

Framework more effective in providing an overview of the important risk management activities described therein. Therefore, the Clearing Agencies believe that the proposed changes are consistent with the requirements of Section 17A(b)(3)(F) of the Act.¹²

(B) Clearing Agency's Statement on Burden on Competition

The Clearing Agencies do not believe that the proposed changes to the ORM Framework described above would have any impact, or impose any burden, on competition. The proposed changes would enhance the Framework by providing additional clarity and accuracy concerning the Clearing Agencies' operational risk management processes. The proposed changes to the Framework would not advantage or disadvantage any participant or user of the Clearing Agencies' services or unfairly inhibit access to the Clearing Agencies' services. As such, the Clearing Agencies do not believe that the proposed rule changes would have any impact on competition.

(C) Clearing Agency's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants, or Others

The Clearing Agencies have not received or solicited any written comments relating to this proposal. If any written comments are received, they will be publicly filed as an Exhibit 2 to this filing, as required by Form 19b-4 and the General Instructions thereto.

Persons submitting comments are cautioned that, according to Section IV (Solicitation of Comments) of the Exhibit 1A in the General Instructions to Form 19b-4, the Commission does not edit personal identifying information from comment submissions. Commenters should submit only information that they wish to make available publicly, including their name, email address, and any other identifying information.

All prospective commenters should follow the Commission's instructions on how to submit comments, available at <https://www.sec.gov/regulatory-actions/how-to-submitcomments>. General questions regarding the rule filing process or logistical questions regarding this filing should be directed to the Main Office of the Commission's Division of Trading and Markets at tradingandmarkets@sec.gov or 202-551-5777.

The Clearing Agencies reserve the right to not respond to any comments received.

III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change, and Timing for Commission Action

The foregoing rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)¹³ of the Act and paragraph (f)¹⁴ of Rule 19b-4 thereunder. At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission summarily may temporarily suspend such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

Electronic Comments

- Use the Commission's internet comment form (<https://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>); or
- Send an email to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File Number SR-FICC-2024-013 on the subject line.

Paper Comments

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-FICC-2024-013. This file number should be included on the subject line if email is used. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's internet website (<https://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>). Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for website viewing and printing in the Commission's Public

Reference Room, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549 on official business days between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Copies of the filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of FICC and on DTCC's website (dtcc.com/legal/sec-rule-filings). Do not include personal identifiable information in submissions; you should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. We may redact in part or withhold entirely from publication submitted material that is obscene or subject to copyright protection. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-FICC-2024-013 and should be submitted on or before January 16, 2025.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁵

J. Matthew DeLesDernier,
Deputy Secretary.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

[Docket No: SSA-2024-0055]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Request

The Social Security Administration (SSA) publishes a list of information collection packages requiring clearance by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in compliance with Public Law 104-13, the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, effective October 1, 1995. This notice includes one new request, as well as extensions and revisions of OMB-approved information collections.

SSA is soliciting comments on the accuracy of the agency's burden estimate; the need for the information; its practical utility; ways to enhance its quality, utility, and clarity; and ways to minimize burden on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Mail, email, or fax your comments and recommendations on the information collection(s) to the OMB Desk Officer and SSA Reports Clearance Officer at the following addresses or fax numbers. (OMB) Office of Management and Budget, Attn: Desk Officer for SSA (SSA) Social Security Administration, OLCA, Attn: Reports Clearance Director, Mail Stop 3253 Altmeyer, 6401 Security Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21235, Fax: 833-410-1631, Email

¹² *Id.*

¹³ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

¹⁴ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f).

¹⁵ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

address: *OR.Reports.Clearance@ssa.gov*

Or you may submit your comments online through <https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain> by clicking on Currently under Review—Open for Public Comments and choosing to click on one of SSA's published items. Please reference Docket ID Number [SSA–2024–0055] in your submitted response.

The information collections below are pending at SSA. SSA will submit them to OMB within 60 days from the date of this notice. To be sure we consider your comments, we must receive them no later than February 24, 2025.

Individuals can obtain copies of the collection instruments by writing to the above email address.

