

UNITED STATES OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Federal Investigative Services Division

Federal Investigations Notice

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Subject: Request for Determination or Advisory, INV 60 (Formerly OFI 86A)

The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) has issued a new Form INV 60 to replace the OFI 86A, *Request for Determination or Advisory*. The new INV 60 has been reformatted and obsolete language has been removed. The form was also renumbered to eliminate confusion with the Standard Form 86A, *Continuation Sheet for Questionnaires SF 86, SF 85P, and SF 85*. The new form is available in a PDF fillable format at http://www.opm.gov/forms/html/inv.asp. Agencies may begin using the INV 60 immediately; however, OPM will still accept the OFI 86A until current supplies are depleted.

Like the OFI 86A, agencies will use the INV 60 to request applicant suitability determinations and advisory opinions from OPM's Federal Investigative Services Division, Suitability Branch. Agencies may also use the INV 60 to request that the Suitability Branch consider imposing a period of general debarment from all competitive service positions, when there are serious suitability issues warranting such an action. As a reminder, under section 731 of title 5, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), OPM retains jurisdiction in competitive service cases involving evidence of material, intentional false statement or deception or fraud in examination or appointment. Agencies should refer these cases to the Suitability Branch for adjudication or contact the Suitability Branch at the number shown below if the agency intends to take action under its own authority. Please refer to Federal Investigations Notice (FIN) No. 04-03 for further explanation and discussion regarding falsification.

Agencies may also use the INV 60 in combination with the Standard Form 62, *Agency Request to Pass Over a Preference Eligible or Object to an Eligible*, to transmit requests for determinations by the Suitability Branch on proposed pass overs of veterans entitled to 30 percent or greater compensable disability when the reasons relate to the veteran's past conduct. After making a decision on the passover request under the procedures in 5 CFR 332, the Suitability Branch may retain the application for further review, investigation, and administrative processing under 5 CFR 731 if it appears a general debarment based on suitability may be warranted.

¹ Under section 731 of title 5, Code of Federal Regulations, any adjudication by an agency acting under delegated authority from OPM which indicates that an extended, general, across agency lines debarment by OPM may be an appropriate action should be referred to OPM for debarment consideration. Such referrals should be made prior to any proposed action by the agency, but after sufficient resolution of the suitability issues through subject contact or investigation to determine if an extended general debarment period appears warranted.

For further information about the INV 60, please contact Charles Drennen, Suitability Specialist: (724) 794-5612, ext. 7532; e-mail: Charles. Drennen@opm.gov. For general questions about referring requests for debarment consideration to OPM, or for any other suitability issues, please contact the Suitability Branch at (724) 794-5612, ext.7400.

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