

**SUMMARY:** The Financial Management Service, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on a continuing information collection. By this notice, the Financial Management Service solicits comments concerning the report "Pools and Associations—Annual Letter."

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before January 24, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Financial Management Service, 3361-L 75th Avenue, Landover, Maryland 20785.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Requests for additional information or copies of the form(s) and instructions should be directed to Dorothy Martin, Room 630-F, 3700 East-West Highway, Hyattsville, Maryland 20782, (202) 874-6850.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), the Financial Management Service solicits comments on the collection of information described below.

*Title:* Pools and Associations—Annual Letter

*OMB Number:* 1510-0008

*Form Number:* None.

*Abstract:* This report is sent to pools and associations recognized by Treasury Department as authorized reinsurers of non-federal businesses. The information collected identifies, for certified companies, a range of acceptable reinsurers, based on the number of companies in the association and the percentage of participation in the pool or association.

*Current Actions:* Extension of currently approved collection

*Type of Review:* Regular

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 100

*Estimated Time per Respondent:* 1 hour 30 minutes

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 150 hours

*Comments:* Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval. All comments will

become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) whether the 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 collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (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; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance and purchase of services to provide information.

Dated: November 20, 1996.

Mitchell A. Levine,

Assistant Commissioner.

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**Proposed Collection of Information: States Where Licensed for Surety**

**AGENCY:** Financial Management Service, Fiscal Service, Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Financial Management Service, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on a continuing information collection. By this notice, the Financial Management Service solicits comments concerning the report "States Where Licensed for Surety."

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before January 24, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Financial management Service, 3361-L 75th Avenue, Landover, Maryland 20785.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Requests for additional information or copies of the form(s) and instructions should be directed to Dorothy Martin, Room 630-F, 3700 East-West Highway, Hyattsville, Maryland 20782, (202) 874-6850.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995,

(44 U.S.C. 3506 (c)(2)(A)), the Financial Management Service solicits comments on the collection of information described below.

*Title:* States Where Licensed for Surety

*OMB Number:* 1510-0013

*Form Number:* FMS 2208

*Abstract:* This information is collected to provide Federal bond approving officers with a current list of states where insurance companies are licensed to transact surety business. Bond approving officers must be assured that all licensing requirements have been met before they can accept a bond written by a specific surety company.

*Current Actions:* Extension of currently approved collection

*Type of Review:* Regular

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 318

*Estimated time Per Respondent:* 1 hour

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 318 hours

*Comments:* Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of management and Budget approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) whether the 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 collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (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; and (e) estimate of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance and purchase of services to provide information.

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Mitchell A. Levine,

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