Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

AGENCY: Federal Bureau of Prisons, Department of Justice.

ACTION: Notice of a modified system of records.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. 552a, and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular No. A–130, notice is hereby given that the Federal Bureau of Prisons (Bureau, or BOP), Department of Justice (Department or DOJ) proposes to amend an existing Bureau system of records notice titled, “Inmate Central Records System, JUSTICE/BOP–005”, last modified at 77 FR 24982, on April 26 2012. The Bureau is amending routine use (i) to notify the public that the Bureau will be sharing federal inmate records with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) for matching purposes broader than are covered specifically under 38 U.S.C. 5106, Public Law 94–432.

DATES: In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552a(e)(4) and (11), the public is given a 30-day period in which to comment. Therefore, please submit any comments by May 18, 2016.

ADDRESSES: The public, OMB, and Congress are invited to submit any comments to the Department of Justice, ATTN: Privacy Analyst, Office of Privacy and Civil Liberties, National Place Building, 1331 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Suite 1000, Washington, DC 20530, or by facsimile at (202) 307–0693.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Wanda Hunt, Privacy Officer, Bureau of Prisons, 320 First Street NW., Washington, DC 20534, telephone (202) 514–6655.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Bureau last published a modified Bureau of Prisons Privacy Act system of records notice on April 26, 2012, titled “Inmate Central Records System,” JUSTICE/BOP–005, to reflect a number of changes to the notice, including changes reflecting the overall modernization and technological changes of the Bureau’s electronic information systems. This system of records is maintained by the Bureau to cover records relating to the care, classification, subsistence, protection, discipline, and programs of federal inmates. In this modification, the Bureau proposes to modify an existing routineuse, paragraph “(i)”, which was also modified pursuant to the April 26, 2012, system of records notice modification, to allow records from the Inmate Central Records System to be disclosed to any United States Veterans Administration entity or official for the purpose of matching those Bureau records against VA records to determine the eligibility or potential eligibility of Bureau inmates to receive benefits and/or services. The modification will enable BOP to more efficiently: (1) Identify inmates who may potentially be eligible for VA services upon release, (2) assist those inmates while in custody by providing to them information useful for seeking VA services upon release, and (3) evaluate which inmates may be in greater need than the general BOP population for certain BOP-provided inmate services while in custody. The modification will also remove the requirement stating “the VA is to erase the Bureau data after the match has been made” for two reasons. First, this erasure clause may unnecessarily force the VA to immediately erase data, creating difficulty for validation, auditing, and other legitimate purposes. Second, the VA is required to protect the records under the Privacy Act, and erase the data as required by the applicable disposition schedule approved by the National Archives. This system of records notice modification will not affect the existing Privacy Act exemption regulations claimed by the Attorney General.

In accordance with 5 U.S.C.552a(r), the Department has provided a report to OMB and Congress on this modified system of records.

Dated: April 8, 2016.

Erika Brown Lee,
Chief Privacy and Civil Liberties Officer, United States Department of Justice.

ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:

(i) To the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), for the purpose of matching the records against VA records to determine the eligibility or potential eligibility of Bureau inmates to receive veterans’ benefits and/or services.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

National Commission on Forensic Science Solicitation of Applications for Additional Commission Membership To Support Digital Evidence

AGENCY: Department of Justice.

ACTION: Notice of solicitation of applications for additional commission membership for the National Commission on Forensic Science specifically to fill a current vacancy to support digital evidence.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, this notice announces the solicitation of applications for additional Commission membership to fill a current vacancy to support digital evidence.

DATES: Applications must be received on or before May 18, 2016.

ADDRESSES: All applications should be submitted to: Jonathan McGrath, Designated Federal Official, 810 Seventh St. NW., Washington, DC 20531, or by email at Jonathan.McGrath@usdoj.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jonathan McGrath, Designated Federal Official, 810 Seventh St. NW., Washington, DC 20531, by email at Jonathan.McGrath@usdoj.gov, or by phone at (202) 514–6277.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. App.), this notice announces the solicitation of applications for additional Commission membership on the National Commission on Forensic Science to fill current vacancies. The National Commission on Forensic Science was chartered on April 23, 2013 and the current vacancies. The National Commission on Forensic Science waschartered on April 23, 2013 and the charter was renewed on April 23, 2015. There is currently a Commissioner vacancy to support digital evidence. This notice announces the solicitation of applications for Commission membership to fill the digital evidence vacancy.

