:

The following USCIS proposal for retention and disposal is pending approval by the National Archives and Records Administration. Records are stored and retained in the BCS Repository for 75 years, during which time the records will be archived. Background checks are conducted on individuals/petitioners from the age of 14 and up. The 75 year retention rate comes from the length of time USCIS may interact with a customer. Further, retaining the data for this period of time will enable USCIS to fight identity fraud and misappropriated benefits.

SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:

Greg Collett, Branch Chief of Application Support for Office of Field Operations, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security, 20 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20529

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:

All individuals applying for Immigration benefits are presented with both Privacy Act notices and a Signature Certification and Authorization for Release of personally identifiable information on all USCIS forms, which must be signed. These two notices supply individuals with information regarding uses of the data.

RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:

To determine whether this system contains records relating to you, write the USCIS Freedom of Information Act/Privacy Act officer. Mail requests to: Elizabeth S. Gaffin, Privacy Officer, Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, 20 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Room 4210, Washington, DC 20529.

CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:

See the "Notification Procedure" above.

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

Information contained in this system of records is obtained from USCIS Systems of Records; including, CLAIMS3, CLAIMS4, RAPS, and MFAS. Information contained in the system is also obtained from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the United States Customs and Border Protection Services. All information contained in BCS is derived from the above systems.

EXEMPTIONS CLAIMED FOR THE SYSTEM:

None.

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Hugo Teufel III,

Chief Privacy Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Federal Emergency Management Agency, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on a proposed revision of a currently approved information collection. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice seeks comments concerning Disaster Assistance Registration applications.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (the Stafford Act), Public Law 93-288, as amended, is the legal basis for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to provide financial assistance and services to individuals who apply for disaster assistance benefits in the event of a major disaster. 44 CFR, Subpart D, Federal Assistance to Individuals and Households, section 206.110 *et seq.*, implements the policy and procedures set forth in section 408 of the Stafford Act, 42 U.S.C. 5174, as amended by the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000. This program provides financial assistance and, if necessary, direct assistance to eligible individuals and households who, as a direct result of a major disaster or emergency, have uninsured or under-insured, necessary expenses and serious needs and are unable to meet such expenses or needs through other means.

Collection of Information

Title: Disaster Assistance Registration.

Type of Information Collection: Revision of a currently approved collection.

OMB Number: 1660-0002.

Form Numbers: FEMA Forms 90-69 (English) and 90-69A (Spanish), Application/Registration for Disaster Assistance, FEMA Forms 90-69B (English) and 90-69(C) Spanish, Declaration and Release.

Abstract: After a major disaster or emergency is declared by the President, a Tele-Registration 800 number is

published for individuals, to call so that they may apply for emergency assistance. FEMA service representatives will interview applicants over the telephone using an Intranet script, and record applicants' information directly into the electronic copy of FEMA Forms 90-69 (English) and 90-69A (Spanish) Application/Registration for Disaster Assistance in the National Emergency Management Information System (NEMIS) computer system. In rare circumstances, when the system is not accessible, or when phone

lines are down, FEMA representatives will record information using the paper versions of FEMA Forms 90-69 (English) and 90-69A (Spanish) Application/Registration for Disaster Assistance. The paper versions of these forms are entered into NEMIS by FEMA representatives.

In order to be eligible to receive FEMA Disaster Assistance, a member of the household must be a citizen, non-citizen national, or qualified alien of the United States. FEMA Forms 90-69B (English) and 90-69C (Spanish).

Declaration and Release form is used to certify respondents' information and eligibility, after the application process. FEMA Forms 90-69B and 90-69C further informs the respondent of the Privacy Act and Paperwork Burden Disclosure Notice. Once applicants have completed the Declaration and Release form FEMA will notify contract firms for inspection of damaged properties.

Affected Public: Individuals and Households.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:

ANNUAL BURDEN HOURS

Project/activity (survey, form(s), focus group, etc.)	No. of respondents	Frequency of responses	Burden hours per respondent	Annual responses	Total annual burden hours
Tele-Registration Application Registration for Disaster Assistance (English and Spanish).	(A) 1,151,255	(B) 1	(C) 18 min.	(AxB) 1,151,255	(AxBxC) 345,377
Internet Application Registration for Disaster Assistance (English and Spanish).	515,487	1	18 min.	515,487	154,646
Paper version of FEMA Form 90-69 and 90-69A (English and Spanish).	51,549	1	18 min.	51,549	15,465
TOTAL	1,718,291	18 minutes	1,718,291	515,488
FEMA Form 90-69B and 90-69C, Declaration and Release (English and Spanish).	1,099,706	1	2 min.	1,099,706	36,657
Receipt for Government Property (Temporary Housing Unit) (English and Spanish).	17,183	1	20 min.	17,183	5,728
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Estimated Cost: It is estimated that the annualized cost to respondents for the hour burdens will be approximately \$10,543,799 for completing the Disaster Assistance Registration applications for this collection of information. Respondents are individuals and families.

Comments: Written comments are solicited to (a) Evaluate whether the proposed data collection is necessary for the proper performance of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses. Comments must be submitted on or before February 2, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons should submit written comments to Chief, Records Management and Privacy, Information Resources Management Branch, Information Technology Services Division, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 500 C Street, SW., Room 316, Washington, DC 20472.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Contact George Fraley, Processing Service Analyst, Recovery Division, (301) 891-8696 for additional information. You may contact the Records Management Branch for copies of the proposed collection of information at facsimile number (202) 646-3347 or e-mail address: FEMA-Information-Collections@dhs.gov.

Dated: November 28, 2006.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

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Announcement of Funding Awards for the Section 811 Supportive Housing for Persons With Disabilities Program—Fiscal Year 2006

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Housing—Federal Housing Commissioner, HUD.

ACTION: Notice of funding awards.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 102(a)(4)(C) of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Reform Act of 1989, this announcement notifies the public of funding decisions made by the Department in a competition for funding under the Super Notice of Funding Availability (SuperNOFA) for the Supportive Housing for Persons With Disabilities Program. This announcement contains the names of the awardees and the amounts of the awards made available by HUD.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Willie Spearmon, Director, Office of Housing Assistance and Grant Administration, 451 Seventh Street,