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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 proposed information collections 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 statements and approved collection of information instrument(s) 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.

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

Report title: Application for Employment with the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

Agency form number: FR 28, FR 28i, FR 28s.

OMB control number: 7100-0181.

Frequency: On Occasion.

Reporters: Employment applicants.

Estimated annual reporting hours: 3,558 hours.

Estimated average hours per response: FR 28: 1 hour; FR 28s: 1 minute; FR 28i: 5 minutes.

Number of respondents: FR 28: 3,500; FR 28s: 2,000; FR 28i: 300.

General description of report: This information collection is required to obtain a benefit and is authorized pursuant to Sections 10(4) and 11(1) of the Federal Reserve Act (12 U.S.C. § § 244 and 248(1)). Information provided

will be kept confidential under exemption (b)(6) of the Freedom of Information Act to the extent that the disclosure of information “would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.” 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6).

Abstract: The Application collects information to determine the qualifications and availability of applicants for employment with the Board such as information on education and training, employment record, military service record, and other information since the time the applicant left high school. Included with the Application are two supplemental questionnaires: (1) The Applicant’s Voluntary Self-Identification Form (FR 28s), which collects information on the applicant’s gender and ethnic group and (2) The Research Assistant (RA) Candidate Survey of Interests (FR 28i), which collects information from candidates applying for Research Assistant positions on their level of interest in economics and related areas.

Current Actions: On July 24, 2014, the Federal Reserve published a notice in the *Federal Register* (79 FR 43045) requesting public comment for 60 days on the extension, with revision, of the FR 28, FR 28i, and FR 28s. The comment period for this notice expired on September 22, 2014. The Federal Reserve did not receive any comments. The revisions will be implemented as proposed.

Final approval under OMB delegated authority of the extension for three years, without revision, of the following reports:

1. *Report title:* Compensation and Salary Surveys.

Agency form number: FR 29a, b.

OMB control number: 7100-0290.

Frequency: FR 29a, annually; FR 29b, on occasion.

Reporters: Employers considered competitors for Federal Reserve employees.

Estimated annual reporting hours: FR 29a, 210 hours; FR 29b, 50 hours.

Estimated average hours per response: FR 29a, 6 hours; FR 29b, 1 hour.

Number of respondents: 45.

General description of report: This information collection is authorized pursuant sections 10(4) and 11(1) of the Federal Reserve Act, (12 U.S.C. section 244 and 248(1)) and is voluntary. These statutory provisions grant the Federal Reserve Board independence to determine its employees' salaries and compensation. Individual respondent data are regarded as confidential under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) (5 U.S.C 552 (b)(4) and (6)). Any aggregate reports produced are not subject to FOIA exemptions.

Abstract: The Federal Reserve along with other Financial Institutions Reforms, Recovery and Enforcement Act of 1989 (FIRREA) agencies¹ conduct the FR 29a survey jointly. The FR 29b is collected by the Federal Reserve Board. The FR 29a,b collect information on salaries, employee compensation policies, and other employee programs from employers that are considered competitors of the Federal Reserve Board. The data from the surveys primarily are used to determine the appropriate salary structure and salary adjustments for Federal Reserve Board employees so that salary ranges are competitive with other organizations offering similar jobs.

2. *Report title:* Ongoing Intermittent Survey of Households.

Agency form number: FR 3016.

OMB control number: 7100-0150.

Frequency: On Occasion.

Reporters: Households and individuals.

Estimated annual reporting hours: 633 hours.

¹ For purposes of this proposal the FIRREA agencies consist of: the Federal Reserve Board, the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the National Credit Union Administration, the Commodities Futures Trading Commission, the Farm Credit Administration, and the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Estimated average hours per response: Division of Research & Statistics, 1.58 minutes; Division of Consumer & Community Affairs (DCCA), 3 minutes; Other divisions, 5 minutes; and Non-SRC surveys, 90 minutes.

Number of respondents: 500.

General description of report: This information collection is voluntary and is authorized by the Federal Reserve Act (12 U.S.C. § 225a, 263). No issue of confidentiality normally arises because names and any other characteristics that would permit personal identification of respondents are not reported to the Federal Reserve Board. However, exemption 6 of the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6)) would exempt this information from disclosure.

Abstract: The Federal Reserve uses this voluntary survey to obtain household-based information specifically tailored to the Federal Reserve's policy, regulatory, and operational responsibilities. Currently, the University of Michigan's Survey Research Center (SRC) includes survey questions on behalf of the Federal Reserve in an addendum to their regular monthly Survey of Consumer Attitudes and Expectations. The SRC conducts the survey by telephone with a sample of 500 households and asks questions of special interest to the Federal Reserve intermittently, as needed. The frequency and content of the questions depend on changing economic,

regulatory, and legislative developments. The Federal Reserve primarily uses the survey to study consumer financial decisions, attitudes, and payment behavior.

3. *Report title:* Recordkeeping Requirements Associated with the Real Estate Lending Standards Regulation for State Member Banks.

Agency form number: Reg H-5.

OMB control number: 7100-0261.

Frequency: Aggregate report, quarterly; policy statement, annually.

Reporters: State member banks.

Estimated annual reporting hours: 17,000 hours.

Estimated average hours per response: Aggregate report: 5 hours; Policy statement: 20 hours.

Number of respondents: 850.

General description of report: This information collection is mandatory pursuant to section 304 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Improvement Act of 1991 (FDICIA) (12 U.S.C. 1828(o)) which authorizes the Federal Reserve to require the recordkeeping requirements associated with the Board's Regulation H (12 CFR 208.51). Since the information is not collected by the Federal Reserve, no issue of confidentiality under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) arises. However, information gathered

by the Federal Reserve during examinations of state member banks would be deemed exempt from disclosure under exemption 8 of FOIA. 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(8). In addition, exemptions 4 and 6 of FOIA, (5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(4) and (b)(6)) also may apply to certain data (specifically, individual loans identified as in excess of supervisory loan-to-value limits) collected in response to these requirements if gathered by the Federal Reserve, depending on the particular circumstances. These additional exemptions relate to confidential commercial and financial information, and personal information, respectively. Applicability of these exemptions would have to be determined on a case-by-case basis.

Abstract: State member banks must adopt and maintain a written real estate lending policy. In addition, banks must identify their loans in excess of the supervisory loan-to-value limits and report (at least quarterly) the aggregate amount of the loans to the bank's board of directors.

Current Actions: On July 24, 2014, the Federal Reserve published a notice in the *Federal Register* (79 FR 43045) requesting public comment for 60 days on the extension, without revision, of the FR 29a, b, FR 3016, and Reg H-5. The comment period for this notice expired on September 22, 2014. The Federal Reserve did not receive any comments.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, September 26, 2014.

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Secretary of the Board.
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