

- *Science and Engineering Indicators 2012* Rollout.
- Chairman's Summary.

Plenary Board Meeting

Executive Closed Session: 11 a.m.–11:15 a.m.

- Approval of Executive Closed Session Minutes, September 13, 2011.
- Candidate Sites for 2012 Board Retreat and Off-Site Meeting.
- Approval of Honorary Award Recommendations.

Plenary Board Meeting

Closed Session: 11:15 a.m.–11:45 a.m.

- Approval of Closed Session Minutes, July 2011.
- Approval of Closed Session Minutes, September 6, 2011.
- Awards and Agreements (Resolutions).
- Closed Committee Reports.

Plenary Open

Open Session: 11:45 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

- Presentation—"Data Driven Discovery in Science."

Plenary Open

Open Session: 1:15 p.m.–3:00 p.m.

- Approval of Open Session Minutes.
- Chairman's Report.
- Director's Report.
- Open Committee Reports.

Meeting Adjourns: 3:00 p.m.

Ann Bushmiller,

Senior Counsel to the National Science Board.

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PENSION BENEFIT GUARANTY CORPORATION

Proposed Submission of Information Collections for OMB Review; Comment Request; Reportable Events; Notice of Failure To Make Required Contributions

AGENCY: Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

ACTION: Notice of intention to request extension of OMB approval.

SUMMARY: The Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC) intends to request that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) extend approval, under the Paperwork Reduction Act, of two collections of information under PBGC's regulation on Reportable Events and Certain Other Notification Requirements (OMB control numbers 1212-0013 and

1212-0041, expiring March 31, 2012). This notice informs the public of PBGC's intent and solicits public comment on the collections of information.

DATES: Comments must be submitted by February 6, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the Web site instructions for submitting comments.

- *Email:*

paperwork.comments@pbgc.gov.

- *Fax:* (202) 326-4224.

- *Mail or Hand Delivery:* Legislative and Regulatory Department, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, 1200 K Street NW., Washington, DC 20005-4026.

Comments received, including personal information provided, will be posted to www.pbgc.gov.

Copies of the collections of information and comments may be obtained without charge by writing to Disclosure Division, Office of the General Counsel, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, 1200 K Street NW., Washington, DC 20005-4026; visiting the Disclosure Division; faxing a request to (202) 326-4042; or calling (202) 326-4040 during normal business hours. (TTY/TDD users may call the Federal relay service toll-free at 1-(800) 877-8339 and ask to be connected to (202) 326-4040.) The reportable events regulation, forms, and instructions are available at www.pbgc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

James Bloch, Program Analyst, Legislative and Policy Division, or Catherine B. Klion, Manager, Regulatory and Policy Division, Legislative and Regulatory Department, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, 1200 K Street NW., Washington, DC 20005-4026; (202) 326-4024. (TTY/TDD users may call the Federal relay service toll-free at 1-(800) 877-8339 and ask to be connected to (202) 326-4024.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On November 23, 2009, PBGC published (at 74 FR 61248) a proposed rule to amend the reportable events regulation to accommodate changes to the variable-rate premium (VRP) rules made pursuant to the Pension Protection Act of 2006 (PPA 2006). The rule also proposed to eliminate most automatic waivers and filing extensions, create two new reportable events based on provisions in PPA 2006, and make other changes to the reportable events regulation as well as conforming changes. Public comment on the

proposed rule was directed primarily at the proposed elimination of the waivers and extensions and was generally negative. In response to the comments and in the spirit of Executive Order 13563 on Improving Regulation and Regulatory Review, PBGC plans to issue a new proposal that will more effectively target troubled plans and sponsors while reducing burden for those that are financially sound. PBGC is requesting OMB to extend approval of the existing information collections since current approval will expire in March 2012.

Section 4043 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) requires plan administrators and plan sponsors to report certain plan and employer events to PBGC. The reporting requirements give PBGC notice of events that indicate plan or employer financial problems. PBGC uses the information provided in determining what, if any, action it needs to take. For example, PBGC might need to institute proceedings to terminate a plan (placing it in trusteeship) under section 4042 of ERISA to ensure the continued payment of benefits to plan participants and their beneficiaries or to prevent unreasonable increases in PBGC's losses.

