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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.

Analysis

Agency: Trust Funds Group of the Office of Chief Financial Officer, Office of Personnel Management.

Title: (1) Report of Withholdings and Contributions for Health Benefits, Life Insurance and Retirement (Standard Form 2812); (2) Report of Withholdings and Contributions for Health Benefits By Enrollment Code (Standard Form 2812-A); (3) Supplemental Semiannual Headcount Report (OPM Form 1523).

OMB Number: 3260-0262.

Frequency: Semiannually for OPM Form 1523 and once-per-pay-period for the Standard Form 2812 and Standard Form 2812-A.

Affected Public: Public Entities with Federal Employees and Retirees.

Number of Respondents: 100.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 30 minutes.

Total Burden Hours: 2700.

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Submission for Review: Application for Death Benefits Under the Federal Employees Retirement System SF 3104; and Documentation and Elections in Support of Application for Death Benefits When Deceased Was an Employee at the Time of Death SF 3104B, 3206-0172

AGENCY: U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: 60-day notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Retirement Services, Office of Personnel Management (OPM) offers the general public and other Federal agencies the opportunity to comment on an extension, without change, of a currently approved information collection (ICR) 3206-0172, Application for Death Benefits Under the Federal Employees Retirement System and Documentation and Elections in Support of Application for Death Benefits When Deceased Was an Employee at the Time of Death. 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.

DATES: Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until February 6, 2015. 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 the U.S. Office of Personnel Management, Retirement Services, Union Square Room 370, 1900 E. Street NW., Washington, DC 20415-3500, Attention: Alberta Butler or sent via electronic mail to Alberta.Butler@opm.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: A copy of this ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by contacting the Retirement Services Publications Team, Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E. Street, NW., Washington, DC 20415, Attention: Cyrus S. Benson or sent via electronic mail to Cyrus.Benson@opm.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 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

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other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

SF 3104 is needed to collect information so that OPM can pay death benefits to the survivor of Federal employees and annuitants. SF 3104B is needed for deaths in service so that survivors can make the needed elections regarding health benefits, military service and payment of the death benefit.

Analysis

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

Title: Application for Death Benefits Under the Federal Employees Retirement System and Documentation and Elections in Support of Application for Death Benefits When Deceased Was an Employee at the Time of Death

OMB Number: 3206-0172

Frequency: On occasion

Affected Public: Individuals or Households

Number of Respondents: SF 3104 = 12,734 and SF 3104B = 4,017

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 60

Total Burden Hours: 16,751

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Excepted Service

AGENCY: U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice identifies Schedule A, B, and C appointing authorities applicable to a single agency that were established or revoked from September 1, 2014, to September 30, 2014.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Senior Executive Resources Services, Senior Executive Services and Performance Management, Employee Services, (202) 606-2246.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with 5 CFR 213.103, Schedule A, B, and C appointing authorities available for use by all agencies are codified in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). Schedule A, B, and C appointing authorities applicable to a single agency are not codified in the CFR, but the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) publishes a notice of agency-specific

authorities established or revoked each month in the **Federal Register** at www.gpo.gov/fdsys/. OPM also publishes an annual notice of the consolidated listing of all Schedule A, B, and C appointing authorities, current as of June 30, in the **Federal Register**.

Schedule A

No Schedule A authorities to report during September 2014.

Schedule B

No Schedule B authorities to report during September 2014.

Schedule C

The following Schedule C appointing authorities were approved during September 2014.

