

7. *Estimated Time per Respondent*: 2 minutes.

8. *Frequency*: As needed based on request.

9. *Total Estimated Annual Time Burden*: 1213 hours.

10. *Total Estimated Annual Other Costs Burden*: \$27.72 avg hourly wage × 1213 hours = \$33,624.36 cost burden.

If additional information is required, contact: Darwin Arceo, Department Clearance Officer, Enterprise Portfolio Management, Justice Management Division, United States Department of Justice, Two Constitution Square, 145 N Street NE, 4W-218, Washington, DC 20530.

Dated: August 31, 2026.

Darwin Arceo,

Department Clearance Officer for PRA, U.S. Department of Justice.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Federal-State Unemployment Compensation Program: Notice of Federal Agency With Adequate Safeguards To Satisfy the Confidentiality Requirement of 20 CFR 603.9(d)

AGENCY: Employment and Training Administration, Labor.

ACTION: Notice of Federal agency with adequate safeguards.

SUMMARY: In this notice, the Department of Labor (Department) recognizes that, for purposes of digital identity verification services, *Login.gov*, a shared technology service within the United States General Services Administration (GSA), has in place safeguards adequate to satisfy the requirements of the Federal regulation on the confidentiality and disclosure of unemployment compensation (UC) information. As a result, the safeguards and security requirements enumerated in the regulation do not apply to disclosures of confidential UC information by state UC agencies to GSA's *Login.gov* for digital identity verification services.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dennis Austin, Supervisor, Office of Unemployment Insurance, Employment and Training Administration, (202) 693-3056 (this is not a toll-free number) or 1-877-889-5627 (TTY), or by email at austin.dennis@dol.gov. Or Daniel Hays, Division Chief, Office of Unemployment Insurance, Employment and Training Administration, (202) 693-3011 (this is

not a toll-free number) or 1-877-889-5627 (TTY), or by email at hays.daniel@dol.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Employment and Training Administration (ETA) interprets Federal law requirements pertaining to UC programs. ETA interprets section 303(a)(1) of the Social Security Act to require states to maintain the confidentiality of certain UC information. The regulations at 20 CFR part 603 implement this confidentiality requirement. 20 CFR 603.9 requires States and State UC agencies to ensure that recipients of confidential UC information have certain safeguards in place before any confidential UC information may be disclosed. Section 603.9(d) provides that States are not required to apply these safeguards and security requirements to a Federal agency which the Department has determined, by notice published in the **Federal Register**, to have in place safeguards adequate to satisfy the requirements of 20 CFR 603.9.

The Department has determined that for purposes of digital identity verification services, the security standards and procedures employed by GSA's *Login.gov* for the protection of information received from claimants and state UC agencies meet the requirements of 20 CFR 603.9.

With this notice, the Department recognizes that, for the purpose of digital identity verification services, GSA's *Login.gov* has in place safeguards adequate to satisfy the requirements of 20 CFR 603.9. Thus, pursuant to 20 CFR 603.9(d), the safeguards and security requirements of 20 CFR 603.9 do not apply to disclosures of confidential UC information to GSA's *Login.gov* for digital identity verification services.

This notice is published to inform the public of the Department's determination with respect to this agency.

Marek Laco,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training, Labor.

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MILLENNIUM CHALLENGE CORPORATION

[MCC FR 26-06]

Millennium Challenge Corporation Candidate Country Report for Fiscal Year 2027

AGENCY: Millennium Challenge Corporation.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Millennium Challenge Act of 2003, as amended, requires the Millennium Challenge Corporation to publish a report that identifies countries that are "candidate countries" for Millennium Challenge Account assistance during Fiscal Year 2027. The report is set forth in full below.

(Authority: 22 U.S.C. 7707(a))

Dated: August 31, 2026.

Brian Finkelstein,

Acting Vice President, General Counsel, and Corporate Secretary.

Millennium Challenge Corporation Candidate Country Report for Fiscal Year 2027 Summary

This report to Congress is provided in accordance with section 608(a) of the Millennium Challenge Act of 2003, as amended, 22 U.S.C. 7701, 7707(a) (the Act).

The Act authorizes the provision of assistance through the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) for countries that enter into a Millennium Challenge Compact with the United States to support policies and programs that advance the progress of such countries to achieve lasting economic growth. Section 607(c)(2) of the Act requires MCC to take a number of steps in selecting countries with which MCC will seek to enter into a compact, including determining the countries that will be eligible countries for fiscal year (FY) 2027 based on (a) a country's demonstrated commitment to (i) just and democratic governance, (ii) economic freedom, and (iii) investments in its people; (b) the opportunity to reduce poverty and generate economic growth in the country; and (c) the availability of funds to MCC. These steps include the submission to the congressional committees specified in the Act and publication in the **Federal Register** of reports on the following:

- The countries that are "candidate countries" for FY 2027 based on their per capita income levels and their eligibility to receive assistance under U.S. law and countries that would be candidate countries but for specified legal prohibitions on assistance (section 608(a) of the Act);

- The criteria and methodology that the MCC Board of Directors (the Board) will use to measure and evaluate the relative policy performance of the "candidate countries" consistent with the requirements of subsections (a) and (b) of section 607 of the Act in order to determine "eligible countries" from among the "candidate countries" (section 608(b) of the Act); and

• The list of countries determined by the Board to be “eligible countries” for FY 2027, identification of such countries with which the United States, through MCC, will seek to enter into compacts, and a justification for such eligibility determination and selection for compact negotiation (section 608(d) of the Act).