Section 303(k) of ERISA and section 430(k) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (Code) impose a lien in favor of an underfunded single-employer plan that is covered by the termination insurance program under title IV of ERISA if (1) Any person fails to make a contribution payment when due, and (2) the unpaid balance of that payment (including interest), when added to the aggregate unpaid balance of all preceding payments for which payment was not made when due (including interest), exceeds \$1 million. (For this purpose, a plan is underfunded if its funding target attainment percentage is less than 100 percent.) The lien is upon all property and rights to property belonging to the person or persons that are liable for required contributions (*i.e.*, a contributing sponsor and each member of the controlled group of which that contributing sponsor is a member).

Only PBGC (or, at its direction, the plan's contributing sponsor or a member of the same controlled group) may perfect and enforce this lien. ERISA and the Code require persons committing payment failures to notify PBGC within 10 days of the due date whenever there is a failure to make a required payment and the total of the unpaid balances (including interest) exceeds \$1 million.

The provisions of section 4043 of ERISA and of sections 303(k) of ERISA and 430(k) of the Code have been

implemented in PBGC's regulation on Reportable Events and Certain Other Notification Requirements (29 CFR part 4043). Subparts B and C of the regulation deal with reportable events, and subpart D deals with failures to make required contributions.

PBGC has issued Forms 10 and 10-Advance and related instructions under subparts B and C (approved under OMB control number 1212-0013) and Form 200 and related instructions under subpart D (approved under OMB control number 1212-0041). OMB approval of both of these collections of information expires March 31, 2012. PBGC intends to request that OMB extend its approval for three years, with minor changes. 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.

PBGC estimates that it will receive 1,020 reportable event notices per year under subparts B and C of the reportable events regulation using Forms 10 and 10-Advance and that the average annual burden of this collection of information is 5,370 hours and \$816,000. PBGC estimates that it will receive 110 notices of failure to make required contributions per year under subpart D of the reportable events regulation using Form 200 and that the average annual burden of this collection of information is 660 hours and \$101,000.

PBGC is soliciting public comments to—

- Evaluate whether the proposed collections of information are necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collections of information, including the validity of the methodologies and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collections 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 submission of responses.

Issued in Washington, DC, this 1st day of December, 2011.

John H. Hanley,

Director, Legislative and Regulatory Department, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Submission for Review: Standard Form 1153: Claim for Unpaid Compensation of Deceased Civilian Employee

AGENCY: U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: 30-Day notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: Merit System Audit and Compliance, Office of Personnel Management (OPM) offers the general public and other federal agencies the opportunity to comment on an existing information collection request (ICR) 3206-0234, Standard Form 1153, Claim for Unpaid Compensation of Deceased Civilian Employee. As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. chapter 35) as amended by the Clinger-Cohen Act (Pub. L. 104-106), OPM is soliciting comments for this collection. The information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** on September 2, 2011 at Volume 76 FR 54809 to allow for a 60-day public comment period. No comments were received for this information collection. The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public comment. 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.

DATES: Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until January 9, 2012. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.1.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed information collection to Classification and Pay Claims Program Manager, U.S. Office of Personnel Management, Merit System Audit and Compliance, Room 6484, 1900 E Street NW., Washington, DC 20415, or sent via electronic mail to robert.hendler@opm.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: A copy of this ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by contacting 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.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Standard Form 1153, Claim for Unpaid Compensation of Deceased Civilian Employee, is used to collect information from individuals who have been designated as beneficiaries of the unpaid compensation of a deceased Federal employee or who believe that their relationship to the deceased entitles them to receive the unpaid compensation of the deceased Federal employee. OPM needs this information to adjudicate the claim and properly assign a deceased Federal employee's unpaid compensation to the appropriate individual(s). The proposed revision to the expiring ICR responds to suggestions received from users. Part B, 1. Is changed to clarify that a beneficiary may include a legal entity or estate as provided for in 5 CFR 178.203© and to provide instructions if more room is needed to list designated beneficiaries.

Analysis

Agency: Merit System Audit and Compliance, Office of Personnel Management.

Title: Standard Form 1153, Claim for Unpaid Compensation of Deceased Civilian Employee.

OMB Number: 3206-0234.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: Individuals.

Number of Respondents: 3,000.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 15 minutes.