

as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

**Name of Committee:** Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel, Therapeutic Developments for Dermatologic and Rheumatologic Diseases Small Business.

**Date:** November 30, 2004.

**Time:** 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Agenda:** To review and evaluate grant applications.

**Place:** Bethesda Marriott Suites, 6711 Democracy Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20817.

**Contact Person:** Daniel F. McDonald, PhD, Chief, Renal and Urological Sciences IRG, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4214, MSC 7814, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1215, [mcdonald@csr.nih.gov](mailto:mcdonald@csr.nih.gov).

This notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the meeting due to the timing limitations imposed by the review and funding cycle.

**Name of Committee:** Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel, Visual Motion Processing.

**Date:** December 6, 2004.

**Time:** 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

**Agenda:** To review and evaluate grant applications.

**Place:** National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone conference call).

**Contact Person:** Michael A. Steinmetz, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5172, MSC 7844, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1247, [steinmem@csr.nih.gov](mailto:steinmem@csr.nih.gov).

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**Name of Committee:** Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel, Clinical Immunotherapy.

**Date:** December 10, 2004.

**Time:** 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

**Agenda:** To review and evaluate grant applications.

**Place:** National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone conference call).

**Contact Person:** Sharon K. Gubanich, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 6204, MSC 7804, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1767, [guganics@csr.nih.gov](mailto:guganics@csr.nih.gov).

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**Name of Committee:** Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel, Pharmacogenetics.

**Date:** December 15, 2004.

**Time:** 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

**Agenda:** To review and evaluate grant applications.

**Place:** National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone conference call).

**Contact Person:** Marcia Litwack, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 6206, MSC 7804, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1719, [litwackm@csr.nih.gov](mailto:litwackm@csr.nih.gov). (Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.306, Comparative Medicine; 93.333, Clinical Research, 93.306, 93.333, 93.337, 93.393-93.396, 93.837-93.844, 93.846-93.878, 93.892, 93.893, National Institutes of Health, HHS.)

**Dated:** November 23, 2004.

**LaVerne Y. Stringfield,**

*Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.*

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## JUDICIAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED STATES

### Hearings of The Judicial Conference Advisory Committees on Rules of Appellate, Bankruptcy, and Civil Procedure

**AGENCY:** Judicial Conference of the United States; Advisory Committees on Rules of Appellate, Bankruptcy, and Civil Procedure.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed amendments and open hearings.

**SUMMARY:** The Advisory Committees on Rules of Appellate, Bankruptcy, and Civil Procedure have proposed amendments to the following rules:

Appellate Rule: 25.

Bankruptcy Rule: 5005.

Civil Rule: 5.

The text of the proposed rules amendments and the accompanying Committee Notes can be found at the United States Federal Courts' home page at <http://www.uscourts.gov/rules>.

The Judicial Conference Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure submits these proposed rules amendments for public comment. All comments and suggestions with respect to them must be placed in the hands of the Secretary as soon as convenient and, in any event, not later than February 15, 2005. All written comments on the proposed rule amendments can be sent by one of the following three ways: by overnight mail to Peter G. McCabe, Secretary, Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure of the Judicial Conference of the United States, Thurgood Marshall Federal Judiciary Building, Washington, DC 20544; by

electronic mail at <http://www.uscourts.gov/rules>; or by facsimile to Peter G. McCabe at (202) 502-1766. In accordance with established procedures all comments submitted on the proposed amendments are available to public inspection.

Public hearings are scheduled to be held on the amendments to:

- Appellate Rules in Washington, DC, on January 25, 2005;

- Bankruptcy Rules in Washington, DC, on February 3, 2005; and in San Francisco, California, on February 7, 2005; and

- Civil Rules in San Francisco, California, on January 12, 2005; in Dallas, Texas, on January 28, 2005; and in Washington, DC, on February 11, 2005.

Those wishing to testify should contact the Secretary at the address above in writing at least 30 days before the hearing.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John K. Rabiej, Chief, Rules Committee Support Office, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, Washington, DC 20544, telephone (202) 502-1820.

