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The Bureau of the Public Debt is developing an on-line order form that will be used to purchase paper Series EE or Series I U.S. Savings Bonds. This on-line form will serve as a supplement to existing printed forms that customers fill out by hand to order savings bonds. The on-line form is being developed as a client-side Javascript application that will be compatible with most web browsers. There will be no sign-in or log-in information required by the customer or financial institution to access the on-line order form. Once the information is entered in the application, the customer will be prompted to print the form and mailing instructions using an ink jet or laser printer.

The on-line application will require the same information that is asked on the paper forms. Since this is being offered as a supplement to our current method, we do not anticipate an increase in the amount of responses or burden hours. Customers will choose to use the on-line form or the printed form.

Public Debt anticipates that the on-line application will increase savings bond processing efficiency by utilizing 2D barcode technology on the form that the customer prints. In the future we anticipate reducing the amount of printed forms for this process as customers and financial institutions migrate to an all-electronic Treasury securities environment.