1. Request for Hearing by Administrative Law Judge—20 CFR

404.929, 404.933, 416.1429, 404.1433, 418.1350, and 42 CFR 405.722–0960–0269. When SSA denies applicants', claimants', or beneficiaries' requests for new or continuing disability benefits or payments, the Act entitles those applicants, claimants, or beneficiaries to request a hearing to appeal the decision. To request a hearing, individuals complete Form HA–501; the associated Modernized Claims System (MCS) or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Claims System interview; or the internet application (i501). SSA uses the information to determine if the individual: (1) filed the request within the prescribed time; (2) is the proper party; and (3) took the steps necessary to obtain the right to a hearing. SSA also uses the information to determine: (1) the individual's reason(s) for

disagreeing with SSA's prior determinations in the case; (2) if the individual has additional evidence to submit; (3) if the individual wants an oral hearing or a decision on the record; and (4) whether the individual has (or wants to appoint) a representative. The respondents are Social Security or SSI disability applicants and recipients who want to appeal SSA's denial of their request for new or continued benefits for disability and non-medical hearing requests; and Medicare Part B recipients who must pay the Medicare Part B Income-Related Monthly Adjustment Amount.

Type of Request: Revision of an OMB-approved information collection.

Modality of completion	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Average burden per response (minutes)	Estimated total annual burden (hours)	Average theoretical hourly cost amount (dollars) *	Average wait time in a field office (minutes) **	Total annual opportunity cost (dollars) ***
HA–501; MCS; SSI Claims System	162,904	1	10	27,151	* 31.48	** 24	*** 2,906,013
i501 (Internet iAppeals)	281,819	1	15	70,455	* 31.48	** 0	*** 2,217,923
Totals	444,723	.....	.....	97,606	.....	.....	*** 5,123,936

* We based this figure on average U.S. worker's hourly wages, as reported by Bureau of Labor Statistics data (https://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes_nat.htm).

** We based this figure on the average FY 2024 wait times for field offices, based on SSA's current management information data.

*** This figure does not represent actual costs that SSA is imposing on recipients of Social Security payments to complete this application; rather, these are theoretical opportunity costs for the additional time respondents will spend to complete the application. *There is no actual charge to respondents to complete the application.*

2. Surveys in Accordance with E.O. 12862 for the Social Security Administration—0960–0526. Under the auspices of Executive Order 12862, Setting Customer Service Standards, SSA conducts multiple customer satisfaction surveys each year. These voluntary customer satisfaction

assessments include paper, internet, and telephone surveys; mailed questionnaires; and customer comment cards. The purpose of these questionnaires is to assess customer satisfaction with the timeliness, appropriateness, access, and overall quality of existing SSA services and

proposed modifications or new versions of services. The respondents are recipients of SSA services (including most members of the public), professionals, and individuals who work on behalf of SSA beneficiaries.

Type of Request: Extension of an OMB-approved information collection.

	Number of respondents (burden for all activities within that year)	Frequency of response	Range of response times (minutes)	Burden (burden for all activities within that year; reported in hours)
Year 1	1,290,304	1	3–90	615,549
Year 2	1,290,304	1	3–90	615,549
Year 3	1,290,304	1	3–90	615,549
Totals	3,870,912	.....	.....	1,846,647

3. Request for Reconsideration—20 CFR 404.907–404.921, 416.1407–416.1421, 408.1009, and 418.1325—0960–0622. The Social Security Act states those individuals who are dissatisfied with the results of an initial determination regarding their Title II disability; Title XVI disability

(Supplemental Security Income); Title VIII (Special Veterans benefits); or Title XVIII (Medicare benefits), they can request a reconsideration hearing. Individuals use Form SSA–561–U2; the associated MCS or SSI Claims System interview; or the internet application (i561) to initiate a request for

reconsideration of a denied claim. SSA uses the information to document the request and to determine an individual's eligibility or entitlement to Social Security benefits (Title II); SSI payments (Title XVI); Special Veterans Benefits (Title VIII); Medicare (Title XVIII); and for initial determinations regarding

Medicare Part B income-related premium subsidy reductions. The respondents are applicants, claimants,

beneficiaries, or recipients filing for reconsideration of an initial determination.

Type of Request: Revision of an OMB-approved information collection.