**Dated:** November 24, 2004.

**John K. Rabiej,**

*Chief, Rules Committee Support Office.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employee Benefits Security Administration

#### Proposed Extension of Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations; Alternative Method of Compliance for Certain SEPs Pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.104-49

**AGENCY:** Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA 95). This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection

requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. Currently, the Employee Benefits Security Administration is soliciting comments on the proposed extension of the collection of information included in the alternative method of compliance for certain simplified employee pensions regulation (29 CFR 2520.104-49).

A copy of the information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the individual shown in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted to the office shown in the **ADDRESSES** section on or before January 31, 2005.

**ADDRESSES:** Gerald B. Lindrew, Department of Labor, Employee Benefits Security Administration, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210, (202) 693-8410, FAX (202) 693-4745 (these are not toll-free numbers).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **I. Background**

Section 110 of the Employment Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA) authorizes the Secretary to prescribe alternative methods of compliance with the reporting and disclosure requirements of Title I of ERISA for pension plans. Simplified employee pensions (SEPs) are established in section 408(k) of the Internal Revenue Code (Code). Although SEPs are primarily a development of the Code and subject to its requirements, SEPs are also pension plans subject to the reporting and disclosure requirements of Title I of ERISA.

The Department previously issued a regulation under the authority of section 110 of ERISA (29 CFR 2520.104-49) that intended to relieve sponsors of certain SEPs from ERISA's Title I reporting and disclosure requirements by prescribing an alternative method of compliance. These SEPs are, for purposes of this Notice, referred to as "non-model" SEPs because they exclude (1) those SEPs which are created through use of Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Form 5305-SEP, and (2) those SEPs in which the employer limits or influences the employees' choice to IRAs into which employers' contributions will be made and on which participant withdrawals are prohibited. The disclosure requirements in this regulation were developed in conjunction with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS Notice 81-1). Accordingly, sponsors of "non-model" SEPs that satisfy the limited disclosure requirements of the regulation are relieved from otherwise

applicable reporting and disclosure requirements under Title I of ERISA, including the requirements to file annual reports (Form 5500 Series) with the Department, and to furnish summary plan descriptions and summary annual reports to participants and beneficiaries.

This ICR includes four separate disclosure requirements. First, at the time an employee becomes eligible to participate in the SEP, the administrator of the SEP must furnish the employee in writing specific and general information concerning the SEP; a statement on rates, transfers and withdrawals; and a statement on tax treatment. Second, the administrator of the SEP must furnish participants with information concerning any amendments. Third, the administrator must notify participants of any employer contributions made to the IRA. Fourth, in the case of a SEP that provides integration with Social Security, the administrator shall provide participants with statement on Social Security taxes and the integration formula used by the employer.

##### **II. Review Focus**

The Department of Labor (Department) is particularly interested in comments that:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

##### **III. Current Actions**

The Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) approval of this ICR will expire on February 28, 2005. The ICR should be continued because the alternative disclosure arrangement provided through this regulation relieves sponsors of "non-model" SEPs of most of the reporting and disclosure requirements under Title I of ERISA. Additionally, the disclosure requirements set forth in this regulation,

insure that administrators of "non-model" SEPs provide participants with specific written information concerning SEPs. After considering comments received in response to this notice, the Department intends to submit the ICR to OMB for continuing approval. No change to the existing ICR is proposed or made at this time.

**Agency:** Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor.

**Title:** Alternative Method of Compliance for Certain SEPs pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.104-49.

**Type of Review:** Extension of a currently approved collection of information.

**OMB Number:** 1210-0034.

**Affected Public:** Individuals or households; business or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions.

**Respondents:** 460.

**Responses:** 20,700.

**Frequency of Response:** On occasion.

**Average Response Time:** 35 minutes.

**Estimated Total Burden Hours:** 2,000.

**Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance):** \$7,900.

Dated: November 24, 2004.

**Gerald B. Lindrew,**

*Deputy Director, Office of Policy and Research, Employee Benefits Security Administration.*

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**

##### **Employee Benefits Security Administration**

##### **Proposed Extension of Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations; Prohibited Transaction Class Exemption 98-54—Foreign Exchange Transactions Executed Pursuant to Standing Instructions**

**AGENCY:** Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA 95). This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized,