

checks and make an employee's employment eligibility verification easier for future employment.

- Giving employees more direct control over their data privacy and a more direct stake in their employment eligibility verification process by creating a secure, individual account for employment eligibility verification. This better protects personally identifiable information and helps improve data accuracy.

- Allowing employees to receive notification of and resolve E-Verify mismatches directly with the government without requiring the employer to be an intermediary to print and distribute forms, which is a more secure and private process that can speed up case resolution.

- Removing the employer's primary role in the mismatch resolution process. While employers would be informed about their employee's mismatch, this process removes employers as the intermediary to communicate a mismatch to the employee, as affected employees are instead notified directly and provided the instructions required to resolve the mismatch.

The demonstration project will be built upon the existing USCIS and E-Verify web services capabilities and will be enhanced by two electronic applications for the employee and employer, respectively, each of which will have its own terms of service. USCIS will conduct detailed internal assessments of the demonstration project and intends to provide necessary reports and briefings on the project status as required by law. USCIS now welcomes comments to the proposed collection of information associated with these new functionalities.

#### Comments

You may access the information collection instrument with instructions or additional information by visiting the Federal eRulemaking Portal site at: <https://www.regulations.gov> and entering USCIS-2023-0011 in the search box. All submissions will be posted, without change, to the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <https://www.regulations.gov>, and will include any personal information you provide. Therefore, submitting this information makes it public. You may wish to consider limiting the amount of personal information that you provide in any voluntary submission you make to DHS. DHS may withhold information provided in comments from public viewing that it determines may impact the privacy of an individual or is offensive. For additional information, please read the Privacy Act notice that

is available via the link in the footer of <https://www.regulations.gov>.

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies should address one or more of the following four points:

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) 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;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) 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.

#### Overview of This Information Collection

(1) *Type of Information Collection:* New Collection.

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* E-Verify NextGen.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the DHS sponsoring the collection:* I-9NG; USCIS.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* Primary: Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions. E-Verify NextGen, I-9NG, was developed as a demonstration project to further integrate the Form I-9, Employment Eligibility Verification, process with the E-Verify electronic employment eligibility confirmation process to create a more secure and less burdensome employment eligibility verification process overall for employees and employers.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* The estimated total number of respondents for the information collection I-9NG Employers, Recruiters and Referrers for a fee, and State Employment Agencies is 189,015 and the estimated hour burden per response is 0.05 hours; the estimated total number of respondents for the information collection I-9NG Employees (New User Account Creation) is 11,668,584 and the

estimated burden per response is 0.17 hours; the estimated total number of respondents for the information collection I-9NG Employees (Employment Eligibility Verification, Form I-9NG) is 13,231,050 and the estimated burden per response is 0.08 hours; the estimated total number of respondents for the information collection by Record Keeping and Audits is 13,248,648 and the estimated burden per response is 0.17 hours.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* The total estimated annual hour burden associated with this collection is 5,955,966 hours.

(7) *An estimate of the total public burden (in cost) associated with the collection:* The estimated total annual cost burden associated with this collection of information is \$0. This is a voluntary program. Any requirements to support the verification process are already available through other approved collections of information that may be employment related or occur as a part of the hiring process.

Dated: June 23, 2023.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

#### U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

[OMB Control Number 1615-0075]

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Extension, Without Change, of a Currently Approved Collection: I-864, Affidavit of Support Under Section 213A of the INA; I-864A, Contract Between Sponsor and Household Member; I-864EZ, Affidavit of Support Under Section 213A of the INA; I-864W, Request for Exemption for Intending Immigrant's Affidavit of Support

**AGENCY:** U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security.

**ACTION:** 60-Day notice.

**SUMMARY:** U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), Department of Homeland Security (DHS), invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment upon this proposed extension of a currently approved collection of information. In

accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the information collection notice is published in the **Federal Register** to obtain comments regarding the nature of the information collection, the categories of respondents, the estimated burden (*i.e.*, the time, effort, and resources used by the respondents to respond), the estimated cost to the respondent, and the actual information collection instruments.