Agency name	Organization name	Position title	Authorization No.	Effective date
Department of Agriculture	Farm Service Agency	State Executive Director—Utah	DA140116	9/8/2014
	Office of the Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations.	Legislative Analyst	DA140120	9/8/2014
Department of Commerce	Office of the Secretary	Deputy White House Liaison	DA140123	9/18/2014
	Office of Communications	Deputy Director of Scheduling	DA140122	9/23/2014
	Office of the General Counsel	Deputy General Counsel for Strategic Initiatives.	DC140156	9/8/2014
	Office of the Assistant Secretary for Economic Development.	Director of Public Affairs	DC140162	9/8/2014
	Office of Assistant Secretary for Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs.	Associate Director of Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs.	DC140164	9/16/2014
Commission on Civil Rights	Office of Public Affairs	Deputy Speechwriter	DC140165	9/19/2014
	Office of the Under Secretary	Chief Speechwriter	DC140170	9/23/2014
	Office of Commissioners	Special Assistant (3)	CC140003	9/22/2014
			CC140005	9/22/2014
Consumer Product Safety Commission.	Office of Commissioners	Chief of Staff	CC140006	9/25/2014
			PS140013	9/15/2014
Department of Defense	Office of the Secretary	Special Assistant	PS140016	9/30/2014
		Confidential Assistant	DD140142	9/10/2014
		Special Assistant for Protocol	DD140143	9/16/2014
		Speechwriter	DD140139	9/19/2014
	Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Asian and Pacific Security Affairs).	Special Assistant for East Asia	DD140134	9/19/2014
	Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Homeland Defense and America's Security Affairs).	Special Assistant for Homeland Defense and America's Security Affairs.	DD140146	9/29/2014
	Office of the Under Secretary	Special Assistant	DF140031	9/8/2014
Department of Education	Office of the Under Secretary	Confidential Assistant	DB140104	9/8/2014
	Office of the Deputy Secretary	Special Assistant	DB140051	9/9/2014
	Office of Postsecondary Education	Deputy Assistant Secretary	DB140117	9/17/2014
	Office of Innovation and Improvement.	Special Assistant	DB140118	9/19/2014
Department of Energy	Office of Management	Deputy Director, Office of Scheduling and Advance.	DE140101	9/8/2014
		Special Advisor	DE140096	9/19/2014
	Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs.	Special Assistant	DE140106	9/19/2014
	Office of the Deputy Secretary	Director of Digital Strategy	DE140108	9/19/2014
	Office of Public Affairs	Senior Advisor	DE140109	9/19/2014
	Loan Programs Office	Special Assistant	DE140110	9/19/2014
	Office of Environmental Management.	Special Assistant	DE140110	9/19/2014
Environmental Protection Agency ...	Office of Public Affairs	Advisor for Digital Strategy and Engagement.	EP140047	9/15/2014
	Office of Public Engagement and Environmental Education.	Deputy Associate Administrator for Public Engagement and Environmental Education.	EP140049	9/25/2014
Export-Import Bank	Office of Communications	Senior Vice President for Communications.	EB140011	9/15/2014
		Senior Vice President	EB140012	9/23/2014
Department of Health and Human Services.	Office of the Assistant Secretary for Legislation.	Special Assistant and Director of Special Projects.	DH140123	9/2/2014
		Special Assistant for Human Services.	DH140126	9/2/2014
		Special Assistant	DH140125	9/4/2014
	Office of the Secretary	Communications Director for Health Care.	DH140135	9/19/2014
	Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs.	Press Secretary	DH140137	9/19/2014
Department of Homeland Security ..	Office of the Chief Privacy Officer	Special Assistant	DM140237	9/2/2014
		Writer-Editor	DM140232	9/8/2014
		Deputy Press Secretary	DM140244	9/22/2014
	Office of the Executive Secretariat	Deputy Press Secretary		
	Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs.			

Agency name	Organization name	Position title	Authorization No.	Effective date
Department of Housing and Urban Development. Department of Justice	Office of the Under Secretary for National Protection and Programs Directorate.	Advisor for Counterterrorism and Intelligence.	DM140246	9/24/2014
	Office of the General Counsel	Senior Counsel for Oversight	DU140048	9/11/2014
	Office of Public Affairs	Assistant Press Secretary	DU140050	9/19/2014
	Office of Legal Policy	Senior Counsel	DJ140119	9/2/2014
	Office on Violence Against Women Civil Division	Confidential Assistant	DJ140120	9/2/2014
	Office of Public Affairs	Senior Counsel	DJ140122	9/8/2014
Department of Labor	Office of the Secretary	Press Assistant (2)	DJ140126	9/22/2014
			DJ140134	9/30/2014
		Counselor to the Secretary	DL140095	9/2/2014
		Regional Representative	DL140097	9/11/2014
National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Office of Management and Budget	Office of Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs.	Deputy Director of Intergovernmental Affairs.	DL140103	9/19/2014
		Director of Intergovernmental Affairs.	DL140094	9/22/2014
		Senior Advisor	NN140066	9/8/2014
		Counselor	BO140034	9/8/2014
Office of National Drug Control Policy.	Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs.	Confidential Assistant	BO140036	9/29/2014
		Office of Federal Procurement Policy.		
		Office of the Director	QQ140006	9/9/2014
Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.	Office of Public Affairs	Policy and Administrative Coordinator.	QQ140007	9/9/2014
		Associate Director, Office of Public Affairs.		
Small Business Administration	Deputy Chief Policy Office	Confidential Assistant	BG140001	9/23/2014
Department of State	Office of the Administrator	Director of Scheduling and Advance.	SB140035	9/11/2014
		Associate Administrator for International Trade.	SB140037	9/24/2014
		Protocol Officer (Visits)	DS140121	9/2/2014
		Protocol Officer (Gifts)	DS140122	9/15/2014
Department of Transportation	Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs.	Staff Assistant	DS140128	9/16/2014
		Foreign Policy Planning Staff	DS140130	9/16/2014
		Bureau of Energy Resources	DS140135	9/30/2014
		Office of the Administrator	DT140056	9/9/2014
		Director of Governmental Affairs	DT140058	9/19/2014
		Associate Administrator for Communications and Legislative Affairs.		
Department of the Treasury	Office of General Counsel	Associate General Counsel	DT140057	9/19/2014
		Deputy Director of Public Affairs	DT140060	9/19/2014
		Office of Public Affairs	DT140061	9/30/2014
		Office of Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs.		
	Office of the Secretary of the Treasury.	Counselor to the Secretary	DY140120	9/11/2014

The following Schedule C appointing authorities were revoked during September 2014.

