

the PRA on December 22, 2017. On January 25, 2018, OMB approved the new collection of information through January 31, 2021, under OMB Control No. 1212-0069. 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 OMB control number.

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Stephanie Cibinic,

Deputy Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Affairs, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Submission for Review: Designation of Beneficiary (FERS), Standard Form 3102

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: 30-Day notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Retirement Operations, Retirement Services, Office of Personnel Management (OPM) offers the general public and other Federal agencies the opportunity to comment on a revised information collection, Designation of Beneficiary (FERS), Standard Form 3102.

DATES: Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until March 7, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed information collection to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503, Attention: Desk Officer for the Office of Personnel Management or sent via electronic mail to oir_submission@omb.eop.gov or faxed to (202) 395-6974.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: A copy of this information collection, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by contacting the Retirement Services Publications Team, Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street NW, Room 3316-L, Washington, DC 20415, Attention: Cyrus S. Benson, or sent via electronic mail to Cyrus.Benson@opm.gov or faxed to (202) 606-0910 or via telephone at (202) 606-4808.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 OPM is soliciting comments for this collection. The information collection (OMB No. 3206-0173) was

previously published in the **Federal Register** on April 13, 2017, at 82 FR 17890, allowing for a 60-day public comment period. No comments were received for this collection. The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public comments. The Office of Management and Budget is particularly interested in comments that:

1. 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;
2. 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;
3. Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
4. 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 submissions of responses.

Standard Form 3102 is used by an employee or an annuitant covered under the Federal Employees Retirement System to designate a beneficiary to receive any lump sum due in the event of his/her death.

Analysis

Agency: Retirement Operations, Retirement Services, Office of Personnel Management.

Title: Designation of Beneficiary (FERS).

OMB Number: 3206-0173.

Frequency: On occasion.

Affected Public: Individual or Households.

Number of Respondents: 3,888.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 15 minutes.

Total Burden Hours: 972.

Office of Personnel Management.

Kathleen M. McGettigan,

Acting Director.

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OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY

National Strategic Plan for Advanced Manufacturing

AGENCY: Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP).

ACTION: Notice of Request for Information.

SUMMARY: On behalf of the National Science and Technology Council, Committee on Technology, Subcommittee on Advanced Manufacturing, the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) requests input from all interested parties on the development of a National Strategic Plan for Advanced Manufacturing. Through this Request for Information (RFI), OSTP seeks input from the public on ways to improve government coordination and on long-term guidance for Federal programs and activities in support of United States manufacturing competitiveness, including advanced manufacturing research and development that will create jobs, grow the economy across multiple industrial sectors, strengthen national security, and improve healthcare. The public input provided in response to this RFI will inform OSTP and NSTC as they work with Federal agencies and other stakeholders to develop the strategic plan.

DATES: Responses are due by March 7, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Responses should be submitted online at <https://www.nist.gov/oam/rfi-response> or via email to amnpa@nist.gov. Submissions via email should include "RFI Response: National Strategic Plan for Advanced Manufacturing" in the subject line of the message.

Instructions: Response to this RFI is voluntary. Respondents need not reply to all questions listed. For submissions via email, clearly indicate which questions are being answered. Email attachments will be accepted in plain text, Microsoft Word, or Adobe PDF formats only. Each individual or institution is requested to submit only one response. OSTP or NSTC may post responses to this RFI, without change, on a Federal website. OSTP, therefore, requests that no business proprietary information, copyrighted information, or personally identifiable information be submitted in response to this RFI. Please note that the U.S. Government will not pay for response preparation, or for the use of any information contained in the response.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Said Jahanmir, 301-975-8324, Said.Jahanmir@nist.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Public Law 113-235, The Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act 2015, incorporating the Revitalize American Manufacturing and Innovation Act of 2014 revised 42

U.S.C. 6622 to direct the National Science and Technology Council (NSTC) to develop and update, in coordination with the National Economic Council, a strategic plan to improve government coordination and provide long-term guidance for Federal programs and activities in support of United States manufacturing competitiveness, including advanced manufacturing research and development (R&D). Pursuant to this requirement, NSTC seeks to develop a National Strategic Plan for Advanced Manufacturing ("Plan") that will create jobs, grow the economy across multiple industrial sectors, strengthen national security, and improve healthcare.

Advanced manufacturing refers to a family of activities relating to the use and coordination of information, automation, computation, software, sensing, networking, and interoperability to manufacture existing products in new ways, or to manufacture new products emerging from the use of new technologies.

