

Dated: July 24, 2007.

Eileen Donovan,

Acting Secretary of the Commission.

[FR Doc. 07-3698 Filed 7-27-07; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6351-01-M

COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected costs and burden.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before August 29, 2007.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Christopher W. Cummings, Division of Clearing and Intermediary Oversight, CFTC, (202) 418-5445; FAX: (202) 418-5426; e-mail: ccummings@cftc.gov and refer to OMB Control No. 3038-0049.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Registration under the Commodity Exchange Act (OMB Control No. 3038-0023). This is a request for extension of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: The Commodity Exchange Act (Act) authorizes the Commission to deny, revoke or condition registration under the Act if an applicant or registrant is subject to various statutory disqualifications from registration, such as a prior registration revocation or conviction of a felony or certain misdemeanors. The registration application, which must be updated as necessary, requires information about an applicant's or registrant's disciplinary history so that the person's fitness for registration may be evaluated. In addition, basic identifying information is required so that a database will be available to current and prospective customers, the public, and the news media.

The information on registration applications is used to develop a database known as BASIC (Background Affiliation Status Information Center), which is Internet-accessible and consulted frequently by customers, prospective customers, the general public, and the news media to review data provided by applicants and

registrants and to compare it to information provided by entities making solicitations.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for the CFTC's regulations were published on December 30, 1981. See 46 FR 63035 (Dec. 30, 1981). The **Federal Register** notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on May 23, 2007 (72 FR 28960).

Burden statement: The respondent burden for this collection is estimated to average .09 hours per response. These estimates include the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

Respondents/Affected Entities: Futures Commission Merchants, Introducing Brokers, Commodity Pool Operators, Commodity Trading Advisors, Associated Persons of each of the foregoing, Floor Brokers, and Floor Traders.

Estimated number of respondents: 70,708.

Estimated total annual burden on respondents: 6,628 hours.

Frequency of collection: On occasion.

Send comments regarding the burden estimated or any other aspect of the information collection, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to the addresses listed below. Please refer to OMB Control No. 3038-0023 in any correspondence.

Christopher W. Cummings, Division of Clearing and Intermediary Oversight, U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 1155 21st Street, NW., Washington, DC 20581; and Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for CFTC, 725 17th Street, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: July 24, 2007.

Eileen Donovan,

Acting Secretary of the Commission.

[FR Doc. 07-3699 Filed 7-27-07; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6351-01-M

CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Invitation to the Public To Collaborate in Furtherance of Our Agency's Strategic Plan

AGENCY: Corporation for National and Community Service.

ACTION: Notice of invitation to the public.

SUMMARY: The Corporation for National and Community Service (hereinafter the "Corporation") through this notice informs the public of its policy of inviting potential collaborators to work with the Corporation in achieving the goals set out in its strategic plan. It includes the Corporation's mission statement and a description of the strategic goals and implementation steps that the agency intends on following. This is not a notice of available grant funding or an invitation to apply for grant funding or other financial or material support.

DATES: Collaboration proposals may be submitted at any time until further notice.

ADDRESSES: Collaboration proposals, identified by the Corporation program or strategic goal that is the focus of the proposed activity, may be submitted by any of the following methods:

(1) By mail sent to: Corporation for National and Community Service; Attention: Jonathan Williams, Office of Corporate Relations, Room 10301; 1201 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20525.

(2) By hand delivery or courier to the Corporation's mailroom at Room 8102C at the mail address given in paragraph (1) above, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jonathan Williams at (202) 606-6644, or by e-mail at: jwilliams@cns.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: From time to time, the Corporation receives a proposal from a non-government entity interested in collaborating on implementation of one or more initiatives relating to the Corporation's strategic goals as set out in the Strategic Plan. For example, a proposal may involve the Corporation coordinating its grantees to work with the non-government entity in implementing national and community service activities that achieve mutually desirable results. Because such proposals are considered valuable in achieving our strategic goals, by this notice we encourage and invite potential collaborators to study our

Strategic Plan and to submit relevant collaboration proposals.

On February 8, 2006, the Corporation released its Strategic Plan for 2006–2010. The plan, which benefited from extensive public input, is a blueprint for increasing the effectiveness of the Corporation's programs and operations, and for defining the unique role that national service can play in building a culture of citizenship, service, and responsibility in America. A link to the full text of the Strategic Plan and related documents may be found under the "About Us" column at the following Web site: <http://www.nationalservice.gov/>.

