

both of El Paso, Texas; to become bank holding companies pursuant to the acquisition of Las Cruces B.R.G., Incorporated, Las Cruces, New Mexico, and thereby indirectly acquire control of Bank of the Rio Grande, National Association, Las Cruces, New Mexico. In connection with this application, Applicant also applied to retain control of, Capital Bank, SSB, El Paso, Texas, pursuant to Section 225.28(b)(4)(ii), of Regulation Y.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, June 27, 2011.

**Jennifer J. Johnson,**  
*Secretary of the Board.*

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## GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 3090-0250; Docket No. 2011-0079; Sequence 6]

### General Services Administration Acquisition Regulation; Information Collection; Zero Burden Information Collection Reports

**AGENCY:** Office of the Chief Acquisition Officer, GSA.

**ACTION:** Notice of request for comments regarding a renewal to an existing OMB clearance.

**SUMMARY:** Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35), the Regulatory Secretariat (MVCB) will be submitting to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve a reinstatement of a previously approved information collection requirement regarding zero burden information collection reports.

*Public comments are particularly invited on:* Whether this collection of information is necessary and whether it will have practical utility; whether our estimate of the public burden of this collection of information is accurate and based on valid assumptions and methodology; and ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before: August 29, 2011.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Deborah Lague, Procurement Analyst, Contract Policy Division, at telephone (202) 694-8149 or via e-mail to [Deborah.lague@gsa.gov](mailto:Deborah.lague@gsa.gov).

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments identified by Information Collection 3090-0250, Zero Burden Information Collection Reports, by any of the following methods:

- *Regulations.gov:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Submit comments via the Federal eRulemaking portal by inputting "Information Collection 3090-0250, Zero Burden Information Collection Reports", under the heading "Enter Keyword or ID" and selecting "Search". Select the link "Submit a Comment" that corresponds with "Information Collection 3090-0250, Zero Burden Information Collection Reports". Follow the instructions provided at the "Submit a Comment" screen. Please include your name, company name (if any), and "Information Collection 3090-0250, Zero Burden Information Collection Reports" on your attached document.

- *Fax:* 202-501-4067.

- *Mail:* General Services Administration, Regulatory Secretariat (MVCB), 1275 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20417. ATTN: Hada Flowers/IC 3090-0250, Zero Burden Information Collection Reports.

*Instructions:* Please submit comments only and cite Information Collection 3090-0250, Zero Burden Information Collection Reports, in all correspondence related to this collection. All comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal and/or business confidential information provided.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### A. Purpose

This information requirement consists of reports that do not impose collection burdens upon the public. These collections require information which is already available to the public at large or that is routinely exchanged by firms during the normal course of business. A general control number for these collections decreases the amount of paperwork generated by the approval process.

GSA has published rules in the **Federal Register** that fall under information collection 3090-0250. The rule that prescribed clause 552.238-70 "Identification of Electronic Office Equipment Providing Accessibility for the Handicapped" was published at 56 FR 29442, June 27, 1991, titled "Implementation of Public Law 99-506", with an effective date of July 8, 1991; and Clause 552.238-74 "Industrial Funding Fee and Sales Reporting" published at 68 FR 41286, July 11, 2003.

##### B. Annual Reporting Burden

None.

*Obtaining Copies of Proposals:* Requesters may obtain a copy of the information collection documents from

the General Services Administration, Regulatory Secretariat (MVCB), 1275 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20407, telephone (202) 501-4755. Please cite OMB Control No. 3090-0250, Zero Burden Information Collection Reports, in all correspondence.

Dated: June 21, 2011.

**Millisa Gary,**

*Acting Director, Federal Acquisition Policy Division.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Notice of Availability of Proposed Data Collection Standards for Race, Ethnicity, Primary Language, Sex, and Disability Status Required by Section 4302 of the Affordable Care Act

**AGENCY:** Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, Office of Minority Health.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is seeking public comment on the proposed data collection standards for race, ethnicity, sex, primary language and disability status, as required by Section 4302 of the Affordable Care Act. The proposed data collection standards are now available on the HHS Web site [minorityhealth.hhs.gov/section4302](http://minorityhealth.hhs.gov/section4302).

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before August 1, 2011.

#### Instructions for Submitting Comments

You may submit comments, identified by docket ID number HHS-OMH-2011-0013 by one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Enter the above docket ID number in the "Enter Keyword or ID" field and click on "Search." On the next web page, click on the "Submit a Comment" action and follow the instructions.

- *Standard U.S. Mail:* Office of Minority Health Resource Center, Attention: Affordable Care Act Section 4302 Data Standard Comments, P.O. Box 37337, Washington, DC 20013-7337. Mailed comments must be postmarked by July 27, 2011.

- *Express or Overnight Mail/Courier:* Office of Minority Health Resource Center, Attention: Affordable Care Act Section 4302 Data Standard Comments, 1101 Wootton Parkway, Suite 650, Rockville, MD 20852. For courier

delivery, please call (800) 444-6472 in advance to schedule delivery.

