The Honorable Thomas R. Carper  
Chairman  
Committee on Homeland Security and  
   Governmental Affairs  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20515  

Dear Mr. Chairman:

In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. 552a(r) and OMB Circular No. A-130, Appendix I, this transmittal letter and the enclosed document represents the Altered System of Records Report of the Office of Government Ethics (OGE). OGE is proposing to update the authority for maintaining the OGE/GOVT-I, Executive Branch Personnel Public Financial Disclosure Reports and Other Name-Retrieved Ethics Program Records Privacy Act System of Records by modifying routine uses (a) and (l) to OGE/GOVT-I.

As required by the Privacy Act and OMB Circular, copies of this report are also being provided to the House of Representatives Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and the Office of Management and Budget is also reviewing the proposed revisions. The Notice of Proposed Revision was published in the Federal Register on December 9, 2013 (78 FR 73863). Members of the public as well as the Congressional Committees will have 30 days from the date of publication to submit comments to OGE. After the 30 day comment period, the proposed revisions will become effective without further notice unless comments are received that would result in a contrary determination.

If you have any questions about the enclosed documents, please contact OGE’s Privacy Officer, Diana J. Veilleux, at (202) 482-9203.

Sincerely,

Walter M. Shaub, Jr.  
Director

Enclosures
Cc: The Honorable Tom Coburn
Ranking Member
Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
United States Senate
344 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510
Narrative Statement for
Proposed Amendments to OGE/GOVT-1

Name of Proposed Revised System: OGE/GOVT-1, Executive Branch Personnel Public Financial Disclosure Reports and Other Name-Retrieved Ethics Program Records.

1. Purpose: The OGE/GOVT-1 system of records contains public financial disclosure reports and other related ethics records from the President, Vice President, and candidates for those offices, individuals who are being considered for Presidentially-appointed, Senate confirmed positions, officers and employees whose positions are classified above GS-15 of the General Schedule or at a rate of basic pay equal to or greater that 120% of the minimum rate of basic pay for GS-15, and other individuals in accordance with the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 (EIGA). These records are maintained to ensure compliance with various ethics laws and regulations, and to preserve and promote the integrity of public officials and institutions. Under EIGA, the executive branch personnel public financial disclosure reports and certain other name-retrieved documents are available to the public upon completion of a written application, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. § 105(b)(2). The amendments will modify routine use (a.) to update the references to provisions in the Ethics in Government Act (EIGA), 5 U.S.C. app. 101, regarding procedures that must be met by any person before access to the records maintained in the system may be granted. Specifically, the amendments add a citation to section 402(b)(1) of EIGA, which references the OGE Director’s authority to establish procedures for providing public availability of financial disclosure reports. The amendments also modify routine use (l.) to restore the routine use to its original language as set forth at 76 FR 24489 (May 2, 2011). Routine use (l.) was modified at 77 FR 45353 (July 31, 2012) to implement provisions of the Stop Trading on Congressional Knowledge Act of 2012 (STOCK Act), Public Law 112-105 (April 4, 2012), which required posting on agency websites all public financial disclosure reports. The STOCK Act was subsequently amended by Public Law 113-7 (April 14, 2013) to limit the posting requirement to public financial disclosure reports of officials occupying Executive Level I and II positions, making the 2012 amendments to modify routine use (l.) no longer necessary.

2. Authority for Maintaining the System: This system of records is maintained under the authority of various statutory provisions and Executive Orders, including the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, as amended (5 U.S.C. app. § 110), Executive Order 1267 (as modified by E.O. 12731), 5 C.F.R. 2634.803, and the STOCK Act.

3. Effect on the Privacy of Individuals: The information that is required to be reported on the executive branch personnel public financial disclosure reports and certain other name-retrieved records remains the same.

4. Steps Taken to Minimize Unauthorized Access: These ethics records have always been available to the public under EIGA. However, a written application is required before access to the records is granted, in accordance with sections 402(b)(1) and 105(b)(2) of EIGA. This written application may also be submitted online through OGE’s website for access to reports and other ethics records that are available online.

5. Compatibility of Routine Uses with the Purpose for Collection: The proposed modifications to routine uses (a.) and (l.) are compatible with, and essential for, the purposes for which the records information is collected.
6. OMB Control Numbers:

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Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding each of these applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than January 3, 2014.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas (R. Ann Worthy, Vice President) 2200 North Pearl Street, Dallas, Texas 75201–2272:

1. Mesa Financial Corporation, Sweetwater, Texas; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of South Taylor County Bancshares, Inc., and thereby indirectly acquire voting shares of First State Bank in Tuscola, both in Tuscola, Texas.


Michael J. Lewandowski, Associate Secretary of the Board.

[FR Doc. 2013–29271 Filed 12–6–13; 8:45 am]

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

[Notice–MV–2013–03; Docket No. 2013–0002; Sequence 37]

Public Availability of General Services Administration FY 2013 Federal Activities Inventory Reform (FAIR) Act Inventory

AGENCY: General Services Administration (GSA).

ACTION: Notice of public availability of FY 2013 Federal Activities Inventory Reform (FAIR) Act Inventory.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Activities Inventory Reform (FAIR) Act of 1998, Public Law 105–270, and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A–76, General Services Administration (GSA) is publishing this notice to advise the public of the availability of the FY 2013 FAIR Act Inventory.