Chief elements of the plan include:

- Revised Mission Statement. The Corporation's revised mission statement reads, "Improve lives, strengthen communities, and foster civic engagement through service and volunteering."
- Statement of Guiding Principles. The plan articulates 10 principles, including putting the needs of local communities first and strengthening the public-private partnerships that underpin all of our programs.
- Identification of Five Focus Areas. The plan identifies four focus areas where the Corporation intends to make a significant difference in the next five years: (1) Mobilizing More Volunteers; (2) Ensuring a Brighter Future for All of America's Youth; (3) Engaging Students in Communities; (4) Harnessing Baby Boomers' Experience; and (5) Directing resources to address disaster relief and preparedness. Each focus area requires that the Corporation's programs and initiatives work together to achieve common objectives and measurable targets.
- Blueprint for Managerial Excellence. The plan outlines ways to create and foster shared values that strengthen service delivery and ensure workforce accountability.

If your organization is interested in working with the Corporation in achieving its goals, you are encouraged to submit a collaboration proposal that is tied to the Corporation's Strategic Plan, strategic goals, and related programs and initiatives.

Dated: July 24, 2007.

David Eisner,

Chief Executive Officer.

[FR Doc. E7–14653 Filed 7–27–07; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6050–SS–P

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Expansion of a TRICARE Demonstration Project for the State of Alaska

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of expansion of a TRICARE demonstration project for the State of Alaska.

SUMMARY: This notice is to advise interested parties of an expansion of a Military Health System (MHS) demonstration project entitled TRICARE Provider Reimbursement Demonstration Project for the State of Alaska. The original demonstration notice was published on November 20, 2006 (71 FR 67112–67113) and described a demonstration project to increase reimbursement for individual providers in the State of Alaska. The demonstration project will now also include increased reimbursement for health care services by hospitals that have been designated as Critical Access Hospitals (CAH) in the State of Alaska. TRICARE, under the demonstration project, will reimburse CAHs in a similar manner as they are reimbursed under Medicare. The expansion of the demonstration project will test the effect of this change on CAH provider participation in TRICARE, beneficiary access to care, cost of health care services, military medical readiness, morale and welfare. In particular, the demonstration will test whether the increased costs of provider payments are offset in whole or part by savings in travel costs, lost duty time, and other factors. This demonstration will be conducted under statutory authority provided in 10 U.S.C. 1092.

DATES: *Effective Date:* The expansion of the demonstration will be effective July 1, 2007, and will continue for a period of 3 years from the date of the original demonstration.

ADDRESSES: TRICARE Management Activity (TMA), Medical Benefits and Reimbursement Systems (MB&RS), 16401 E. Centretch Parkway, Aurora, CO 80011.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions pertaining to the expansion of the demonstration/Critical Access Hospital portion of the demonstration, Ann N. Fazzini, 303.676.3803.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

For additional information on the TRICARE demonstration project for the State of Alaska, please see 71 FR 67112–67113. The demonstration notice

focused on increased payment rates for individual providers to determine the impact on access to care.

This expansion of the demonstration applies to Critical Access Hospitals (CAH) within the State of Alaska. Hospitals are authorized TRICARE institutional providers under 10 U.S.C. 1079(j)(2) and (4). Under 10 U.S.C. 1079(j)(2), the amount to be paid to hospitals, skilled nursing facilities (SNFs), and other institutional providers under TRICARE, shall, by regulation, "shall be determined to the extent practicable in accordance with the same reimbursement rules as apply to payments to providers of services of the same type under Medicare." Under 32 CFR 199.14(a)(1)(ii)(D)(1) through (9) it specifically lists those hospitals that are exempt from the DRG-based payment system. Critical access hospitals are not listed as excluded, thereby making them subject to the DRG-based payment system. Critical access hospitals are not listed as exempt, because at the time this regulatory provision was written, CAHs were not a recognized entity.

Legislation enacted as part of the Balanced Budget Act (BBA) of 1997 authorized states to establish State Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility Programs, under which certain facilities participating in Medicare could become Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs). CAHs represent a separate provider type with their own Medicare conditions of participation as well as a separate payment method. Since that time, a number of hospitals have taken the necessary steps to be designated as CAHs. Since the statutory authority requires TRICARE to apply the same reimbursement rules as apply to payments to providers of services of the same type under Medicare to the extent practicable, TRICARE has the authority through the publication of a proposed and final rule to exempt critical access hospitals from the DRG-based payment system and adopt a method similar to Medicare principles for these hospitals. The purpose of the demonstration is to provide this exemption immediately to CAHs in the State of Alaska.

Currently under TRICARE, CAHs are subject to the TRICARE DRG-based payment system. Under the demonstration project, CAHs will be reimbursed under a manner similar to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) payment methodology of 101 percent of reasonable costs for inpatient care and outpatient care. CAHs in the State of Alaska are currently receiving reimbursement for billed charges for facility charges for outpatient care. Under the demonstration, the 101% of reasonable