

United States. The data are used for constructing the monetary aggregates, a nonfinancial debt aggregate, and a measure of short- and intermediate-term business credit.

**2. Report title:** Notice of Proposed Stock Redemption

*Agency form number:* FR 4008

*OMB control number:* 7100-0131

*Frequency:* on occasion

*Reporters:* bank holding companies

*Annual reporting hours:* 822

*Estimated average hours per response:* 15.5

*Number of respondents:* 53

Small businesses are not affected.

*General description of report:* This information collection is mandatory (12 U.S.C. 1844(c)) and is not given confidential treatment.

*Abstract:* The Federal Reserve System requires a bank holding company (BHC), other than a well-run company, to give written notice to its District Federal Reserve Bank before purchasing or redeeming its equity securities (collectively, redeeming or redemption) if the consideration paid for the proposed redemption and other redemptions over the preceding twelve months is 10 percent or more of the company's consolidated net worth. There is no formal reporting form; the BHC notifies the Federal Reserve by letter prior to making the proposed redemption. The Federal Reserve uses the information to fulfill its statutory obligation to supervise bank holding companies.

**3. Report title:** Notice Claiming Status as an Exempt Transfer Agent

*Agency form number:* FR 4013

*OMB control number:* 7100-0137

*Frequency:* on occasion

*Reporters:* banks, bank holding companies, and trust companies

*Annual reporting hours:* 16

*Estimated average hours per response:* 2

*Number of respondents:* 8

Small businesses are affected.

*General description of report:* This information collection is voluntary (15 U.S.C. 78q-l(c)(1)) and is not given confidential treatment.

*Abstract:* Banks, bank holding companies, and trust companies subject to the Federal Reserve's supervision that are low-volume transfer agents voluntarily file the FR 4013 notice on occasion with the Federal Reserve Board. Transfer agents are institutions that provide securities transfer, registration, monitoring, and other specified services on behalf of securities issuers. The purpose of the notice, which is effective until the agent withdraws it, is to claim exemption from certain rules and regulations of the

Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). The Federal Reserve uses the notices for supervisory purposes because the SEC has assigned to the Federal Reserve responsibility for collecting the notices and verifying their accuracy through examinations of the respondents. The notice is made by letter; there is no reporting form.

**4. Report title:** Notice By Financial Institutions of Government Securities Broker or Government Securities Dealer Activities; Notice By Financial Institutions of Termination of Activities as a Government Securities Broker or Government Securities Dealer

*Agency form numbers:* FR G-FIN, FR G-FINW

*OMB control number:* 7100-0224

*Frequency:* on occasion

*Reporters:* state member banks, foreign banks, uninsured state-chartered branches or state-chartered agencies of foreign banks, commercial lending companies owned or controlled by foreign banks, and Edge corporations

*Annual reporting hours:* 33 (32 hours for FR G-FIN; 1 hour for FR G-FINW)

*Estimated average hours per response:* 1 hour for FR G-FIN; 15 minutes for FR G-FINW

*Number of respondents:* 37 (32 for FR G-FIN; 5 for FR G-FINW)

Small businesses are affected.

*General description of report:* This information collection is mandatory (15 U.S.C. 78o-5(a)(1)(B)(ii)) and is not given confidential treatment.

*Abstract:* Each financial institution that acts as a government securities broker or dealer is required to notify its appropriate regulatory authority of its broker-dealer activities, unless exempted from the notice requirement by Treasury Department regulation. Notification is required to record the intent to engage in government securities broker or dealer activity, to amend information submitted previously, and to record termination of such activity. Financial institutions use forms G-FIN and G-FINW to fulfill these notification requirements. The Federal Reserve uses the information in its supervisory capacity to measure compliance with the Government Securities Act of 1986.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, May 15, 1998.

**William W. Wiles,**

*Secretary of the Board.*

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## GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE

### Cost Accounting Standards Board Review Panel; Notice of Public Meeting

The Cost Accounting Standards Board (CASB) Review Panel was established in March 1998 to study, analyze, and assess the mission of the CASB in light of recent federal acquisition reforms. Formed at the request of Congress, the panel includes members from government, industry, and the accounting profession. It is anticipated that the panel will conclude its studies, analyses, and deliberations by the end of the current year and issue a report with recommendations to the Congress in early 1999. In conducting its work, the panel is seeking to obtain a broad spectrum of views from all interested parties including those in the government contracting community, academia, the accounting profession, and industry.

Meetings of the panel for the purpose of obtaining views from the public will take place on June 16 and June 17, 1998, between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. and June 18, 1998, between 9 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. The panel is particularly interested in views concerning: (1) The Cost Accounting Standards Board's mission in a rapidly evolving integrated civil-military industry; (2) costs, benefits, and risk assessment in the application of cost accounting standards to government contractors (including differences based on industry, segment, type of cost, character of goods or services, contract type, and so forth); (3) the relationship of cost accounting standards to generally accepted accounting principles, activity-based cost systems, and cost allowability principles (including levels of complexity, overlap, duplication, conflict, and so forth).