NSTC has commenced the development of the Plan and, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 6622, is soliciting public input through this RFI to obtain recommendations from a wide range of stakeholders, including representatives from diverse manufacturing companies, academia, and other relevant organizations and institutions. The public input provided in response to this RFI will inform OSTP and NSTC as they work with Federal agencies and other stakeholders to develop the Plan.

Questions To Inform Development of the Plan

Through this RFI, OSTP seeks responses to the following questions to improve government coordination and provide long-term guidance for Federal programs and activities in support of United States manufacturing competitiveness, including advanced manufacturing R&D. Responses should clearly indicate which question(s) is being addressed.

1. In priority order, what should be the near-term and long-term objectives for advanced manufacturing, including R&D objectives, the anticipated time frame for achieving the objectives, and the metrics for use in assessing progress toward the objectives?

2. How can Federal agencies and federally funded R&D centers supporting advanced manufacturing R&D foster the transfer of R&D results into new manufacturing technologies and United States-based manufacturing of new products and processes for the benefit of society to ensure national, energy, and economic security? What

role can public-private partnerships play, and how should they be structured for maximum impact?

3. What innovative tools, platforms, technologies are needed for advances in manufacturing? Of those that already exist, what are the barriers to their adoption?

4. How can such Federal agencies and centers develop and strengthen all levels of manufacturing education and training programs to ensure an adequate, well-trained U.S. workforce for the new advanced manufacturing jobs of the future?

5. How can such Federal agencies and centers assist small and medium-sized manufacturers in developing and implementing new products and processes?

6. How would you assess the state of the following factors and how they impact innovation and competitiveness for United States advanced manufacturing?

(a) technology transfer and commercialization activities;

(b) the adequacy of the national security industrial base;

(c) the capabilities of the domestic manufacturing workforce;

(d) export opportunities and trade policies;

(e) financing, investment, and taxation policies and practices;

(f) federal regulations;

(g) emerging technologies and markets;

(h) advanced manufacturing research and development undertaken by competing nations; and

(i) the capabilities of the manufacturing workforce of competing nations.

7. Is there any additional information related to advanced manufacturing in the United States, not requested above, that you believe OSTP should consider?

Dated: January 30, 2018.

Ted Wackler,

Deputy Chief of Staff and Assistant Director.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Investment Advisers Act Release No. 4850; File No. 803-00243]

Janney Montgomery Scott LLC; Notice of Application

January 30, 2018.

AGENCY: Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission").

ACTION: Notice of application for an exemptive order under section 206A of

the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 ("Advisers Act") providing an exemption from the written disclosure and consent requirements of section 206(3).

APPLICANT: Janney Montgomery Scott LLC ("Applicant").

RELEVANT ADVISERS ACT SECTIONS:

Exemption requested under section 206A from the written disclosure and consent requirements of section 206(3).

SUMMARY OF APPLICATION:

The Applicant requests that the Commission issue an order under section 206A exempting it and Future Advisers (as defined below) from the written disclosure and consent requirements of section 206(3) with respect to principal transactions with nondiscretionary advisory client accounts.

FILING DATES: The application was filed on November 22, 2017.

HEARING OR NOTIFICATION OF HEARING:

An order granting the requested relief will be issued unless the Commission orders a hearing. Interested persons may request a hearing by writing to the Commission's Secretary and serving the Applicant with a copy of the request, personally or by mail. Hearing requests should be received by the Commission by 5:30 p.m. on February 26, 2018, and should be accompanied by proof of service on the Applicant, in the form of an affidavit or, for lawyers, a certificate of service. Pursuant to rule 0-5 under the Advisers Act, hearing requests should state the nature of the writer's interest, any facts bearing upon the desirability of a hearing on the matter, the reason for the request, and the issues contested. Persons who wish to be notified of a hearing may request notification by writing to the Commission's Secretary.

ADDRESSES: Secretary, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549-1090. Applicant, c/o Laura E. Flores and Monica L. Parry, Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP, 1111 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Laura L. Solomon, Senior Counsel, at (202) 551-6915, or Robert Shapiro, Branch Chief, at (202) 551-6821 (Division of Investment Management, Chief Counsel's Office).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The following is a summary of the application. The complete application may be obtained via the Commission's website at <http://www.sec.gov/rules/ia/releases.shtml> or by calling (202) 551-8090.

The Applicant seeks relief from the written disclosure and consent