

**Addendum to the Supporting Statement for Forms SSA-187 and SSA-188
Incoming and Outgoing Intergovernmental Personnel Act (IPA) Assignment Agreement
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Minor Revisions to the Collection Instrument

SSA is making the following revisions:

- **Change #1:** SSA created fillable PDF versions of Forms SSA-187 and SSA-188 on our website, in place of the non-fillable PDF version we currently provide. We propose to make all form entries fillable.

Justification #1: This change will allow the respondents to continue to print and complete the form by hand, or, alternatively, complete the form using a computing device, such as a personal computer or handheld (mobile) device, print, and submit the form to SSA for processing.

- **Change #2:** SSA is removing colors other than black and white; removing the Instructions heading at the beginning of each form; and removing the logo from the Obligated Service Agreement section.

Justification #2: These changes facilitate readability by SSA's software.

- **Change #3:** SSA is building formulas into the tables that previously required manual calculations (Items 26, 27A, 30).

Justification #3: These formulas will make it easier for respondents to complete these tables with correct calculations.

- **Change #4:** SSA is changing the wording in item 27A

From: “*** Return trip costs at the end of the assignment are arbitrarily those of initial relocation unless a different method of return is planned (exclude expected job related travel expenses during assignment period which assignee will bill to gaining co-sponsor in the same manner as other employees of the gaining co-sponsor).”

To: “*** Return trip costs at the end of assignment are arbitrarily those of initial relocation unless a different method of return is planned (exclude expected job related travel expenses during assignment period).”

Justification #3: We are making this change to clarify and simplify the language.

- **Change #5:** We are revising the Privacy Act Statements on these forms.

Justification #5: SSA's Office of the General Counsel is conducting a systematic review of SSA's Privacy Act Statements on agency forms. As a result, SSA is updating the Privacy Act Statement on these forms.