The panel will convene at the U.S. General Accounting Office, Staats Briefing Room, 441 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20548. The meetings will be open to the public, however, attendance at each session will be limited to the seating available. Entry to the GAO Building is obtained by clearance which must be granted in advance of the meeting. Those who would like to make presentations and those otherwise planning to attend should contact Mr. Ralph Dawn at 202-512-4501 by June 10, 1998. A written summary of remarks for those making presentations must be submitted by June 10, 1998, with a complete written statement to be submitted by June 15, 1998.

In addition, interested individuals are invited to make suggestions to the panel

regarding (1) topics that the panel should consider, and (2) names of individuals with applicable expertise that the panel should hear from. Those suggestions should be sent via the CASB Review Panel's web page at <http://www.gao.gov> or by leaving recorded messages at 202-512-4501.

**Ralph C. Dawn,**

*Staff Director, Cost Accounting Standards Board Review Panel.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Office of the Secretary

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collections; Comment Request

The Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Secretary will periodically publish summaries of proposed information collections projects and solicit public comments in compliance with the requirements of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. To request more information on the project or to obtain a copy of the information collection plans and instruments, call the OS Reports Clearance Officer on (202) 690-6207.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed 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 proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (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.

Proposed Projects 1. Study of Medicare Home Health Practice Variations—NEW—The Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation is proposing a study which will examine how patient, provider, agency, market and regulatory factors affect variations in home health practice. A sample of 48 Medicare-certified home health agencies (from eight states) will be studied. Within each of these agencies, 24 patients (with congestive heart failure or diabetes) will be sampled. The results will identify agency characteristics and behaviors that are related to differences in lengths

of stay for patients with similar risk factors.— Respondents: For-profit, Non-profit Institutions; Burden Information for the Administrator Questionnaire— Number of Respondents: 48; Burden per Response: 36 minutes; Burden: 29 hours—Burden Information for the Care Provider Questionnaire—Number of Responses: 1152; Burden per Response: 1 hour; Burden: 1152 hours—Total Burden: 1181 hours.

Send comments to Cynthia Agens Bauer, OS Reports Clearance Officer, Room 503H, Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue S.W., Washington, DC, 20201. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

Dated: May 11, 1998.

**Dennis P. Williams,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary, Budget.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Office of the Secretary Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation Notice Inviting Applications for New Award for Fiscal Year 1998

**AGENCY:** The Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE), Office of the Secretary (OS).

**ACTION:** Announcement of the availability of funds and request for applications from states to determine the status of Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) recipients after they leave the TANF caseload, eligible families who are diverted before being enrolled, or eligible families who fail to enroll.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE), with support from the U.S. Department of Labor and the Economic Research Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, announces the availability of funds and invites applications for research into the status of individuals and families who leave the TANF program, who apply for cash welfare but are never enrolled because of non-financial eligibility requirements or diversion programs, and/or who appear to be eligible but are not enrolled (hereafter jointly referred to as welfare leavers). Approximately eight to ten States or counties will receive funding that will enable them to track and monitor how individuals and their families do in the first year after they leave welfare and provide a foundation for longer follow-up. States may choose any method for such tracking, including

the linking of administrative data, surveys or other methods as appropriate. We are particularly interested in learning about individuals' ability to obtain employment and the support provided by their earnings, public programs besides TANF, and other sources. The funds could support a newly designed project or could be used to add new data sources and analyses to an existing project.

In addition, ASPE announces the availability of supplementary funding from the Office of Policy Development and Research (PD&R) of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to track the consequences of welfare reform for low-income families with children who receive housing assistance. These funds will only be available to ASPE Grantees. **CLOSING DATE:** The deadline for submission of applications under this announcement is July 6, 1998.

**MAILING ADDRESS:** Application instructions and forms should be requested from and submitted to: Grants Officer, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, Department of Health and Human Services, 200 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 405F, Hubert H. Humphrey Building, Washington, D.C. 20201, Telephone: (202) 690-8794. Copies of this program announcement and many of the required forms may also be obtained electronically at the ASPE World Wide Web Page: <http://aspe.os.dhhs.gov>. Requests for forms and administrative questions will be accepted and responded to up to 10 working days prior to closing date of receipt of applications. Application submissions may not be faxed or submitted electronically.

The printed **Federal Register** notice is the only official program announcement. Although reasonable efforts are taken to assure that the files on the ASPE World Wide Web Page containing electronic copies of this Program Announcement are accurate and complete, they are provided for information only. The applicant bears sole responsibility to assure that the copy downloaded and/or printed from any other source is accurate and complete.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Administrative questions should be directed to the Grants Officer at the address or phone number listed above. Technical questions should be directed to Christopher Snow, DHHS, ASPE, Telephone, 202-690-6888 E-mail, [csnow@osaspe.dhhs.gov](mailto:csnow@osaspe.dhhs.gov). Written technical questions may also be faxed to 202-690-6562 or may be addressed to