Modality of completion	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Average burden per response (minutes)	Estimated total annual burden (hours)	Average theoretical hourly cost amount * (dollars)	Average wait time in field office ** (minutes)	Total annual opportunity cost *** (dollars)
SSA-561, MCS, SSI Claims System	339,217	1	8	45,229	* 31.48	** 24	*** 5,695,236
i561 (Internet iAppeals)	447,139	1	15	111,785	* 31.48	** 0	*** 3,518,992
Totals	786,356	.....	.....	157,014	.....	.....	*** 9,214,228

* We based this figure on average U.S worker's hourly wages, as reported by Bureau of Labor Statistics data (https://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes_nat.htm).

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4. Supportive Housing & Individual Placement and Support (SHIPS) Study—0960–0840.

Background: Homelessness and unemployment are linked issues, with rising housing costs often leaving people unable to afford homes when combined with unemployment. The instability of housing makes finding employment even more challenging, creating a difficult cycle to break. While studies have shown that supportive housing programs improve housing stability, there is no significant evidence that such programs reliably increase employment among residents. (For the purposes of this study, supportive housing is defined as housing services coupled with additional services that include case management support. These include place-based permanent supportive housing, scattered site permanent supportive housing, and rapid rehousing. Conversely, Individual Placement and Support (IPS), a proven method for supporting employment, has not demonstrated effectiveness in stabilizing housing. SSA is requesting clearance to collect data for the Supportive Housing and Individual Placement and Support (SHIPS) study, under the Interventional Cooperative Agreement Program (ICAP), to determine whether participation in Individual Placement and Support (IPS) improves the employment, income, health, and self-sufficiency of people who are recently homeless and living in supportive housing. ICAP allows SSA to partner with various non-federal groups and organizations to advance interventional research connected to the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) programs. SSA awarded Westat a cooperative agreement to conduct SHIPS. In addition to SSA, Westat is partnering with three subrecipients for

this project: (1) People Assisting the Homeless (PATH); (2) the University of Southern California (U.S.C.); and (3) the Research Foundation for Mental Hygiene (RFMH) to implement the SHIPS study.

ICAP SHIPS Study Project Description: The SHIPS study is a randomized controlled trial (RCT) designed to determine whether participation in Individual Placement and Support (IPS) improves the employment, income, health, and self-sufficiency of people who are recently homeless and living in supportive housing. The SHIPS study will mark the first study testing the effectiveness of implementing IPS in a supportive housing program. SSA hypothesizes that combining the two most successful evidence-based practices that separately address homelessness and supported employment will yield a single intervention that effectively addresses both. The intent of the SHIPS study is to measure the effectiveness of evidence-based IPS compared to the services provided by local WorkSource Centers broadly available to jobseekers in the Los Angeles area. The housing case managers will refer PATH clients interested in finding employment and will randomly assign participants to one of two groups:

- **IPS:** The Individual Placement and Support (IPS) service team will offer a range of structured services customized to participants' personal needs, preferences, and challenges related to disabilities and/or mental health conditions. IPS was specifically designed as a supported employment model for individuals with serious mental illness and includes standardized training and fidelity requirements. Components of IPS that differ from those offered by WorkSource Services include integrated treatment

that incorporates vocational and mental health services; benefits planning; and focus on rapid job search without extensive training.

- **WorkSource Centers:** Under PATH's current housing model, housing case managers refer PATH clients who express interest in finding employment to local American Job Centers, known as WorkSource Centers in Los Angeles. The WorkSource Centers are operated by the City of Los Angeles Economic and Workforce Development Department, and follow an employment services model that varies by WorkSource Center, is not evidence-based or subject to fidelity monitoring and is not necessarily responsive to the individual needs of jobseekers with disabilities.

The primary goals of the SHIPS study are:

- To measure the effects of IPS participation on employment, income, health, and long-term self-sufficiency measured as a combination of housing stability, income, and receipt of DI and SSI benefits.
- To describe the study population to understand both the generalizability of the study's findings and the potential reasons for the observed effects.
- To explore the IPS implementation process to understand barriers and facilitators to high-fidelity IPS implementation in the supportive housing context.

Grantee researchers and SSA will use the information collected during this study to: (1) assess the short-term and long-term effectiveness of the proposed intervention to improve employment, income, and self-sufficiency; (2) understand the implementation process; (3) provide detailed subgroup-specific data related to the effect of IPS.

The respondents are residents in supportive housing units operated by

PATH who are unemployed and looking for employment.

Type of Request: Revision of an OMB-approved information collection.

