

*Category 2: Enhanced Facility and Operational Security—Including but not limited to facility/terminal/vessel (commuter or ferry service) access control, physical security, cargo security and passenger security. Consideration will also be given to proof-of-concept projects, which can demonstrate how security would be improved/enhanced, by their implementation.*

Dated: January 21, 2003.

**J.M. Loy, ADM,**

*Under Secretary of Transportation for Security.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### President's Commission on the United States Postal Service; Issues for Consideration

**AGENCY:** Department of the Treasury, Departmental Offices.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The President has clearly outlined the mission of this Commission in Executive Order No. 13278.

According to the Executive Order, the Commission must consider the following issues: (1) The role of the Postal Service in the 21st century and beyond; (2) the flexibility that the Postal Service should have to change prices, control costs, and adjust service in response to financial, competitive, or market pressures; (3) the rigidities in cost or service that limit the efficiency of the postal system; (4) the ability of the Postal Service, over the long term, to maintain universal mail delivery at affordable rates and cover its unfunded liabilities with minimum exposure to the American taxpayers; (5) the extent to which postal monopoly restrictions continue to advance the public interest under evolving market conditions and the extent to which the Postal Service competes with private sector services; and (6) the most appropriate governance and oversight structure for the Postal Service.

The Executive Order also charges the Commission with considering "such other issues relating to the Postal Service" that the Commission determines are appropriate subjects for review.

During this process of examination, the Commission is committed to ensuring that every affected and interested party has an opportunity to share its views and concerns with us. Any party that wishes to submit a written statement on any issue or issues

that fall within the established scope of the Commission's mission is strongly encouraged to do so. The Commission has established three methods by which statements can be submitted for consideration and review:

1. Transmission by Email to the following address: [pcusps\\_comments@do.treas.gov](mailto:pcusps_comments@do.treas.gov). Statements can be embedded in the Email as ASCII text or sent as a MS Word or ASCII text attachment. Do not include artwork or other graphic elements.

2. Stored on 3½ inch high density computer disk as a MS word or ASCII text document (Windows format only) and mailed or hand-delivered to: President's Commission on the United States Postal Service, 1120 Vermont Avenue, NW., Suite 971, Washington, DC 20005.

3. Typewritten statements may be mailed or hand-delivered to: President's Commission on the United States Postal Service, 1120 Vermont Avenue, NW., Suite 971, Washington, DC 20005.

**DATES:** Email transmissions must be received by the Commission no later than 5 p.m. on Wednesday, February 12. Mailed submissions must be postmarked no later than 5 p.m. on Wednesday, February 12.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Randall Lewis of the Commission staff at (202) 622-6075.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Commission encourages parties to limit their statements to a maximum length of 25 pages of double-spaced written text. Any statement exceeding 15 pages in length should be accompanied by a one-page "executive summary." Please be aware that the Commission may, at its discretion, post any statements it receives on the Commission's website at <http://www.treas.gov/offices/domestic-finance/usps>.

Dated: January 21, 2003.

**Roger Kodat,**

*Designated Federal Official.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Fiscal Service

#### Financial Management Service; Proposed Collection of Information: Pools and Associations—Annual Letter

**AGENCY:** Financial Management Service, Fiscal Service, Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Financial Management Service, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on a continuing information collection. By this notice, the Financial Management Service solicits comments concerning the "Pools and Associations—Annual Letter".

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before March 28, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Financial Management Service, 3700 East-West Highway, Records and Information Management Branch, Room 135, Hyattsville, Maryland 20782.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the form(s) and instructions should be directed to Dorothy Martin, Manager, Surety Bond Branch, Room 608A, 3700 East-West Highway, Hyattsville, Maryland 20872, (202) 874-6850.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, (44 U.S.C. 3506(C)(2)(A)), the Financial Management Service solicits comments on the collection of information described below.

*Title:* Pools and Associations—Annual Letter.

*OMB Number:* 1510-0008.

*Form Number:* None.

*Abstract:* The information is collected for the determination of an acceptable percentage for each pool and association to allow Treasury certified companies credit on their Schedule F for authorized ceded reinsurance in determining the companies' underwriting limitations.

*Current Actions:* Extension of currently approved collection.

*Type of Review:* Regular.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 100.

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:* 1 hour 30 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 150.

*Comments:* Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the

collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance and purchase of services to provide information.

Dated: January 16, 2003.

**Judith R. Tillman,**

*Assistant Commissioner, Financial Operations.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Fiscal Service

#### **Financial Management Service; Proposed Collection of Information: States Where Licensed for Surety**

**AGENCY:** Financial Management Service, Fiscal Service, Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Financial Management Service, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on a continuing information collection. By this notice, the Financial Management

Service solicits comments concerning the form "States Where Licensed for Surety".

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before March 28, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Financial Management Service, 3700 East-West Highway, Records and Information Management Branch, Room 135, Hyattsville, Maryland 20782.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Request for additional information or copies of the form(s) and instructions should be directed to Dorothy Martin, Manager, Surety Bond Branch, Room 608A, 3700 East-West Highway, Hyattsville, Maryland 20872, (202) 874-6850.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), the Financial Management Service solicits comments on the collection of information described below.

*Title:* States Where Licensed for Surety.

*OMB Number:* 1510-0013.

*Form Number:* FMS 2208.

*Abstract:* Information is collected from insurance companies in order to provide Federal bond approving officers with this information. The listing of states, by company, appears in Treasury's Circular 570, "Surety Companies Acceptable on Federal Bonds".

*Current Actions:* Extension of currently approved collection.

*Type of Review:* Regular.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 318.

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:* 1 hour.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 318.

*Comments:* Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance and purchase of services to provide information.

Dated: January 16, 2003.

**Judith R. Tillman,**

*Assistant Commissioner, Financial Operations.*

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