(12 U.S.C. 347b and 461(b)(7)) and is given confidential treatment (5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4)).

Abstract: The Federal Reserve's Regulation A, Extensions of Credit by Federal Reserve Banks, requires that Reserve Banks review balance sheet data in determining whether to extend credit and to help ascertain whether undue use is made of such credit. Depository institutions that borrow from the discount window report on the FR 2046 certain balance sheet data for a period that encompasses the dates of borrowing.

Current Action: The Federal Reserve proposes to update data element definitions to account for the discontinuance of the Thrift Financial Report (OTS Form 1313). Also, the Federal Reserve proposes that institutions that file the *Weekly Report of Selected Assets and Liabilities of Domestically Chartered Commercial Banks and U.S. Branches and Agencies of Foreign Banks* (FR 2644; OMB No. 7100–0075) need not report the Wednesday-only data item for total loans on the FR 2046.

Proposal To Approve Under OMB Delegated Authority, the Implementation of the Following Report

Report title: Payments Research Survey.

Agency form number: FR 3067.

OMB control number: 7100-new.

Frequency: On occasion.

Reporters: Depository institutions; financial and nonfinancial businesses and related entities; individual consumers; or households.

Estimated annual reporting hours: 60,000 hours.

Estimated average hours per response: 3 hours.

Number of respondents: 5,000.

General description of report: The Federal Reserve has determined that this survey is generally authorized by sections 2A and 12A of the Federal Reserve Act (FRA). Section 2A of the FRA requires that the Federal Reserve maintain long run growth of the monetary and credit aggregates commensurate with the economy's long run potential to increase production, so as to promote effectively the goals of the maximum employment, stable prices, and moderate long-term interest rates. *See* 12 U.S.C. 225a. In addition, under section 12A of the FRA, the Federal Reserve is required to implement regulations relating to the open market operations conducted by Federal Reserve Banks with a view to accommodating commerce and business and with regard to the regulations' bearing upon the general credit situation of the country. *See* 12 U.S.C. 263. The authority of the Federal Reserve to collect economic data to carry out the requirements of these provisions is implicit. Accordingly, the Federal Reserve is authorized to use the FR 3067 by sections 2A and 12A of the FRA.

Additionally, depending on the survey respondent, the information collection may be authorized under a more specific statute. These statutes are:

- Expedited Funds Availability Act § 609 (12 U.S.C. 4008)
- Electronic Fund Transfer Act § 920 (15 U.S.C. 1693o–2)
- The Check Clearing for the 21st Century Act § 15 (12 U.S.C. 5014)
- Federal Reserve Act § 11 (Examinations and reports, Supervision over Reserve Banks, and Federal Reserve Note provisions, 12 U.S.C. 248); § 11A (Pricing of Services, 12 U.S.C. 248a); § 13 (FRB deposits and collections, 12 U.S.C. 342); and § 16 (Issuance of Federal Reserve notes, par clearance, and FRB clearinghouse, 12 U.S.C. 248–1, 360, and 411).

Under the appropriate authority, the Federal Reserve may make submission of survey information mandatory for entities such as financial institutions or payment card networks; submissions would otherwise be voluntary.

The ability of the Federal Reserve to maintain the confidentiality of information provided by respondents to the FR 3067 surveys will be determined on a case-by-case basis depending on the type of information provided for a particular survey. For instance, in some circumstance, no issue of confidentiality will arise as the surveys may be conducted by private firms under contract with the Federal Reserve and names or other directly identifying information would not be provided to the Federal Reserve. In circumstances where identifying information is provided to the Federal Reserve, such information could possibly be protected under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), exemptions 4 and 6. Exemption 4 protects information from disclosure of trade secrets and commercial or financial information, while exemption 6 protects information ''the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.'' *See* 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4) and (6). If the survey is mandatory and is undertaken as part of the supervisory process, information could be protected under FOIA exemption 8, which protects information relating to the examination reports. *See* 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(8).

Abstract: The bank operations and payment systems functions of the Federal Reserve have occasional need to gather data on an ad-hoc basis from the public on their payment habits, economic condition, and financial relationships, as well as their attitudes, perceptions, and expectations. These data may be particularly needed in times of critical economic or regulatory change or when issues of immediate concern arise from Federal Reserve System committee initiatives and working groups or requests from the Congress. The Federal Reserve would use this event-driven survey to obtain information specifically tailored to the Federal Reserve's supervisory, regulatory, fiscal, and operational responsibilities. The Federal Reserve may conduct various versions of the survey during the year and, as needed, survey respondents up to four times per year. The frequency and content of the questions will depend on changing economic, regulatory, supervisory, or legislative developments.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, May 10, 2013.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Sunshine Act Meetings

AGENCY: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

TIME AND DATE: 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, May 21, 2013.

PLACE: Marriner S. Eccles Federal Reserve Board Building, 20th and C Streets NW., Washington, DC 20551.

