

Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, NW., Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503.

FOR INFORMATION REGARDING

ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATION CONTACT:

Cyrus S. Benson, Team Leader, Publications Team, RIS Support Services, (202) 606-0623.

U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

Kay Coles James,

Director.

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**OFFICE OF PERSONNEL
MANAGEMENT**

**Proposed Collection; Comment
Request for Review of a Revised
Information Collection: Federal
Employees Health Benefits (FEHB)
Open Season Express Interactive
Voice Response (IVR) System and
Open Season Online**

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13, May 22, 1995), this notice announces that the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request for review of a revised information collection. The Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) Open Season Express Interactive Voice Response (IVR) System and the Open Season web site, Open Season Online, is used by retirees and survivors; it collects information for changing FEHB enrollments, collecting dependent and other insurance information for self and family enrollments, requesting plan brochures, requesting a change of address, requesting cancellation or suspension of FEHB benefits, asking to make payment to the Office of Personnel Management when the FEHB payment is greater than the monthly annuity amount, or requesting FEHB plan accreditation and Customer Satisfaction Survey information.

Comments are particularly invited on: Whether this collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of functions of the Office of Personnel Management, and whether it will have practical utility; whether our estimate of the public burden of this collection of information is accurate, and based on valid assumptions and methodology; and ways in which we can minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through

the use of appropriate technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

We estimate that we will receive 112,000 responses per year to the IVR system and the on-line web site. Each response takes approximately 10 minutes to complete. The annual burden is 18,666 hours.

For copies of this proposal, contact Mary Beth Smith-Toomey on (202) 606-8358, FAX (202) 418-3251 or via E-mail to mbtoomey@opm.gov. Please include a mailing address with your request.

DATES: Comments on this proposal should be received within 60 calendar days from the date of this publication.

ADDRESSES: Send or deliver comments to William C. Jackson, Group Leader, Retirement Eligibility and Services Group, Retirement Services Program, U.S. Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street, NW., Room 2336, Washington, DC 20415-3560.

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**OFFICE OF PERSONNEL
MANAGEMENT**

Excepted Service

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This gives notice of OPM decisions, granting authority to make appointments under Schedules A, B, and C in the excepted service as required by 5 CFR 6.6 and 213.103.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Deborah Grade, Acting Director, Washington Services Branch, Center for Talent Services, Division for Human Resources Products and Services, (202) 606-5027.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Appearing in the listing below are the individual authorities established under Schedules A, B, and C between April 1, 2003 and April 30, 2003. Future notices will be published on the fourth Tuesday of each month, or as soon as possible thereafter. A consolidated listing of all authorities as of June 30 is published each year.

Schedule A. No Schedule A appointments for April 2003.

Schedule B. No Schedule B appointments for April 2003.

Schedule C. The following Schedule C appointments were approved for April 2003:

Council on Environmental Quality

Associate Director for Global Environmental Affairs to the Chair, Council on Environmental Quality. Effective April 18, 2003.

Department of Agriculture

Special Assistant to the Administrator for Risk Management. Effective April 2, 2003.

Confidential Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations. Effective April 4, 2003.

Confidential Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations. Effective April 4, 2003.

Special Assistant to the Chief for Natural Research Conservation Service. Effective April 11, 2003.

Special Assistant to the Administrator for the Farm Service Agency. Effective April 25, 2003.

White House Liaison to the Secretary of Agriculture. Effective April 25, 2003.

Department of the Army (Department of Defense)

Personal and Confidential Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of the Army. Effective April 7, 2003.

Department of Commerce

Confidential Assistant to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Export Promotion Service. Effective April 1, 2003.

Policy Advisor to the Director for Legislative Affairs. Effective April 9, 2003.

Deputy Director to the Director for Executive Secretariat. Effective April 24, 2003.

Senior Advisor to the Assistant Secretary and Director General of the U.S. and Foreign Commercial Service, International Trade Administration. Effective April 25, 2003.

Deputy Director to the Director for White House Liaison. Effective April 28, 2003.

Department of Defense

Staff Assistant to the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Special Plans and Near East/South Asia). Effective April 7, 2003.

Staff Specialist to the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Logistics and Materials. Effective April 11, 2003.

Special Assistant to the Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Policy). Effective April 17, 2003.

Defense Fellow to the Special Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for

White House Liaison. Effective April 22, 2003.

Department of Education

Confidential Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education. Effective April 4, 2003.

Deputy Secretary's Regional Representative to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Regional Services. Effective April 8, 2003.

