

ACTION: Notice of Extension Request and Change in Filing Requirements.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, agencies are required to submit proposed information collection requests to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval, and to publish a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing to the public that the agency has made such a submission. The Commission has requested an extension of an existing collection, State and Local Government Information (EEO-4), with the following change in reporting requirements. Governments with from 250 to 999 full-time employees will now submit a separate EEO-4 report only for those functions with 100 or more employees and one aggregate report that includes all the remaining functions with fewer than 100 full-time employees. All other state and local governments will continue to file their EEO-4 reports as they have in the past.

ADDRESSES: The Request for Clearance (SF83-1), supporting statement, and other documents submitted to OMB for review may be obtained from: Margaret Ulmer Holmes, EEOC Clearance Officer, 1801 L Street, NW, Room 2928, Washington, DC, 20507.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joachim Neckere, Director, Program Research and Surveys Division at (202) 663-4958 (voice) or (202) 663-7063 (TDD).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Type of Review: Notice and Change in Filing Requirements.

Collection Title: State and Local Government Information (EEO-4).

OMB Control Number: 3046-0008.

Form Number: EEOC Form 164.

Frequency of Report: Biennial.

Type of Respondent: State and local government jurisdictions with 100 or more full-time employees and a rotating probability sample of jurisdictions with from 15 to 99 full-time employees.

Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Codes: 911-965.

Description of Affected Public: State and local governments.

Responses: 10,000.

Reporting Hours: 40,000.

Federal Cost: \$47,000.

Number of forms: 1.

Abstract: Section 709(c) of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 2000e-8(e), requires employers to make and keep records relevant to a determination of whether unlawful employment practices have

been or are being committed and to make reports therefrom as required by the Commission. Pursuant to 29 CFR Section 1602.32, state and local governments have been required to submit EEO-4 reports to the Commission since 1973 (biennially in odd-numbered years since 1993). Currently all state and local governments with 250 or more full-time employees submit a separate report for each function, up to a maximum of 15 functions, which the government performs. All other governments in the EEO-4 survey file one report, covering all functional activities. On December 23, 1996, the Commission solicited public comment in the **Federal Register** concerning a change in the EEO-4 collection that requires governments with from 250 to 999 full-time employees to submit a separate EEO-4 report only for those functions with 100 or more full-time employees and one aggregate report that includes the employment in all the remaining functions with fewer than 100 full-time employees. All other state and local governments will continue to file their EEO-4 reports as they have in the past. The Commission did not receive any public comments to this notice. This reporting change will thus become effective beginning with the 1997 EEO-4 survey.

EEO-4 data are used by the Commission to investigate charges of employment discrimination against state and local governments and in the Commission's systemic program. The data are shared with several Federal government agencies. Pursuant to Section 709(d) of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, EEO-4 data are also shared with approximately 83 State and Local Fair Employment Practices agencies. Aggregate data are used by researchers and the general public.

Burden Statement: This change is being taken in the interest of streamlining the EEO-4 survey process and reducing the burden on state and local governments, while still maintaining sufficient data to meet the program needs of the Commission and other agencies that use these data. The change will result in a reduced expense and reporting burden for state and local governments as required under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3502(i). It is estimated that on an annual basis the total number of responses in this data collection will be 10,000 responses. The estimated burden hours will be reduced to approximately 40,000 hours. The number of respondents will remain at about 5,000 state and local governments.

The reporting burden for this collection is based upon an average estimate per response and takes into consideration the large number of state and local governments that submit their reports on magnetic tapes. Burden hours for any particular government may differ from this average estimate depending on the accessibility of information and the degree of automation. The burden estimate includes the time needed for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

The Commission certifies pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 605(b), enacted by the Regulatory Flexibility Act, Pub. L. No. 96-354, that this change will not have a significant impact on small employers or other entities because the change involves elimination of reporting requirements, and that a regulatory flexibility analysis therefore is not required.

Dated: March 27, 1997.

For the Commission.

Maria Borrero,

Executive Director.

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FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION

Sunshine Act Meeting; Farm Credit Administration Board; Regular Meeting

AGENCY: Farm Credit Administration.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the Government in the Sunshine Act (5 U.S.C. 552b(e)(3)), that the April 10, 1997 regular meeting of the Farm Credit Administration Board (Board) will not be held. A special meeting of the Board is scheduled for Thursday, April 24, 1997 at 9:00 a.m. An agenda for this meeting will be published at a later date.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Floyd Fithian, Secretary to the Farm Credit Administration Board, (703) 883-4025, TDD (703) 883-4444.

ADDRESS: Farm Credit Administration, 1501 Farm Credit Drive, McLean, Virginia 22102-5090.

Dated: April 1, 1997.

Floyd Fithian,

Secretary, Farm Credit Administration Board.

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