

MATTER(S) TO BE CONSIDERED: The Open Portion of the meeting:

1. Proposed Rules (46 CFR) Implementing the Ocean Shipping Reform Act, relating to Ocean Transportation Intermediaries, Private Tariff Systems and Service Contracts.

The Closed Portion of the Meeting:

1. Brazilian Maritime Policies Affecting U.S.-Brazil Trades.
2. Consideration of the Failure of SeaLand Service, Inc. To Comply with Subpoenas Issued in Fact Finding Investigation No. 23.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Joseph C. Polking, Secretary, (202) 523-5725.

Joseph C. Polking,
Secretary.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Sunshine Act Meeting

TIME AND DATE: 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, December 9, 1998.

PLACE: Marriner S. Eccles Federal Reserve Board Building, 20th and C Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20551.

STATUS: Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Personnel actions (appointments, promotions, assignments, reassignments, and salary actions) involving individual Federal Reserve System employees.

2. Any matters carried forward from a previously announced meeting.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Lynn S. Fox, Assistant to the Board; 202-452-3204.

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: December 2, 1998.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Associate Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL RETIREMENT THRIFT INVESTMENT BOARD

Sunshine Act Meeting

TIME AND DATE: 10:00 a.m. (EST), December 14, 1998.

PLACE: 4th Floor, Conference Room, 1250 H Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

STATUS: Open.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Approval of the minutes of the November 9, 1998, Board member meeting.
2. Thrift Savings Plan activity report by the Executive Director.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Thomas J. Trabucco, Director, Office of External Affairs, (202) 942-1640.

Date: December 1, 1998.

John J. O'Meara,

Secretary to the Board, Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Proposed Information Collection Activity; Comment Request; Proposed Project

Title: National Study of Child Care for Low-Income Families.

OMB No.: New.

Description: The Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act (PRWORA) has intensified the need for information about child care for low-income families. Many policymakers, program operators, and others have emphasized that low-income families' access to adequate child care is essential to meet the broad goal set out in the Act—to enable families receiving public assistance to enter and remain in the workforce. PRWORA also consolidated a variety of Federal child care funds into a single block grant, the Child Care and Child Development Fund (CCDF), which gives the States broad discretion in establishing priorities for subsidy as well as levels. Faced with limited funding and a burgeoning need for child care, state policymakers are under enormous pressure to use child care funding as efficiently as possible. Their decision-making is hampered by lack of information about three important and interrelated issues: How the current set of policies and programs, for example including work requirements, child care

subsidies and regulations governing child care, affects parents' employment and child care decisions; how significant shifts in welfare and other policies, as well as funding for child care, will affect the demand for and supply of child care at the community level; and the potential implications of an increased reliance of low-income families on family child care that may or may not be regulated or monitored.

A sample of key informants at the state and community levels including governor's policy staff, child care and welfare agency staff, child care licensing and monitoring staff, child care resource and referral agency staff, and advocacy group members, representatives of private organizations such as foundations or churches, will be asked about state child care and subsidy policies and how these policies are implemented at the local level. Additionally, they will be asked about the effect of these policies on the supply of child care. A sample of low-income families using non-parental child care will be asked about the types and cost of care used and the factors that influenced their choice of child care arrangements including the availability of child care subsidies. A sample of low-income parents using family child care will be asked about their experience with this care and how this care has affected their ability to work and to balance work and family life. Additionally, parents will be asked about their household characteristics on a voluntary basis. The family child care providers used by the sample of low-income parents will be asked about their views on child rearing and the role of the child care provider, the relationship with the parents served, and, on a voluntary basis, their household characteristics. A sample of preschool children using family child care will be observed in their child care setting. Focus groups with family child care providers and low-income parents will be used to investigate how child care subsidy policy has affected the supply and demand for child care in their communities.

ACF, working with Abt Associates and the National Center for Children in Poverty at Columbia University, will conduct the proposed data collection. Data will be collected at the three levels, with nested samples of counties within states and families and providers within counties. The first level is a sample of 17 states containing 25 counties that were selected to be a nationally-representative sample of counties with above average poverty rates. At the family level, data will be collected from two samples:

• A random sample of 5,000 low-income families with working parents and at least one child under age nine for whom they use non-parental child care, that will be selected in the 25 counties (200/county). This sample will be used to investigate the spectrum of child care options available to and the choices

made by low-income families in the 25 counties.

• A sample of 650 low-income parents who are receiving, or who applied for, child care subsidies, and are using family child care at the start of the study will be used to examine the experiences of low-income families with this important but rarely studied mode

of child care. A random sample (130 families/county) will be selected from subsidy lists and subsidy waiting lists in a subsample of five of the 25 counties.

At the provider level, data will be collected from the 650 family child care providers linked to these 650 families.

Respondents: State, Local or Tribal Government.

ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES

Instrument	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total burden hours
State Key Informant Interviews	170	2	1.00	113
Community Key Informant Interviews	250	2	1.00	167
Parent Focus Groups	250	2	1.5	250
Provider Focus Group	250	2	1.5	250
Community Survey (Screener)	64,474	1	0.08.5	1,719
Community Survey	5,000	1		833
In-Depth Study Parent Screener	2,172	1	0.081.25	58
In-Depth Study Parent Interview	650	6		1,625
In-Depth Study Student Interview	63	3	.33	21
In-Depth Study Family Child Care Provider Screener	1,458	1	.17	88
In-Depth Study Family Care In-Depth Study Care Provider Interview	650	6	.50	650

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 5,774.

In Compliance with the requirements of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Administration for Children and Families is soliciting public comment on the specific aspects of the information collection described above. Copies of the collection of information can be obtained and comments may be forwarded by writing to the Administration for Children and Families, Office of Information Services, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20447, Attn: ACF Reports Clearance Officer. All requests should be identified by the title of the information collection.

The Department specifically requests comments 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)

the quality, utility, and clarify 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. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted with 60 days of this publication

Dated: November 30, 1998.

Bob Sargis,

Acting Reports Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Title: Developmental Disabilities Council State Plan.

OMB No.: 0980-0162.

Description: Developmental Disabilities Councils (DD Councils) in each State is required under the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act (42 U.S.C., 6000 *et seq.*) to develop plans on a triennial basis and to review those plans at least annually. Each Council develops its plan as a basis for promoting systems change and capacity building in service systems for persons with developmental disabilities in the State. The State plan must be made available for public comment in the State and must be approved by the Governor of the State. After that it is submitted to the Department of Health and Human Services, which will use the information to ensure compliance of the State with requirements in the Act. The information in the State plan is also used as one basis for providing technical assistance, such as during site visits.

Respondents: State, Local or Tribal Government.

ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES

Instrument	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total burden hours
Three Year State Plan	55	1	130	7,150

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 7,150.

Additional Information: Copies of the proposed collection may be obtained by

writing to the Administration for Children and Families, Office of Information Services, 370 L'Enfant

Promenade, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20447, Attn: ACF Reports Clearance Officer.