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Intergovernmental, Constituent Relations and Corporate Liaison to the Assistant Secretary for Intergovernmental and Interagency Affairs. Effective April 8, 2003.

Confidential Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Management/Chief Information. Effective April 9, 2003.

Confidential Assistant to the Chief of Staff. Effective April 10, 2003.

Deputy Director of Communications to the Director for Public Affairs (Communications Director). Effective April 10, 2003.

Deputy Secretary's Regional Representative-Region VII to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Regional Services. Effective April 11, 2003.

Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Management/Chief Information Officer. Effective April 18, 2003.

Department of Energy

Advisor for Legislative Affairs to the Assistant Secretary for Conservation and Renewable Energy. Effective April 2, 2003.

Senior Policy Advisor to the Secretary for the Department of Energy. Effective April 4, 2003.

Senior Advisor to the Assistant Secretary for Conservation and Renewable Energy. Effective April 4, 2003.

Special Assistant for Intergovernmental Affairs to the Assistant Secretary for Energy (Environmental Management). Effective April 11, 2003.

Chief of Staff/Senior Policy Advisor for North American Affairs to the Assistant Secretary for International Affairs. Effective April 17, 2003.

Special Assistant to the Director for Scheduling and Advance. Effective April 24, 2003.

Department of Health and Human Services

Senior Advisor to the Assistant Secretary for Legislation. Effective April 17, 2003.

Department of Homeland Security

Executive Assistant to the Director for National Capital Region Coordination. Effective April 2, 2003.

Director for Local Affairs to the Director for State and Local Affairs. Effective April 7, 2003.

Director for State Affairs to the Director for State and Local Affairs. Effective April 10, 2003.

Special Assistant to the Director for Citizenship and Immigration Services. Effective April 9, 2003.

Press Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs. Effective April 11, 2003.

Business Liaison to the Special Assistant to the Secretary, Private Sector. Effective April 14, 2003.

Director of Speechwriting to the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs. Effective April 15, 2003.

Business Analyst to the Special Assistant to the Secretary, Private Sector. Effective April 17, 2003.

Policy Analyst to the Deputy Chief of Staff (Policy). Effective April 18, 2003.

Press Secretary for Science and Technology to the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs. Effective April 23, 2003.

Executive Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Plans, Programs and Budgets. Effective April 24, 2003.

Associate Executive Secretary (Internal Coordination) to the Executive Secretary. Effective April 24, 2003.

Staff Assistant to the Deputy Secretary for the Department of Homeland Security. Effective April 24, 2003.

Special Assistant to the Under Secretary for Management. Effective April 24, 2003.

Scheduler to the Under Secretary for Management. Effective April 24, 2003.

Department of Housing and Urban Development

Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development. Effective April 4, 2003.

Staff Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations. Effective April 29, 2003.

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Intergovernmental Relations to the Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations. Effective April 30, 2003.

Department of the Interior

Counselor to the Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs. Effective April 29, 2003.

Hispanic Media Outreach to the Director for Communications. Effective April 30, 2003.

Department of Justice

Counsel to the Assistant Attorney General. Effective April 2, 2003.

Special Assistant to the Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division. Effective April 2, 2003.

Special Assistant to the Director for Community Oriented Policing Services. Effective April 22, 2003.

Counsel to the Associate Attorney General. Effective April 22, 2003.

Staff Assistant to the Assistant Attorney General for the Tax Division. Effective April 30, 2003.

Department of Labor

Deputy Director to the Director for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives. Effective April 4, 2003.

Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management. Effective April 11, 2003.

Staff Assistant to the Director for Public Liaison. Effective April 11, 2003.

Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Employment Standards. Effective April 15, 2003.

Staff Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Policy. Effective April 22, 2003.

Department of State

Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for African Affairs. Effective April 14, 2003.

Foreign Affairs Officer to the Assistant Secretary for Intelligence and Research. Effective April 14, 2003.

Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for African Affairs. Effective April 24, 2003.

Department of Transportation

Senior Policy Advisor to the Administrator for the Maritime Administration. Effective April 2, 2003.

Assistant to the Secretary for Policy to the Secretary for Transportation. Effective April 9, 2003.

Special Assistant to the Administrator for Research and Special Programs Administration. Effective April 9, 2003.

Director for Public and Consumer Affairs to the Administrator for the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration. Effective April 9, 2003.

Department of the Treasury

Senior Advisor to the Under Secretary for Domestic Finance. Effective April 9, 2003.