Agency name	Organization name	Position title	Authorization number	Vacate date
Department of Agriculture	Farm Service Agency	State Executive Director—California.	DA130169	9/7/2014
		Staff Assistant	DA110044	9/20/2014
Department of Commerce	Office of the Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations.	Special Assistant	DC130015	9/6/2014
Commission on Civil Rights	Assistant Secretary and Director General for United States and Foreign Commercial Service.	Special Assistant for Policy Initiatives.	DC140106	9/20/2014
	Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service and Assistant Secretary for Global Markets.			
	Office of Commissioners	Special Assistant to the Commissioner.	CC130003	9/15/2014

Agency name	Organization name	Position title	Authorization number	Vacate date
Department of Education	Office of the Deputy Secretary	Confidential Assistant	DB130044	9/20/2014
Department of Energy	Office of the Deputy Secretary	Special Assistant to the Deputy Chief of Staff.	DE130090	9/6/2014
Department of Health and Human Services.	Office of the Secretary	Director of Scheduling and Advance.	DH130059	9/2/2014
	Office of the Assistant Secretary for Legislation.	Confidential Assistant to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Mandatory Health Programs.	DH120011	9/6/2014
	Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response.	Special Assistant	DH130036	9/6/2014
		Confidential Assistant	DH130049	9/6/2014
Department of Homeland Security ..	Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy.	Senior Director	DM130155	9/5/2014
	Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs.	Public Affairs and Strategic Communications Assistant.	DM120151	9/6/2014
	United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement.	Special Assistant	DM110170	9/9/2014
	Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy.	Confidential Assistant	DM140015	9/20/2014
Department of Justice	Executive Office for United States Attorneys.	Counsel	DJ140037	9/6/2014
Department of Labor	Office of the Secretary	Special Assistant	DL090130	9/6/2014
Department of the Navy	Office of the Under Secretary of the Navy.	Director, Strategic Communications	DN110038	9/6/2014
Office of the Secretary of Defense	Office of Assistant Secretary of Defense (Public Affairs).	Speechwriter	DD130026	9/20/2014
Department of Transportation	Office of the Secretary	Associate Director for Transportation Policy.	DT130039	9/1/2014
	Office of the Administrator	Director of Communications and Legislative Affairs.	DT100045	9/20/2014
	Office of Assistant Secretary for Governmental Affairs.	Deputy Assistant Secretary for Governmental Affairs.	DT110045	9/20/2014
	Office of Congressional Affairs	Director of Congressional Affairs ...	DT130027	9/20/2014
	Office of Chief Information Officer	Director of Information Technology Strategy.	DT130030	9/20/2014

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 3301 and 3302; E.O. 10577, 3 CFR, 1954–1958 Comp., p. 218.

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Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee; Open Committee Meetings

AGENCY: U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice of Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee meeting dates in 2015.

SUMMARY: According to the provisions of section 10 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463), notice is hereby given that meetings of the Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee will be held on—
Thursday, January 15, 2014
Thursday, February 19, 2014
Thursday, March 19, 2014
Thursday, April 16, 2014
Thursday, May 21, 2014

Thursday, June 18, 2014
Thursday, July 16, 2014
Thursday, August 20, 2014
Thursday, September 17, 2014
Thursday, October 15, 2014
Thursday, November 19, 2014
Thursday, December 17, 2014

The meetings will start at 10 a.m. and will be held in Room 5A06A, U.S. Office of Personnel Management Building, 1900 E Street NW., Washington, DC.

The Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee is composed of a Chair, five representatives from labor unions holding exclusive bargaining rights for Federal prevailing rate employees, and five representatives from Federal agencies. Entitlement to membership on the Committee is provided for in 5 U.S.C. 5347.

The Committee's primary responsibility is to review the Prevailing Rate System and other matters pertinent to establishing prevailing rates under subchapter IV, chapter 53, 5 U.S.C., as amended, and from time to time advise the U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

These scheduled meetings are open to the public with both labor and management representatives attending.

During the meetings either the labor members or the management members may caucus separately to devise strategy and formulate positions. Premature disclosure of the matters discussed in these caucuses would unacceptably impair the ability of the Committee to reach a consensus on the matters being considered and would disrupt substantially the disposition of its business. Therefore, these caucuses will be closed to the public because of a determination made by the Director of the U.S. Office of Personnel Management under the provisions of section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463) and 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B). These caucuses may, depending on the issues involved, constitute a substantial portion of a meeting.

Annually, the Chair compiles a report of pay issues discussed and concluded recommendations. These reports are available to the public. Reports for calendar years 2008 to 2013 are posted at <http://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/pay-leave/pay-systems/federal-wage-system/#url=FPRAC>. Previous reports are also available, upon written request to the Committee.