Modality of completion	Number of participants	Frequency of response	Number of responses	Average burden per response (minutes)	Estimated total annual burden (hours)	Average theoretical hourly cost amount * (dollars)	Average wait time in office or for teleservice centers ** (minutes)	Total annual opportunity cost *** (dollars)
Study participants baseline interview	200	1	200	60	200	* 13.30	** 24	*** 3,724
Study participants quarterly interviews	200	7	1,400	10	233	* 13.30	** 21	*** 4,030
Study participants final interviews	200	1	200	60	200	* 13.30	** 21	*** 3,591
PATH Interviews: Staff	5	1	5	60	5	* 32.05	** 24	*** 224
SHIPS Interviews: participants	5	1	5	60	5	* 13.30	** 24	*** 93
Totals	610			250	643			*** 11,662

* We based this figure on the average DI payments based on SSA's current FY 2024 data (<https://www.ssa.gov/legislation/2024FactSheet.pdf>), and survey researchers (<https://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes193022.htm>)

** We based this figure on averaging both the average FY 2024 wait times for field offices and teleservice centers, based on SSA's current management information data.

*** This figure does not represent actual costs that SSA is imposing on recipients of Social Security payments to complete this application; rather, these are theoretical opportunity costs for the additional time respondents will spend to complete the application. There is no actual charge to respondents to complete the application.

Dated: December 19, 2024.

Naomi Sipple,

Reports Clearance Officer, Social Security Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 12615]

Notice of Determinations; Culturally Significant Objects Being Imported for Exhibition—Determinations: “Iba N’Diaye: Between Latitude and Longitude” Exhibition

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: I hereby determine that certain objects being imported from abroad pursuant to agreements with their foreign owners or custodians for temporary display in the exhibition “Iba N’Diaye: Between Latitude and Longitude” at The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, New York, and at possible additional exhibitions or venues yet to be determined, are of cultural significance, and, further, that their temporary exhibition or display within the United States as aforementioned is in the national interest. I have ordered that Public Notice of these determinations be published in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Reed Liriano, Program Coordinator, Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State (telephone: 202-632-6471; email: section2459@state.gov). The mailing address is U.S. Department of State, L/PD, 2200 C Street NW (SA-5), Suite 5H03, Washington, DC 20522-0505.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The foregoing determinations were made pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Act of October 19, 1965 (79 Stat. 985; 22 U.S.C. 2459), Executive Order 12047 of March 27, 1978, the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (112 Stat. 2681, *et seq.*; 22 U.S.C. 6501 note, *et seq.*), Delegation of Authority No. 234 of October 1, 1999, Delegation of Authority No. 236-3 of August 28, 2000, and Delegation of Authority No. 523 of December 22, 2021.

Nicole L. Elkon,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Professional and Cultural Exchanges, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. EP 290 (Sub-No. 5) (2025-1)]

Quarterly Rail Cost Adjustment Factor

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.

ACTION: Approval of rail cost adjustment factor.

SUMMARY: The Surface Transportation Board has adopted the first quarter 2025 Rail Cost Adjustment Factor and cost index filed by the Association of American Railroads.

DATES: *Applicability Date:* January 1, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Pedro Ramirez, (202) 245-0333. If you require an accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act, please call (202) 245-0245.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The rail cost adjustment factor (RCAF) is an index formulated to represent changes in railroad costs incurred by the nation's largest railroads over a specified period of time. The Surface Transportation Board (Board) is required by law to publish the RCAF on at least a quarterly basis. Each quarter, the Association of American Railroads computes three types of RCAF figures and submits those figures to the Board for approval. The Board has reviewed the submission and adopts the RCAF figures for the first quarter of 2025. The first quarter 2025 RCAF (Unadjusted) is 0.944. The first quarter 2025 RCAF (Adjusted) is 0.367. The first quarter 2025 RCAF-5 is 0.347. Additional information is contained in the Board's decision, which is available at www.stb.gov.

Decided: December 18, 2024.

By the Board, Board Members Fuchs, Hedlund, Primus, and Schultz.

Stefan Rice,
Clearance Clerk.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. FD 36818]

Central Oregon & Pacific Railroad, Inc.—Lease and Operation Exemption Including Interchange Commitment—Union Pacific Railroad Company

Central Oregon & Pacific Railroad, Inc. (CORP), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption pursuant to 49 CFR 1150.41 to lease from Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) and operate the (1) Brooklyn