

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**Submission for OMB Review;
Comment Request**

October 28, 2005.

The Department of the Treasury has submitted the following public information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling the Treasury Bureau Clearance Officer listed. Comments regarding this information collection should be addressed to the OMB reviewer listed and to the Treasury Department Clearance Officer, Department of the Treasury, Room 11000, 1750 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before December 5, 2005, to be assured of consideration.

Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

OMB Number: 1545–1537.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: REG–253578–96(NPRM) Health Insurance Portability for Group Plans; (Temporary) Interim Rules for Health Insurance Portability for Group Health Plans.

Description: The regulations provide guidance for group health plans and the employers maintaining them regarding requirements imposed on plans relating to preexisting condition exclusions, discrimination based on health status, and access to coverage.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions, State, local or tribal.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 262,289 hours.

Clearance Officer: Glenn P. Kirkland, (202) 622–3428, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6516, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224.

OMB Reviewer: Alexander T. Hunt, (202) 395–7316, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Michael A. Robinson,

Treasury PRA Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**Office of International Affairs****Survey of U.S. Ownership of Foreign Securities as of December 31, 2005**

AGENCY: Departmental Offices, Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of reporting requirements.

SUMMARY: By this Notice, the Department of the Treasury is informing the public that it is conducting a mandatory survey of U.S. ownership of foreign securities as of December 31, 2005. This Notice constitutes legal notification to all United States persons who are in the reporting panel set forth in this Notice that they must respond to this survey. Additional copies of the reporting form SHCA and instructions may be printed from the Internet at: <http://www.treas.gov/tic/forms.html>.

Who Must Report: It is expected that reporting will be required only from those organizations which reported the largest values of securities data on the benchmark survey Form SHC entitled “U.S. Ownership of Foreign Securities, Including Selected Money Market Instruments as of December 31, 2001”. The panel for this survey is expected to include: the 31 largest custodians and largest end-investors that filed schedule 2 in the aforementioned 2001 benchmark survey; and 188 of the next largest end-investors that filed schedule 3 in the aforementioned 2001 benchmark survey. Entities required to report will be contacted individually by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. Entities not contacted by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York have no reporting responsibilities.

What To Report: This report will collect information on U.S. resident holdings of foreign securities, i.e., equities, long-term debt securities, and short-term debt securities (including selected money market instruments).

How To Report: Copies of the survey forms and instructions, which contain complete information on reporting procedures and definitions, may be obtained at the website address given above in the **SUMMARY**, or by contacting the survey staff of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York at (212) 720–6300, e-mail: SHC.help@ny.frb.org. The mailing address is: Federal Reserve Bank of New York, Statistics Function, 4th Floor, 33 Liberty Street, New York, NY 10045–0001.

When To Report: Data must be submitted to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, acting as fiscal agent for

the Department of the Treasury, by March 3, 2006.

Paperwork Reduction Act Notice: This data collection has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act and assigned control number 1505–0146. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a valid control number assigned by OMB. The estimated average annual burden associated with this collection of information is 48 hours per respondent for end-investors and custodians that file schedule 3 reports covering their securities entrusted to U.S. resident custodians, 145 hours per respondent for large end-investors filing schedule 2 reports, and 700 hours per respondent for large custodians of securities filing Schedule 2 reports. Comments concerning the accuracy of this burden estimate and suggestions for reducing this burden should be directed to the Department of the Treasury, Attention Administrator, International Portfolio Investment Data Reporting Systems, Room 5422, Washington, DC 20220, and to OMB, Attention Desk Officer for the Department of the Treasury, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Washington, DC 20503.

Dwight Wolkow,

Administrator, International Portfolio Investment Data Reporting Systems.

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UNITED STATES INSTITUTE OF PEACE**Sunshine Act; Notice of Meeting**

AGENCY: United States Institute of Peace.

DATE/TIME: Thursday, November 17, 2005, 9:15 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

LOCATION: 1200 17th Street, NW., Suite 200, Washington, DC 20036–3011.

STATUS: Open Session—Portions may be closed pursuant to subsection (c) of section 552(b) of Title 5, United States Code, as provided in subsection 1706(h)(3) of the United States Institute of Peace Act, Public Law 98–525.

AGENDA: November 2005 Board Meeting; Approval of Minutes of the One Hundred Twentieth Meeting (September 22, 2005) of the Board of Directors; Chairman's Report; President's Report; Fiscal Year 2007 Budget Submission to OMB; Selection of NPEC topic; Grants Program Restructure; Other General Issues.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Tessie Higgs, Executive Office,
Telephone: (202) 429-3836.

Dated: October 31, 2005.

Patricia P. Thomson,

*Executive Vice President, United States
Institute of Peace.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS
AFFAIRS****Construction Advisory Board; Notice
of Meeting**

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that a meeting of the Construction Advisory Board will be held on Tuesday November 15, 2005, at the Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Room 430, Washington, DC. The meeting will begin at 1 p.m. and end at 5 p.m.

The purpose of the Board is to provide advice to the Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs regarding VA construction. The Board will make recommendations to the

Secretary on the nature and scope of the Department's construction processes.

The meeting will be open to the public from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m., with an opportunity for public comments during that period. The Board will discuss its final recommendations to the Secretary. From 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., the Board will discuss selected personnel matters affecting the management of VA's construction program. To protect personal privacy and in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6), that portion of the meeting will be closed.

Members of the public may direct questions or submit written statements for review by the Board in advance of the meeting. Any member of the public wishing to make a brief oral presentation or to attend the meeting should contact Doug Belling, Designated Federal Officer, at the Office of Asset Enterprise Management (004B), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, or by telephone at (202) 273-6675.

Dated: October 27, 2005.

By Direction of the Secretary.

E. Philip Riffin,

Committee Management Officer.

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**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS
AFFAIRS****National Research Advisory Council;
Cancellation of Meeting**

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that the National Research Advisory Council meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 8, 2005, at the Hamilton Crowne Plaza Hotel, 14th & K Streets, NW., Washington, DC, has been cancelled.

Any member of the public wishing further information should contact Ms. Karen Scott, Designated Federal Officer, at (202) 254-0200, or karen.scott@hq.med.va.gov. She can also be reached by writing to Ms. Scott at Department of Veterans Affairs, Office of Research and Development (12C), 810 Vermont Ave, NW., Washington, DC 20420.

Dated: October 27, 2005.

By Direction of the Secretary.

E. Philip Riffin,

Committee Management Officer.

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