

Electronics, Seoul, Republic of Korea; Intracom, S.A., Peania, Attika, Greece; Starnet Technologies, San Jose, CA; Tektronix, Chelmsford, MA; Toshiba Corporation, Tokyo, Japan; Transcend Access Systems, Fremont, CA; Tycho Networks, Santa Cruz, CA; VTT Electronics, Oulu, Finland; WCI Cable, Dover, DE; xDSL Networks, Inc., Towson, MD; ASC, Atlanta, GA; and Cabletron Systems, Piscataway, NJ have been dropped as parties to this venture. In addition, Pulsecom, San Diego, CA has been acquired by ECI Telecom, Altamonte Springs, FL.

No other changes have been made in either the membership or planned activity of the group research project. Membership in this group research project remains open, and ASDL intends to file additional written notifications disclosing all changes in membership.

On May 15, 1995, ADSL filed its original notification pursuant to section 6(a) of the Act. The Department of Justice published a notice in the **Federal Register** pursuant to section 6(b) of the Act on July 25, 1995 (60 FR 38058).

The last notification was filed with the Department on December 8, 1999. A notice was published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to section 6(b) of the Act on November 28, 2000 (65 FR 70936).

**Constance K. Robinson,**

*Director of Operations, Antitrust Division.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### Antitrust Division

#### Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—Financial Services Technology Consortium, Inc.

Notice is hereby given that, on March 30, 2001, pursuant to section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* ("the Act"), Financial Services Technology Consortium, Inc. ("Consortium") has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing changes in its membership status. The notifications were filed for the purpose of extending the Act's provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances. Specifically, University Bank, Ann Arbor, MI has joined the Consortium as a principal member. Authentor Systems, Inc., Englewood, CA joined the Consortium as an associate member.

National Institute of Standards & Technology (NIST), Gaithersburg, MD joined the Consortium as an advisory member. Also, Department of Treasury, Washington, DC; FundServ, Inc., Toronto, Ontario, Canada; IntraNet, Newton, MA; National Center for Manufacturing Sciences (NCMS), Ann Arbor, MI; and NEC Corporation, Tokyo, Japan have been dropped as parties to this venture.

No other changes have been made in either the membership or planned activity of the group research project. Membership in this group research project remains open, and Financial Services Technology Consortium, Inc. intends to file additional written notification disclosing all changes in membership.

On October 21, 1993, Financial Services Technology Consortium, Inc. filed its original notification pursuant to section 6(a) of the Act. The Department of Justice published a notice in the **Federal Register** pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act on December 14, 1993 (58 FR 65399).

The last notification was filed with the Department on December 27, 2000. A notice was published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act on March 20, 2001 (66 FR 15758).

**Constance K. Robinson,**

*Director of Operations, Antitrust Division.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Office of the Secretary

#### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

May 11, 2001.

The Department of Labor (DOL) has submitted the following public information collection requests (ICRs) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). A copy of each individual ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by calling the Department of Labor. To obtain documentation contact Darrin King at (202) 693-4129 or E-Mail [King-Darrin@dol.gov](mailto:King-Darrin@dol.gov).

Comments should be sent to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for PWBA, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 ((202) 395-7316), within 30 days from the date of this publication in the **Federal Register**.

The OMB is particularly interested in comments which:

- 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 submission of responses.

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

*Agency:* Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration (PWBA).

*Title:* Prohibited Transaction Class Exemption 81-6.

*OMB Number:* 1210-0065.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; and Individuals or households.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Number of Respondents:* 42,000.

*Number of Annual Responses:* 126,000.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 5 minutes.

*Total Burden Hours:* 10,500.

*Total Annualized Capital/Startup Costs:* \$0.

*Total Annual Costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services):* \$48,000.

*Description:* Prohibited Transaction Class Exemption 81-6 exempts from the prohibited transaction restrictions of ERISA the lending of securities by plans to banks, registered broker-dealers, and dealers in Government Securities who are parties in interest, except if the borrower or an affiliate has discretionary authority or renders investment advice with respect to the involved plan assets.

