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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Agency Information Collection Activities: Announcement of Board Approval Under Delegated Authority and Submission to OMB

AGENCY: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the final approval of a proposed information collection by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Board) under OMB delegated authority, as per 5 CFR 1320.16 (OMB Regulations on Controlling Paperwork Burdens on the Public). Board-approved collections of information are incorporated into the official OMB inventory of currently approved collections of information. Copies of the Paperwork Reduction Act Submission, supporting statement and approved collection of information instrument are placed into OMB's public docket files. The Federal Reserve may not conduct or sponsor, and the respondent is not required to respond to, an information collection that has been extended, revised, or implemented on or after October 1, 1995, unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Final approval under OMB delegated authority of the extension for three years, with revision, of the following report:

Report title: Intermittent Survey of Business.

Agency form number: FR 1374.

OMB control number: 7100-0302.

Frequency: On occasion.

Reporters: Businesses and state and local governments.

Estimated annual reporting hours: 1,825 hours.

Estimated average hours per response: 15 minutes.

Number of respondents: 2410.

General description of report: This information collection is voluntary (12 U.S.C. 225a and 263) and may be given confidential treatment (5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4)).

Abstract: The survey data are used by the Federal Reserve to gather information specifically tailored to the Federal Reserve's policy and operational responsibilities. There are two parts to this event-generated survey. First, under the guidance of Board economists, the Federal Reserve Banks survey business contacts as economic developments warrant. Currently, there are approximately 240 business respondents for each survey (about 20

per Reserve Bank); occasionally state and local government officials are called, in which case there are far fewer respondents. It is necessary to conduct these surveys to provide timely information to the members of the Board and to the presidents of the Reserve Banks. Usually, these surveys are conducted by Reserve Bank staff economists telephoning or emailing purchasing managers, economists, or other knowledgeable individuals at selected, relevant businesses. Reserve Bank staff may also use online survey tools to collect responses to the survey. The frequency and content of the questions, as well as the entities contacted, vary depending on developments in the economy. Second, economists at the Board survey business contacts by telephone, inquiring about current business conditions. Board economists conduct these surveys as economic conditions require, with approximately ten respondents for each survey.

Current Actions: On July 26, 2013, the Federal Reserve published a notice in the **Federal Register** (78 FR 45193) requesting public comment for 60 days on the proposal to extend, with revision, the Intermittent Survey of Business. The comment period for this notice expired on September 24, 2013. The Federal Reserve did not receive any comments. The revisions will be implemented as proposed.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, October 3, 2013.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Secretary of the Board.

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