Special Assistant to the Director for Strategic Planning, Scheduling and Advance. Effective April 14, 2003.

Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary (Deputy Under Secretary) for International Affairs. Effective April 24, 2003.

Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs. Effective April 29, 2003.

Special Assistant to the Chief of Staff. Effective April 29, 2003.

Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs. Effective April 29, 2003.

Environmental Protection Agency

Special Assistant to the Associate Administrator for Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations. Effective April 29, 2003.

Senior Policy Advisor to the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Water. Effective April 30, 2003.

National Endowment for the Arts

Speechwriter to the Chairman for the National Endowment for the Arts. Effective April 25, 2003.

Director for Development to the Senior Deputy Chairman. Effective April 29, 2003.

Office of National Drug Control Policy

Legislative Analyst to the Associate Director for Legislative Affairs. Effective April 1, 2003.

Confidential Counsel to the Deputy Director for Demand Reduction. Effective April 30, 2003.

Office of Personnel Management

Deputy Chief of Staff to the Chief of Staff. Effective April 24, 2003.

Office of the United States Trade Representative

Deputy Assistant U.S. Trade Representative to the Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Congressional Affairs. Effective April 1, 2003.

Small Business Administration

National Director for Native American Affairs to the Associate Deputy Administrator for Entrepreneurial Development. Effective April 9, 2003.

National Director—Matchmaking to the Associate Deputy Administrator for Government Contracts. Effective April 16, 2003.

Special Assistant to the Assistant Administrator for Congressional and Legislative Affairs. Effective April 18, 2003.

Social Security Administration

Confidential Assistant to the Chief of Staff. April 25, 2003.

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 3301 and 3302; E.O. 10577, 3 CFR 1954–1958 Comp., P.218.

Office of Personnel Management.

Kay Coles James,

Director.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Upon written request, copies available from: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Filings and Information Services, Washington, DC 20549.

Extension:

Rule 17Ac2–2 and Form TA–2, SEC File No. 270–298, OMB Control No. 3235–0337.

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.

- Rule 17Ac2–2 and Form TA–2 (OMB Control No. 3235–0337; SEC File No. 270–298).

Rule 17Ac2–2, 17 CFR 240.17Ac2–2, and Form TA–2 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 require transfer agents to file an annual report of their business activities with the Commission. The amount of time needed to comply with the requirements of Rule 17Ac2–2 and Form TA–2 varies. From the total 1,210 registered transfer agents, approximately 300 registrants would be required to complete only Questions 1 through 4 and the signature section of amended Form TA–2, which we estimate would take each registrant about 30 minutes, for a total burden of 150 hours (300 × .5 hours).

Approximately 410 registrants would be required to answer Questions 1 through 5, 10, and 11 and the signature section, which we estimate would take about 1 hour and 30 minutes, for a total of 615 hours (410 × 1.5 hours). The remaining registrants, approximately 500, would be required to complete the entire Form TA–2, which we estimate would take about 6 hours, for a total of 3000 hours (500 × 6 hours). We estimate that the total burden would be 3,765 hours (150 hours + 615 hours + 3000 hours).

We estimate that the total cost of reviewing and entering the information reported on the Forms TA–2 for respondents is \$31.50 per hour. The Commission estimates that the total cost would be \$118,597.50 annually (\$31.50 × 3,765).

Rule 17Ac2–2 does not involve the collection of confidential information. Please note that 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.

General comments regarding the estimated burden hours should be directed to the following persons: (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; and (ii) Kenneth A. Fogash, Acting Associate Executive Director/CIO, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549. Comments must be submitted to OMB within 30 days of this notice.

Dated: June 26, 2003.

Margaret H. McFarland.

Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Upon written request, copies available from: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Filings and Information Services, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549.

Extension:

Form 2–E, Rule 609, SEC File No. 270–222, OMB Control No. 3235–0233.

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Form 2–E under the Securities Act of 1933, Report of Sales Pursuant to Rule 609 of Regulation E; and Rule 609 under the Securities Act of 1933, Report of Sales.

Form 2–E (17 CFR 239.201) is used by small business investment companies or business development companies engaged in limited offerings of securities to report semi-annually the progress of the offering, including the number of shares sold. The form solicits information such as the dates an offering has commenced and has been completed, the number of shares sold and still being offered, amounts received in the offering, and expenses and underwriting discounts incurred in the offering. This information assists the staff in determining whether the issuer has stayed within the limits of an offering exemption.