The class exemption contains two information collection requirements. First, the borrower must furnish the lending plan fiduciary with the most recent available audited statement of the borrower's financial condition and make a representation at the time of the loan is negotiated that there has been no material adverse change in its financial condition since the audited statement. Second, the loan of the securities is made pursuant to a written agreement,

is intended to ensure that the terms of the transaction are made public and are at least as favorable to the plan as an arms-length transaction with an unrelated party. Individual agreements are not required for each transaction; the agreement may be made in the form of a master agreement covering a series of transactions.

Without the audited statement of the borrower's financial condition and a written agreement, the Department, which may only grant an exemption if it can find that participants and beneficiaries are protected, would be unable to effectively enforce the terms of the class exemption and ensure user compliance.

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

*Agency:* Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration (PWBA).

*Title:* Regulation relating to Loans to Plan Participants and Beneficiaries who are Parties in Interest with Respect to the Plan.

*OMB Number:* 1210-0076.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; and Individuals or households.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Number of Respondents:* 1,310.

*Number of Annual Responses:* 1,310.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 0.

*Total Burden Hours:* 0.

*Total Annualized Capital/Startup Costs:* 0.

*Total Annual Costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services):* \$283,000.

*Description:* In this regulation (29 CFR 2550.408b-1) the Department sets out the terms of ERISA section 408(b)(1) under which loans from a plan to participants and beneficiaries who are parties in interest are permitted. ERISA section 408(b)(1)(C) requires that loans from a plan to participants and beneficiaries be made in accordance with "specific provisions" set forth in the plan. This regulation proscribes eight specific provisions that must be included in the plan documents. Because 402(a)(1) of ERISA requires that every employee benefit be in writing, these eight specific provisions must also be in writing. The plan document is the legal statement of the plan provisions and governs all plan operations.

The disclosure requirement incorporated within this regulation is intended to ensure that loan programs are operated impartially.

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

*Agency:* Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration (PWBA).

*Title:* Prohibited Transaction Class Exemption 85-68 to Permit Employee

Benefit Plans to Invest in Customer Notes of Employers.

*OMB Number:* 1210-0094.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; and Individuals or households.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Number of Respondents:* 120.

*Number of Annual Responses:* 960.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 1 hour.

*Total Burden Hours:* 960.

*Total Annualized Capital/Startup Costs:* \$0.

*Total Annual Costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services):* \$0.

*Description:* Prohibited Transaction Class Exemption 85-68 exempts from the prohibited transaction restrictions of ERISA the investment by employee benefits plan in customer notes accepted by an employer of employees covered by the plan in the ordinary course of the employer's primary business activity.

The class exemption contains a recordkeeping requirement. Plans are required to maintain for six years from the date of the transaction the records necessary to enable interested parties, including the Department, to determine whether the conditions of the exemption are being met.

Without the records, the Department, which may only grant an exemption if it can find that participants and beneficiaries are protected, would be unable to effectively enforce the terms of the class exemption and ensure user compliance.

**Ira L. Mills,**

*Departmental Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Office of the Secretary

#### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

April 26, 2001.

The Department of Labor (DOL) has submitted the following public information collection requests (ICRs) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). A copy of each individual ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by calling the Department of Labor. To obtain documentation for BLS, ESA, and PWBA contact Marlene Howze ((202) 219-8904 or by email to Howze-Marlene@dol.gov). To obtain

documentation for ETA, MSHA, OSHA, and VETS contact Darrin King ((202) 693-4129 or by E-Mail to King-Darrin@dol.gov).

Comments should be sent to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for FLS, DM, ESA, ETA, MSHA, OSHA, PWBA, or VETS, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 ((202) 395-7316), within 30 days from the date of this publication in the **Federal Register**.

The OBM is particularly interested in comments which:

- 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 submission of responses.

*Agency:* Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration.

*Title:* Prohibited Transaction Class Exemption 82-63, Compensation to fiduciaries for securities lending services to an employee benefit plan.

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

*OMB Number:* 1210-0062.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Total Respondents:* 42,000.

*Total Responses:* 126,000.

*Total Estimated Burden Hours:* 3,500 hours.

*Total Annualized Capital/Startup Costs:* \$0.

*Total Annual Cost (Operating and Maintenance):* \$0.

*Description:* PTE 82-63 allows certain compensation arrangements to be made for the provision by a fiduciary of securities lending services to an employee benefit plan, if the conditions specified in the exemption are met. In the absence of this exemption, certain aspects of these transactions might be prohibited by section 406 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act. The class exemption has two basic