The Commission is co-chaired by the Department of Justice and National Institute of Standards and Technology. The Commission provides recommendations and advice to the Department of Justice concerning national methods and strategies for: Strengthening the validity and reliability of the forensic sciences (including medico-legal death investigation); enhancing quality assurance and quality control in forensic science laboratories and units; identifying and recommending scientific guidance and protocols for
evidence seizure, testing, analysis, and reporting by forensic science laboratories and units; and identifying and assessing other needs of the forensic science communities to strengthen their disciplines and meet the increasing demands generated by the criminal and civil justice systems at all levels of government. Commission membership includes Federal, State, and Local forensic science service providers; research scientists and academicians; prosecutors, defense attorneys, and judges; law enforcement; and other relevant backgrounds. The Commission reports to the Attorney General, who through the Deputy Attorney General, shall direct the work of the Commission in fulfilling its mission.

The duties of the Commission include: (a) Recommending priorities for standards development; (b) reviewing and recommending endorsement of guidance identified or developed by subject-matter experts; (c) developing proposed guidance concerning the intersection of forensic science and the courtroom; (d) developing policy recommendations, including a uniform code of professional responsibility and minimum requirements for training, accreditation, and/or certification; and (e) identifying and assessing the current and future needs of the forensic sciences to strengthen their disciplines and meet growing demand.

Members will be appointed by the Attorney General in consultation with the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology and the vice-chairs of the Commission. Commission members are selected to fill vacancies to maintain a balance of perspective and diversity of experiences, including Federal, State, and Local forensic science service providers; research scientists and academicians; Federal, State, Local prosecutors, defense attorneys and judges; law enforcement; and other relevant stakeholders. DOJ encourages submissions from applicants with respect to diversity of backgrounds, professions, ethnicities, gender, and geography. The Commission shall consist of approximately 30 voting members. Members will serve without compensation. The Commission generally meets four times each year at approximately three-month intervals. Additional information regarding the Commission can be found here: http://www.justice.gov/ncfs.

Applications: Any qualified person may apply to be considered for appointment to this advisory committee. Each application should include: (1) A resume or curriculum vitae; (2) a statement of interest describing the applicant’s relevant experience; and (3) a statement of support from the applicant’s employer. Potential candidates may be asked to provide detailed information as necessary regarding financial interests, employment, and professional affiliations to evaluate possible sources of conflicts of interest. The application period will remain open through May 18, 2016. The applications must be sent in one complete package, by email, to Andrew Bruck (contact information above) with the subject line of the email entitled, “NCFS Membership 2016.” Other sources, in addition to the Federal Register notice, may be utilized in the solicitation of applications.

Dated: April 12, 2016.
Andrew Bruck,
Senior Counsel, Office of the Deputy Attorney General.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
Employment and Training Administration

Program Year (PY) 2016 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Allotments; PY 2016 Wagner-Peyser Act Final Allotments and PY 2016 Workforce Information Grants

AGENCY: Employment and Training Administration, Labor.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces allotments for PY 2016 for WIOA Title I Youth, Adults and Dislocated Worker Activities programs; final allotments for Employment Service (ES) activities under the Wagner-Peyser Act for PY 2016 and Workforce Information Grants allotments for PY 2016. WIOA allotments for States and the State final allotments for the Wagner-Peyser Act are based on formulas defined in their respective statutes. WIOA requires allotments for the outlying areas to be competitively based rather than based on a formula determined by the Secretary of Labor (Secretary) as occurred under the Workforce Investment Act (WIA). For PY 2016, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016 waives the competition requirement, and the Secretary is using the discretionary formula rationale and methodology for allocating PY 2016 funds for the outlying areas (American Samoa, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Republic of Palau, and the United States Virgin Islands) that was published in the Federal Register at 65 FR 8236 (Feb. 17, 2000). WIOA specifically included the Republic of Palau as an outlying area, except during any period for which the Secretary of Labor and the Secretary of Education determine that a Compact of Free Association is in effect and contains provisions for training and education assistance prohibiting the assistance provided under WIOA; no such determinations prohibiting assistance have been made. The formula that the Department of Labor (Department) used for PY 2016 is the same formula used in PY 2015 and is described in the section on Youth Activities program allotments.

Comments are invited on the formula used to allot funds to the outlying areas.

DATES: Comments on the formula used to allot funds to the outlying areas must be received by May 18, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments to the Employment and Training Administration (ETA), Office of Financial Administration, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Room N–4702, Washington, DC 20210. Attention: Ms. Anita Harvey, email: harvey.anita@ dol.gov.

Comments are invited on the formula used to allot funds to the outlying areas.

Please submit your comments by only one method. The Department will not review comments received by means other than those listed above or that are received after the comment period has closed.

Comments: The Department will retain all comments on this notice and will release them upon request via email to any member of the public. The Department also will make all the comments it receives available for public inspection by appointment during normal business hours at the above address. If you need assistance to review the comments, the Department will provide you with appropriate aids such as readers or print magnifiers. The Department will make copies of this notice available, upon request, in large print, Braille and electronic file. The Department also will consider providing the notice in other formats upon request. To schedule an appointment to review the comments and/or obtain the notice in an alternative format, contact Ms. Harvey using the information provided above. The Department will