

Federal Investigations Notice

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Subject: Investigations Reimbursable Billing Rates for FY 2009

The attached billing rates for reimbursable investigative services for background investigations and discontinued billing rates from the Office of Personnel Management's Federal Investigative Services Division (OPM-FISD) are effective beginning October 1, 2008. The adjusted rates reflect projected increases in operating costs, contractor costs, and third-party fees.

The Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 (IRTPA) set new timeliness requirements for Fiscal Year (FY) 2010 for initial security clearance investigations. In light of these new timeliness requirements, FISD continues to work towards streamlining the investigative process which include improvements to our information technology infrastructure. FISD will absorb many of the operating costs in FY 2009 to meet the new IRTPA timeliness standards. Having developed an appropriate business and investment plan, FISD is able to limit the price increases for most products to 4.5% in FY 2009. Prices for our special investigative products will be described in Federal Investigative Notice 08-05 titled, "Special Agreement Price Schedule".

Due to our increased capacity to handle priority case requests, OPM will no longer impose limits on the number of "Priority" case submissions agencies may request starting in FY 2009. Given that the timeliness standards for initial clearance investigations mandated by the IRTPA are in line with our projections of timeliness for "Priority" investigations, agencies should budget and plan to request "Priority" service for all initial clearance investigations beginning in FY 2010.

Also, please be aware of the new accounting data being requested on the new Standard Form (SF) 86 (July 2008) which will be implemented prior to October 1, 2009. The new accounting fields in the Agency Use Block consist of the Treasury Account Symbol, Obligor Document Number, and Business Event Type Code (BETC). These are important data elements that will assist the OPM finance office in the billing and collection of funds for services rendered. These fields will be required fields by the U.S. Treasury Department during FY 2009. If you need assistance with the new accounting information requirements, please contact your agency or program finance office.

If you need additional information or assistance, contact your Investigations Program Specialist at (724) 794-5612.



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