DATES: December 9, 2013.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions regarding the service contract inventory should be directed to Mr. Paul F. Boyle in the Office of Acquisition Policy at 202–501–0324 or Paul.Boyle@gsa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the Federal Activities Inventory Reform (FAIR) Act of 1998, Public Law 105–270, and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A–76, General Services Administration (GSA) is publishing this notice to advise the public of the availability of the FY 2013 FAIR Act Inventory. This inventory provides information on commercial and inherently governmental activities performed by GSA employees. The inventory has been developed in accordance with guidance issued on March 29, 2012, by the Office of Management and Budget’s Office of Federal Procurement Policy (OFPP). OFPP’s guidance is available at www.gsa.gov/foiract. GSA has posted its inventory on the gsa.gov homepage at the following link: http://www.gsa.gov/foiract.


Houston Taylor,

Acting Senior Procurement Executive & Deputy Chief Acquisition Officer, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration.

[FR Doc. 2013–29207 Filed 12–6–13; 8:45 am]

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OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT ETHICS

Privacy Act of 1974; Amendment to System of Records

AGENCY: Office of Government Ethics (OGE).

ACTION: Notice of Modification of Routine Uses (a.) and (l.) in OGE/GOVT–1 System of Records.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Office of Government Ethics (OGE) proposes to modify existing routine uses (a.) and (l.) to OGE/GOVT–1, Executive Branch Personnel Public Financial Disclosure Reports and Other Name-Related Ethics Program Records (OGE/GOVT–1 System of Records). This action is necessary to comply with the requirements of the Privacy Act to publish in the Federal Register notice of the existence and character of records maintained by the agency (5 U.S.C. 552a(e)(4)). OGE last published OGE/GOVT–1 at 66 FR 3066–3109 (January 22, 2001), as corrected at 68 FR 24744 (May 8, 2003). An additional routine use was added to OGE/GOVT–1 at 76 FR 24489 (May 2, 2011) and modified at 77 FR 45353 (July 31, 2012).

DATES: This action will be effective without further notice on January 8, 2014 unless comments received before this date would result in a contrary determination.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments to OGE on this Privacy Act Notice by any of the following methods:

Email: usog@oge.gov (Include reference to “Privacy Act OGE/GOVT–1 Modified Routine Uses” in the subject line of the message).

Fax: 202–482–9237, Attention: Diana Veilleux, Privacy Officer.


All comments received will be posted without change on the OGE Web site, including any personal information provided.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. 552a, this document provides public notice that OGE is proposing to amend the OGE/GOVT–1 System of Records. The amendments will modify routine use (a.) to update the references to provisions in the Ethics in Government Act (EIGA), 5 U.S.C. app. 101, regarding procedures that must be met by any person before access to the records maintained in the system may be granted. Specifically, the amendments add a citation to section 402(b)(1) of EIGA, which references the OGE Director’s authority to establish procedures for providing public availability of financial disclosure reports.

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The system report, as required by 5 U.S.C. 552a(c), has been submitted to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the United States Senate, the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform of the House of Representatives and the Office of Management and Budget.

Routine Use (a)

(a) to disclose the information furnished by the reporting official, in accordance with sections 105 and 402(b)(1) of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, 5 U.S.C. app. 101, as amended, to any requesting person.

Routine Use (I)

(I) to disclose on the OGE Web site and to otherwise disclose to any person, including other departments and agencies, any written ethics agreements filed with the Office of Government Ethics, pursuant to 5 CFR 2634.803, by an individual nominated by the President to a position requiring Senate confirmation when the position also requires the individual to file a public financial disclosure report.

Approved: December 2, 2013.
Walter M. Shaub, Jr.,
Director, Office of Government Ethics.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Information Collection Clearance staff, InformationCollectionClearance@omb.eop.gov or (202) 395–5806.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: When submitting comments or requesting information, please include the Information Collection Request Title and document identifier 0990–20967–30D for reference.

Information Collection Request Title: Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery (ASPE)

Abstract: The Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE) is requesting a generic clearance from the OMB for purposes of conducting qualitative research. ASPE conducts qualitative research to gain a better understanding of emerging health policy issues, develop future intramural and extramural research projects, and to ensure HHS leadership, agencies and offices have current data and information to inform program and policy decision-making.

Burden Statement: Burden in this context means the time expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, disclose or provide the information requested. This includes the time needed to review instructions, to develop, acquire, install and utilize technology and systems for the purpose of collecting, validating and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information, to train personnel and to be able to respond to a collection of information, to search data sources, to complete and review the collection of information, and to transmit or otherwise disclose the information. The total annual burden hours estimated for this ICR are summarized in the table below.

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CC: The Honorable Elijah E. Cummings
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Michael J. Lewandowski, Associate Secretary of the Board.

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

[Notice-MV–2013–03; Docket No. 2013–0002; Sequence 37]

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Houston Taylor,
Acting Senior Procurement Executive & Deputy Chief Acquisition Officer, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration.

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OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT ETHICS

Privacy Act of 1974: Amendment to System of Records

AGENCY: Office of Government Ethics (OGE).

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Approved: December 2, 2013.

Walter M. Shaub, Jr.,
Director, Office of Government Ethics.

[Document Identifier: 0990–20967–30D]

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Office of the Secretary**

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to OMB for Review and Approval; Public Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with section 3507(a)(1)(D) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Secretary (OS), Department of Health and Human Services, has submitted an Information Collection Request (ICR), described below, to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. The ICR is for a new generic clearance. OMB will accept further comments from the public on this ICR during the review and approval period.

**DATES:** Comments on the ICR must be received on or before January 8, 2014.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments to OIRA_submission@omb.eop.gov or via facsimile to (202) 395–9866.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Information Collection Clearance staff, Information.CollectionClearance@hhs.gov or (202) 690–6162.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** When submitting comments or requesting information, please include the Information Collection Request Title and document identifier 0990–20967–30D for reference.

**Information Collection Request Title:**

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