The Office of Minority Health strongly encourages commenters to submit comments via the Federal eRulemaking Portal. Comments received, including any personal information, will be posted without change to the docket at <http://www.regulations.gov> as they are submitted, usually within 1 week after submission. While the comment period remains open, individuals may also provide comments in response to already submitted comments that have been posted to the docket.

The submission of comments in response to this notice should not exceed 5 pages, not including appendices and supplemental documents. Any information you submit will be made public. Consequently, do not send proprietary, commercial, financial, business confidential, trade secret, or personal information that you do not wish to be made public.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
Rochelle Rollins, PhD, MPH, Office of Minority Health, 1101 Wootton Parkway, Suite 600, Rockville, MD 20852; Phone (800) 444-6472; E-mail [ACASection4302@hhs.gov](mailto:ACASection4302@hhs.gov).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Introduction**

DHHS reports, dating back to the landmark 1985 Secretary's Task Force on Black and Minority Health, note the critical importance of rich data systems and culturally competent research to understand and reduce health disparities among population subgroups. Such disparities reflect the interactive effects of multiple social, economic, behavioral, and environmental determinants of health, including access to high quality health care services. Data improvement efforts enhance the ability of the public health and healthcare systems to identify and track disparities in health and health care, and facilitate greater accountability for reducing them. Although there have been government-wide standards for the collection of race and ethnicity for many years, the lack of standards related to data collection on population subgroups defined by other characteristics—such as primary language and disability—remains a challenge for reporting and tracking data on health disparities.

##### **Overview of Section 4302 of the Affordable Care Act**

The Affordable Care Act includes multiple provisions aimed at eliminating health disparities in America. Section 4302 (Understanding

health disparities: Data collection and analysis) of the Affordable Care Act focuses on the standardization, collection, analysis, and reporting of health disparities data. While data alone will not reduce disparities, it can be foundational to our efforts to characterize the disparities, design effective responses, and evaluate our progress.

Section 4302 begins by requiring the Secretary of DHHS to establish data collection standards for race, ethnicity, sex, primary language, and disability status. The law requires that, once established, these data collection standards be used, to the extent practicable, in HHS national population health surveys. The law also requires that any DHHS data standards be in compliance with standards created by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), such as those for race and ethnicity. As such, OMB's standards are not the subject of comment in this notice.

The focus of this announcement is for data collection standards related to race, ethnicity, primary language, sex, and disability status, as outlined in Section 4302 of the Affordable Care Act. The law also requires that these data collection standards be used for the purposes of measuring quality and reporting for any federally sponsored, federally conducted, or supported health care or public health program, activity, or survey. Additional subsections of the law relate to data collection standards require the Department to develop data collection standards for access to care for persons with disabilities. The law also gives the Secretary the authority to require that additional demographic data be collected on all Departmental surveys and to develop appropriate data collection standards. The full text of Section 4302 of the Affordable Care Act can be found at [minorityhealth.hhs.gov/section4302](http://minorityhealth.hhs.gov/section4302).

##### **Implementation of Section 4302 of the Affordable Care Act**

The Department proposed data collection standards for race, ethnicity, sex, primary language and disability status were guided by existing federal data standards, the results of studies and public reports, consultation with statistical agencies and programs, and the expertise of subject matter experts who have leadership roles with collecting and analyzing this type of data. The focus was to develop data collection standards for race, ethnicity, sex, primary language and disability status that are appropriate for the

purposes and methods of population health surveys for self-reported data.

The proposed data collection standards and rationale are for race, ethnicity, primary language, sex, and disability status and pertain only to self-reported data. These proposed data collection standards represent the first round of implementation of Section 4302 of the Affordable Care Act related to race, ethnicity, sex, primary language and disability status. Implementation efforts related to additional subsections of Section 4302 of the Affordable Care Act continue.

The Department is also in the process of developing and validating standard approaches for collecting data about sexual orientation and gender identity.

With this notice, the Office of Minority Health requests comment from the public and interested stakeholders on the proposed data collection standards for race, ethnicity, sex, primary language, and disability status.

The text of the proposed data standards is available in HTML and PDF formats through the Office of Minority Health Web site at [minorityhealth.hhs.gov/section4302](http://minorityhealth.hhs.gov/section4302) and the <http://www.regulations.gov>, docket ID number HHS-OMH-2011-0013. The full text of Section 4302 of the Affordable Care Act can be found at [minorityhealth.hhs.gov/section4302](http://minorityhealth.hhs.gov/section4302). For those who may not have Internet access, a hard copy can be requested from the point of contact, Rochelle Rollins, PhD, MPH, Office of the Minority Health, 1101 Wootton Parkway, Suite 600, Rockville, MD 20852; Phone (800) 444-6472; E-mail [ACASection4302@hhs.gov](mailto:ACASection4302@hhs.gov).

June 24, 2011.

**Garth Graham,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Minority Health, Office of Assistant Secretary for Health.*

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

##### **Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality**

##### **Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the intention of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) to request that the Office of Management and