**DATES:** Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for 60 days until August 28, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** All submissions received must include the OMB Control Number 1615–0075 in the body of the letter, the agency name and Docket ID USCIS–2007–0029. Submit comments via the Federal eRulemaking Portal website at <https://www.regulations.gov> under e-Docket ID number USCIS–2007–0029.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** USCIS, Office of Policy and Strategy, Regulatory Coordination Division, Samantha Deshommès, Chief, telephone number (240) 721–3000 (This is not a toll-free number. Comments are not accepted via telephone message). Please note contact information provided here is solely for questions regarding this notice. It is not for individual case status inquiries. Applicants seeking information about the status of their individual cases can check Case Status Online, available at the USCIS website at <https://www.uscis.gov>, or call the USCIS Contact Center at 800–375–5283 (TTY 800–767–1833).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Comments**

You may access the information collection instrument with instructions or additional information by visiting the Federal eRulemaking Portal site at: <https://www.regulations.gov> and entering USCIS–2007–0029 in the search box. All submissions will be posted, without change, to the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <https://www.regulations.gov>, and will include any personal information you provide. Therefore, submitting this information makes it public. You may wish to consider limiting the amount of personal information that you provide in any voluntary submission you make to DHS. DHS may withhold information provided in comments from public viewing that it determines may impact the privacy of an individual or is offensive. For additional information, please read the Privacy Act notice that is available via the link in the footer of <https://www.regulations.gov>.

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies should address one or more of the following four points:

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) 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;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) 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.

**Overview of This Information Collection**

(1) Type of Information Collection: Extension, Without Change, of a Currently Approved Collection.

(2) Title of the Form/Collection: I–864, Affidavit of Support Under Section 213A of the INA; I–864A, Contract Between Sponsor and Household Member; I–864EZ, Affidavit of Support Under Section 213A of the INA; I–864W, Request for Exemption for Intending Immigrant's Affidavit of Support.

(3) Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the DHS sponsoring the collection: I–864; I–864A; I–864EZ; I–864W; USCIS.

(4) Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract: Primary: Individuals or households. USCIS uses the data collected on Form I–864 to determine whether the sponsor has the ability to support the sponsored immigrant under section 213A of the Immigration and Nationality Act. This form standardizes evaluation of a sponsor's ability to support the sponsored immigrant and ensures that basic information required to assess eligibility is provided by sponsors.

Form I–864A is a contract between the sponsor and the sponsor's household members. It is only required if the sponsor used income of their household members to reach the required 125 percent of the Federal poverty guidelines. The contract holds these household members jointly and severally liable for the support of the

sponsored immigrant. The information collection required on Form I–864A is necessary for public benefit agencies to enforce the Affidavit of Support in the event the sponsor used income of their household members to reach the required income level and the public benefit agencies are requesting reimbursement from the sponsor.

USCIS uses Form I–864EZ in exactly the same way as Form I–864; however, USCIS collects less information from the sponsors as less information is needed from those who qualify in order to make a thorough adjudication.

USCIS uses Form I–864W to determine whether the intending immigrant meets the criteria for exemption from section 213A requirements. This form collects the immigrant's basic information, such as name and address, the reason for the exemption, and accompanying documentation in support of the immigrant's claim that they are not subject to section 213.

(5) An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond: The estimated total number of respondents for the information collection Form I–864 is 453,345 and the estimated hour burden per response is 6 hours; the estimated total number of respondents for the information collection Form I–864A is 215,800 and the estimated hour burden per response is 1.75 hours; the estimated total number of respondents for the information collection Form I–864EZ is 100,000 and the estimated hour burden per response is 2.5 hours; the estimated total number of respondents for the information collection Form I–864W is 98,119 and the estimated hour burden per response is 1 hour.

(6) An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection: The total estimated annual hour burden associated with this collection is 3,445,839 hours.

(7) An estimate of the total public burden (in cost) associated with the collection: The estimated total annual cost burden associated with this collection of information is \$159,608,680.

Dated: June 23, 2023.

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