

SUMMARY: Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104–13, May 22, 1995), the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget a request for extension of three previously-approved information collection forms for which approval will soon expire. The Establishment Information Form, the Wage Data Collection Form, and the Wage Data Collection Continuation Form are wage survey forms developed by OPM for use by the Department of Defense (DOD) to establish prevailing wage rates for Federal Wage System employees.

DOD contacts approximately 21,200 businesses annually to determine the level of wages paid by private enterprise establishments for representative jobs common to both private industry and the Federal Government. Each survey collection requires 1–4 hours of respondent burden, resulting in a total yearly burden of approximately 75,800 hours.

For copies of this proposal, contact Margaret A. Miller on (202) 606–2699, fax (202) 418–3251, or e-mail mamiller@opm.gov. Please include a mailing address with your request.

DATES: Submit comments on or before September 19, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Send or deliver comments to:

- Charles D. Grimes III, Deputy Associate Director for Performance and Pay Systems, Strategic Human Resources Policy Division, U.S. Office of Personnel Management, Room 7H31, 1900 E Street, NW., Washington, DC 20415–8200; e-mail pay-performance-policy@opm.gov; or FAX: (202) 606–4264.

- Brenda Aguilar, OPM Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, NW., Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Madeline Gonzalez, (202) 606–2838; fax (202) 606–4264; or e-mail pay-performance-policy@opm.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: OPM published notice of its intention to request an extension of the information collection wage survey forms in the *Federal Register* on May 2, 2008 (73 FR 24322). OPM received no comments.

U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

Howard Weizmann,
Deputy Director.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Upon Written Request, Copies Available From: U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Investor Education and Advocacy, Washington, DC 20549–0213.

Rule 15b6–1 and Form BDW, OMB Control No. 3235–0018, SEC File No. 270–17.

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget a request to revise the collection of information discussed below. The Code of Federal Regulations citation to this collection of information is the following rule: 17 CFR 240.15b6–1.

Broker-dealers use Form BDW (17 CFR 249.501a) to withdraw from registration with the Commission, the self-regulatory organizations, and the states. It is estimated that approximately 737 broker-dealers withdraw from registration annually and, therefore, file a Form BDW via the internet with Web CRD, a computer system operated by the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. that maintains information regarding registered broker-dealers and their registered personnel. However, the Commission estimates that approximately 127 of these 737 withdrawing broker-dealers would employ third-party filers to file Form BDW. The broker-dealers that employ third-parties would not incur an hour burden and, therefore, do not incur a reporting burden. As discussed below, however, these broker-dealers would incur a cost burden with respect to Form BDW. Therefore, the 610 broker-dealers that withdraw from registration by filing Form BDW themselves, would incur an aggregate annual reporting burden of 152.5 hours (610×0.25 hours).

Broker-dealers that employ third-parties to file Form BDW would not incur a reporting burden, but would incur a cost burden in filing Form BDW. The Commission estimates that 127 broker-dealers would employ third-parties to file Form BDW. These broker-dealers would be billed by third-party filers at an estimated average compensation rate of \$44.00 per hour. Therefore, the total annual cost burden to broker-dealers that employ third-party filers to file Form BDW would be approximately \$1,397 (i.e., 127×0.25 hours \times \$44 per hour) or \$11 per withdrawing broker-dealer.

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 control number. Rule 15b6–1 does not have a retention of records requirement.

Comments should be directed to (i) Desk Officer for the Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10102, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503 or by sending an e-mail to: Alexander.T.Hunt@omb.eop.gov; and (ii) Lewis W. Walker, Acting CIO/Chief Information Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, c/o Shirley Martinson, 6432 General Green Way, Alexandria, VA 22312 or send an e-mail to: PRA_Mailbox@sec.gov. Comments must be submitted within 30 days of this notice.

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Florence E. Harmon,
Acting Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Upon Written Request, Copies Available From: U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Investor Education and Advocacy, Washington, DC 20549–0213.

Extension: Rule 15c2–5, OMB Control No. 3235–0198, SEC File No. 270–195.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget a request for extension of the previously approved collection of information discussed below. The Code of Federal Regulations citation to this collection of information is the following: 17 CFR 240.15c2–5.

Rule 15c2–5 prohibits a broker-dealer from arranging or extending certain loans to persons in connection with the offer or sale of securities unless, before any element of the transaction is entered into, the broker-dealer: (1) Delivers to the person a written statement containing the exact nature and extent of the person’s obligations under the loan arrangement; the risks and disadvantages of the loan arrangement; and all commissions, discounts, and other remuneration received and to be