This report is the first of the three required reports listed above.

Candidate Countries for FY 2027

The Act requires the identification of all countries that are candidate countries for purposes of eligibility for MCC compact assistance for FY 2027 and the identification of all countries that would be candidate countries for purposes of eligibility for MCC compact assistance but for specified legal prohibitions on assistance. Under sections 606(a) of the Act, a country is considered a candidate country for FY 2027 if it:

- has a per capita income that is not greater than the World Bank’s threshold for initiating the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development graduation process for such fiscal year (\$8,105 gross national income per capita for FY 2027);

- is not ineligible to receive United States economic assistance under part I of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended (the Foreign Assistance Act), by reason of the application of the Foreign Assistance Act or any other provision of law.

Pursuant to section 606(b) of the Act, the Board identified the following countries as candidate countries under the Act for FY 2027. In so doing, the Board referred to the prohibitions on assistance to countries for FY 2026 under the National Security, Department of State, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2026 (Div. F, P.L. 119–75) (FY 2026 NSRP).

Candidate Countries

1. Algeria
2. Angola
3. Azerbaijan
4. Bangladesh
5. Belize
6. Benin
7. Bhutan
8. Bolivia
9. Botswana
10. Burundi
11. Cabo Verde
12. Cambodia
13. Cameroon
14. Central African Republic
15. Colombia
16. Comoros
17. Congo, Democratic Republic of the
18. Congo, Republic of the

19. Côte d’Ivoire
20. Djibouti
21. Ecuador
22. Egypt
23. El Salvador
24. Equatorial Guinea
25. Eswatini
26. Ethiopia
27. Fiji
28. Gabon
29. Gambia, The
30. Ghana
31. Guatemala
32. Guinea
33. Guinea-Bissau ¹
34. Haiti
35. Honduras
36. India
37. Indonesia
38. Iraq
39. Jamaica
40. Jordan
41. Kenya
42. Kiribati
43. Kosovo
44. Kyrgyz Republic
45. Lao PDR
46. Lebanon
47. Lesotho
48. Liberia
49. Libya
50. Madagascar ²
51. Malawi
52. Mauritania
53. Micronesia, Federated States of
54. Moldova
55. Mongolia
56. Morocco
57. Mozambique
58. Namibia
59. Nepal
60. Nigeria
61. Pakistan
62. Papua New Guinea
63. Paraguay
64. Philippines
65. Rwanda
66. Samoa
67. Sao Tome and Principe
68. Senegal
69. Sierra Leone
70. Solomon Islands
71. Somalia
72. South Africa
73. Sri Lanka
74. Suriname
75. Syria
76. Tajikistan
77. Tanzania
78. Thailand
79. Timor-Leste
80. Togo
81. Tonga

¹ Guinea-Bissau shall be considered a candidate country to the extent it is deemed to be consistent with law.

² Madagascar shall be considered a candidate country to the extent it is deemed to be consistent with law.

82. Tunisia
83. Turkmenistan
84. Uganda
85. Ukraine
86. Uzbekistan
87. Vanuatu
88. Venezuela
89. Vietnam
90. Yemen
91. Zambia

Countries That Would Be Candidate Countries but for Legal Provisions That Prohibit Assistance

Countries that would be considered candidate countries for purposes of eligibility for MCC compact assistance for FY 2027 but are ineligible to receive United States economic assistance under part I of the Foreign Assistance Act by reason of the application of any provision of the Foreign Assistance Act or any other provision of law are listed below. This list is based on legal prohibitions against economic assistance that apply as of August 12, 2026.

Prohibited Countries

- *Afghanistan* is ineligible to receive foreign assistance pursuant to section 706 of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Year 2003 (Public Law 107–228), addressing major drug transit or major illicit drug producing countries, and its status as a Tier 3 country under the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (22 U.S.C. 7101 *et seq.*). There is also a restriction on assistance to the Taliban in section 7044(a) of the FY 2026 NSRP.

- *Burkina Faso* is ineligible to receive foreign assistance pursuant to the military coup restriction in section 7008 of the FY 2026 NSRP.

- *Burma* is ineligible to receive foreign assistance as it is subject to numerous restrictions including for concerns regarding its record on human rights and pursuant to the military coup restriction in section 7008 of the FY 2026 NSRP, and pursuant to section 7043(a) of the FY 2026 NSRP.

- *Chad* is ineligible to receive foreign assistance pursuant to its status as a Tier 3 country under the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (22 U.S.C. 7101 *et seq.*).