STATUS: Closed.

Matters To Be Considered

1. Reserve Bank Personnel Compensation Matters.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michelle Smith, Director, or Dave Skidmore, Assistant to the Board, Office of Board Members at 202–452–2955.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: You may call 202–452–3206 beginning at approximately 5 p.m. two business days before the meeting for a recorded announcement of bank and bank holding company applications scheduled for the meeting; or you may contact the Board's Web site at *http://www.federalreserve.gov* for an electronic announcement that not only lists applications, but also indicates procedural and other information about the meeting.

Dated: May 14, 2013.

Margaret M. Shanks,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Meeting of the Advisory Committee on Blood and Tissue Safety and Availability

AGENCY: Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Secretary, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: As stipulated by the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is hereby giving notice that the Advisory Committee on Blood and Tissue Safety and Availability (ACBTSA) will hold a meeting. The meeting will be open to the public.

DATES: The meeting will take place Wednesday, June 5 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Thursday, June 6, 2013, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Fishers Lane Conference Center, Terrace Level, 5635 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD, 20852.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. James Berger, Designated Federal Officer, ACBTSA, and Senior Advisor for Blood and Tissue Safety Policy, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, Department of Health and Human Services, 1101 Wootton Parkway, Suite 250, Rockville, MD, 20852. Phone: (240) 453–8803; Fax (240) 453–8456; Email *ACBTSA@hhs.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The ACBTSA shall provide advice to the Secretary through the Assistant Secretary for Health. The Committee advises on a range of policy issues to include: (1) Identification of public health issues through surveillance of blood, and tissue safety issues with national biovigilance data tools; (2) identification of public health issues that effect availability of blood, blood products, and tissues; (3) broad public health, ethical and legal issues related to the safety of blood, blood products, and tissues; (4) the impact of various economic factors (e.g., product cost and supply) on safety and availability of blood, blood products, and tissues; (5) risk communications related to blood transfusion and tissue transplantation; and (6) identification of infectious disease transmission issues for blood, organs, blood stem cells and tissues. The Advisory Committee has met regularly since its establishment in 1997.

At the June 2013 meeting, the ACBTSA will hear updates on recent activities of the Department and its agencies in support of previous Committee recommendations.

In the past, the Committee has heard and made recommendations regarding policy implications related to emerging research developments involving blood and tissue products available for use during public health emergencies. The Committee noted that a nationally coordinated system to manage tissue supplies and distributions during a disaster does not exist. Past recommendations made by the ACBTSA may be viewed at *www.hhs.gov/bloodsafety*.

The focus of the meeting will be to address whether the current blood center system in the United States is designed for optimal service delivery in the era of health care reform. In particular, the Committee hopes to address the services currently performed by blood centers that are essential to the U.S. health care system, how anticipated changes in health care may affect blood centers and the provision of services, as well as how the field of transfusion medicine will be defined in the next decade.

The public will have the opportunity to present their views to the Committee during a public comment session scheduled for June 6, 2013. Comments will be limited to five minutes per speaker and must be pertinent to the discussion. Pre-registration is required for participation in the public comment session. Any member of the public who would like to participate in this session is encouraged to contact the Designated Federal Officer at his/her earliest convenience to register for time (limited to 5 minutes) and registration must be prior to close of business on June 3, 2013. If it is not possible to provide 30 copies of the material to be distributed, then individuals are requested to provide a minimum of one (1) copy of the document(s) to be distributed prior to the close of business on June 3, 2013. It is also requested that any member of the public who wishes to provide comments to the Committee utilizing electronic data projection to submit the necessary material to the Designated Federal Officer prior to the close of business on June 3, 2013.

Dated: May 9, 2013.

James J. Berger,

Designated Federal Official, ACBTSA and Senior Advisor for Blood and Tissue Safety Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality Agency

Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the intention of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) to request that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approve the proposed information collection project: ''Collection of Information for Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality's (AHRQ) Hospital Survey on Patient Safety Culture Comparative Database.'' In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, 44 U.S.C. 3501–3521, AHRQ invites the public to comment on this proposed information collection.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by July 15, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be submitted to: Doris Lefkowitz, Reports Clearance Officer, AHRQ, by email at *doris.lefkowitz@AHRQ.hhs.gov.*

Copies of the proposed collection plans, data collection instruments, and specific details on the estimated burden can be obtained from the AHRQ Reports Clearance Officer.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Doris Lefkowitz, AHRQ Reports Clearance Officer, (301) 427–1477, or by email at *doris.lefkowitz@AHRQ.hhs.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Proposed Project

Collection of Information for Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality's (AHRQ) Hospital Survey on Patient Safety Culture Comparative Database.

Request for information collection approval. The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) requests that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) reapprove, under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, AHRQ's collection of information for the AHRQ Hospital Survey on Patient Safety Culture (Hospital SOPS) Comparative Database; OMB NO. 0935–