

comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35). Currently, the FDIC is soliciting comments concerning an information collection titled "Application for Consent to Reduce or Retire Capital."

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before September 29, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties are invited to submit written comments to Steven F. Hanft, FDIC Clearance Officer, (202) 898-3907, Office of the Executive Secretary, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, 550 17th Street N.W., Washington, D.C. 20429. Comments may be hand-delivered to the guard station at the rear of the 17th Street building (located on F Street), on business days between 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. (Fax number (202) 808-3838; Internet address: comments@fdic.gov). All comments should refer to "Application for Consent to Reduce or Retire Capital."

A copy of the comments may also be submitted to the OMB desk officer for the FDIC: Alexander Hunt, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 3208, Washington, D.C. 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steven F. Hanft, at the address identified above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Proposal to renew the following currently approved collection of information:

Title: Application for Consent to Reduce or Retire Capital.

OMB Number: 3064-0079.

Frequency of Response: Occasional.

Estimated Total Annual Responses: 125.

Estimated Time per Response: 1 hour.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 125 hours.

General Description Of the Collection: Section 18(i) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1828(i)) states that no insured state nonmember bank shall, without the prior consent of the FDIC, reduce the amount or retire any part of its common or preferred capital stock, or retire any part of its capital notes or debentures. In granting or withholding consent under section 18(i) of the FDI Act, the FDIC is required to consider the following: (a) the financial history and condition of the bank, (b) the adequacy of its capital structure, (c) its future earnings prospects (d) the general character and fitness of its management, (e) the convenience and needs of the community to be served,

and (f) whether or not its corporate powers are consistent with the purpose of the Act. To carry out this statutory responsibility, the FDIC requires the banks it supervises to submit letter applications that convey information about planned capital reductions. The FDIC evaluates the information contained in an application and makes a decision to grant or withhold consent based on the statutory considerations.

Request for Comment

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the FDIC's functions, including whether the information has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the estimates of the burden of the information collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

At the end of the comment period, the comments and recommendations received will be analyzed to determine the extent to which the collection should be modified prior to submission to OMB for review and approval. Comments submitted in response to this notice also will be summarized or included in the FDIC's requests to OMB for renewal of this collection. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Dated at Washington, D.C., this 23rd day of July 1997.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Robert E. Feldman,

Executive Secretary.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission to OMB Under Delegated Authority

Background

Notice is hereby given of the final approval of a proposed information collection by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Board) under OMB delegated authority, as per 5 CFR 1320.16 (OMB Regulations on Controlling Paperwork Burdens on the Public). The Federal Reserve may not conduct or sponsor, and the respondent is not required to respond to, an information collection that has been

extended, revised, or implemented on or after October 1, 1995, unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Chief, Financial Reports Section—Mary M. McLaughlin—Division of Research and Statistics, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Washington, DC 20551 (202-452-3829)

OMB Desk Officer—Alexander T.

Hunt—Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 3208, Washington, DC 20503 (202-395-7860)

Final approval under OMB delegated authority of the extension for three years, without revision, of the following report:

1. *Report title:* Request for Proposal (RFP); Request for Price Quotations (RFPQ)

Agency form number: n/a

OMB Control number: 7100-0180

Frequency: on occasion

Reporters: vendors and suppliers

Annual reporting hours: 7,610

Estimated average hours per response:

20.0 (RFP); 0.5 (RFPQ)

Number of respondents: 248 (RFP);

5,300 (RFPQ)

Small businesses are affected.

General description of report: This information collection is required to obtain or retain a benefit (12 U.S.C. sections 243, 244, and 248) and is not given confidential treatment unless a respondent requests that portions of the information be kept confidential and the Board grants the request pursuant to the applicable exemptions provided by the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. section 552).

Abstract: The Federal Reserve Board uses the RFP and the RFPQ as needed to obtain competitive proposals and contracts from approved vendors of goods and services. Depending upon the goods and services for which the Federal Reserve Board is seeking competitive bids, the respondent is requested to provide either prices for providing the goods or services (RFPQ) or a document covering not only prices, but also the means of performing a particular service and a description of the qualification of the staff who will perform the service (RFP). The Board staff uses this information to analyze the proposals and to select the best offer.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, July 24, 1997.

William W. Wiles,

Secretary of the Board.

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