- *Democratic People’s Republic of Korea* is ineligible to receive foreign assistance as it is subject to numerous restrictions including pursuant to section 7007 of the FY 2026 NSRP and its status as a Tier 3 country under the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (22 U.S.C. 7101 *et seq.*).

- *Eritrea* is ineligible to receive foreign assistance as it is subject to numerous restrictions including for

concerns relative to its record on human rights and pursuant to its status as a Tier 3 country under the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (22 U.S.C. 7101 *et seq.*).

- *Iran* is ineligible to receive foreign assistance as it is subject to numerous restrictions including pursuant to section 7007 of the FY 2026 NSRP and its status as a Tier 3 country under the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (22 U.S.C. 7101 *et seq.*).

- *Mali* is ineligible to receive foreign assistance pursuant to the military coup restriction in section 7008 of the FY 2026 NSRP.

- *Nicaragua* is ineligible to receive foreign assistance as it is subject to numerous restrictions including pursuant to section 7047(c) of the FY 2026 NSRP related to its recognition posture with respect to the Russian Federation occupied Georgian territories of Abkhazia and Tskhinvali Region/ South Ossetia and its status as a Tier 3 country under the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (22 U.S.C. 7101 *et seq.*).

- *Niger* is ineligible to receive foreign assistance pursuant to the military coup restriction in section 7008 of the FY 2026 NSRP.

- *South Sudan* is ineligible to receive foreign assistance as it is subject to numerous restrictions including for concerns relative to its record on human rights, and pursuant to its status as a Tier 3 country under the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (22 U.S.C. 7101 *et seq.*).

- *Sudan* is ineligible to receive foreign assistance as it is subject to numerous restrictions including pursuant to the military coup restriction in section 7008 of the FY 2026 NSRP.

- *Zimbabwe* is ineligible to receive foreign assistance, including pursuant to section 7042(h)(2) of the FY 2026 NSRP, which prohibits (with limited exceptions) assistance for the central government of Zimbabwe unless the Secretary of State certifies and reports to Congress that the rule of law has been restored, including respect for ownership and title to property and freedoms of expression, association, and assembly.

Countries identified above as candidate countries, as well as countries that would be considered candidate countries but for the applicability of legal provisions that prohibit U.S. economic assistance, may be the subject of future statutory restrictions or determinations (*e.g.* a country being ranked on Tier 3 in the annual Trafficking in Persons Report issued by the U.S. Department of State, which has not received an appropriate waiver), or

changed country circumstances, that affect their legal eligibility for assistance under part I of the Foreign Assistance Act by reason of application of the Foreign Assistance Act or any other provision of law for FY 2027.

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NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

[NARA–2026–037]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: National Archives and Records Administration (NARA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: We have submitted a request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval to continue to use a currently approved information collection. This information collection, OMB 3095–0037, covers requests for civilian service records from former Federal civilian employees or other authorized individuals—for information from, or copies of, documents in Official Personnel Files (OPF) or Employee Medical Files (EMF). We invite you to comment on this proposed information collection.

DATES: OMB must receive written comments on or before October 5, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Send any comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection in writing to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. You can find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kristin Phillips, Paperwork Reduction Act Officer, by email at kristin.phillips@nara.gov or by telephone at 616–254–0405 with any requests for additional information.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104–13), we invite the public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed information collections. We published a notice of proposed collection for these information collections on June 12, 2026 (91 FR 35708) and we received zero comments. We are therefore submitting the described information collections to OMB for approval.

If you have comments or suggestions, they should address one or more of the

following points: (a) whether the proposed information collections are necessary for NARA to properly perform its functions; (b) our estimate of the burden of the proposed information collections and its accuracy; (c) ways we could enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information we collect; (d) ways we could minimize the burden on respondents of collecting the information, including through information technology; and (e) whether these collections affect small businesses.

In this notice, we solicit comments concerning the following information collection:

Title: Requests for Civilian Service Records (formerly Forms Relating to Civilian Service Records).

OMB number: 3095–0037.

Agency form numbers: NA Form 13022, Returned Request; NA Form 13068, Walk-In Request for OPM Records or Information.

Type of review: Regular.

Affected public: Former Federal civilian employees, their authorized representatives, state and local governments, and businesses.

Estimated number of respondents: 10, 429.

Estimated time per response: 5 minutes per form.

Frequency of response: On occasion, when individuals desire to acquire information from Federal civilian employee personnel or medical records.

Estimated total annual burden hours: 869 hours.

Abstract: In accordance with rules issued by the Office of Personnel Management, the National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) administers Official Personnel Folders (OPF) and Employee Medical Folders (EMF) of former Federal civilian employees. When former Federal civilian employees and other authorized individuals request information from or copies of documents in OPF or EMF, they must provide in their requests certain information about the employee and the nature of the request so that we can determine whether they are authorized to receive the information and so that we can find the correct records. The NA Form 13022, Returned Request Form, is used to request additional information about the former Federal employee. The NA Form 13068, Walk-In Request for OPM Records or Information is used by members of the public, with proper authorization, to