

Description: This class exemption exempts from the prohibited transaction provisions of ERISA, certain transactions involving an employee benefit plan's purchase of securities which may aid the issuer of the securities to reduce or retire indebtedness to a party in interest.

Agency: Pension Welfare Benefits Administration.

Title: Prohibited Transaction Exemption 75-1.

OMB Number: 1210-0092 (reinstatement).

Frequency: On Occasion.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions.

Number of Respondents: 750.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: .08 seconds.

Total Burden Hours: 1.

Total Annualized capital/startup costs: 0.

Total annual costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services): 0.

Description: This class exemption from the prohibited transaction of ERISA permits banks, registered broker-dealers and reporting dealers in Government Securities who are parties in interest to engage in certain kinds of securities transaction with plans.

Agency: Pension Welfare Benefits Administration.

Title: Prohibited Transaction Exemption 88-59.

OMB Number: 1210-0095 (reinstatement).

Frequency: On occasion.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions.

Number of Respondents: 185.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: .32 seconds.

Total Burden Hours: 1.

Total Annualized capital/startup costs: 0.

Total annual costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services): 0.

Description: This class exemption exempts from the prohibited transaction provisions of ERISA, certain transactions involving residential financing arrangements.

Theresa M. O'Malley,

Departmental Clearance Officer.

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NATIONAL GAMBLING IMPACT STUDY COMMISSION

Meeting

AGENCY: National Gambling Impact Study Commission.

Time and Date: Friday, October 31, 1997, 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Place: The meeting site will be: The Grand Ballroom, Washington Dulles Airport Hilton, 13869 Park Center Road, Herndon, VA 20171.

Status: The meeting will be open to the public from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., except that the meeting will be closed to the public from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for the purposes of considering internal personnel rules and practices and to allow for discussion of information of a personal nature during the consideration of hiring staff. Accordingly, it has been determined that this portion of the meeting will concern matters within sections 552b(c)(2) and (6) of Title 5, United States Code, and will be duly closed to public participation.

Notice: At its third public meeting, the National Gambling Impact Study Commission, established under Public Law 104-169, dated August 3, 1996, will hear presentations from the National Research Council and the Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations; receive an update from the Research Subcommittee; discuss the workplan; consider any nominee(s) for executive director; discuss the rules of operation; and review rules for upcoming public comment.

Contact Persons: For further information, contact Amy Ricketts at (202) 523-8217 or write to 800 North Capitol Street, N.W., Suite 450, Washington, D.C. 20002.

Kay C. James,

Chair.

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NATIONAL INDIAN GAMING COMMISSION

Notice of Public Hearing and Call for Public Comment

ACTION: Notice of public hearing and call for comment.

SUMMARY: The National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) announces a public hearing on the effect of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA) and NIGC regulations on Internet gambling conducted by Indian Tribes.

DATE: The public hearing will be held on Friday, November 14, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Washington, D.C. An open forum for public participation will be held from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

ADDRESS: The public hearing will be held at the Department of Interior, Main Auditorium, 1849 C Street, Washington, DC.

WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS: Interested parties are invited to submit comments and materials to the NIGC. Such submissions should be sent to Tina Bloomquist, NIGC, 1441 L Street, NW, Suite 9100, Washington, DC 20005. The comment period closes December 5, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tina Bloomquist, NIGC (see ADDRESS section) at (202) 632-7003.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Public Hearing

The NIGC will hear presentations from invited panelists representing Federal, State, Tribal and Corporate interests. There will be an open forum session of approximately two hours for the public to address the NIGC on issues relevant to the topic. Anyone wishing to make an oral presentation at the hearing should submit a request, in writing, to Tina Bloomquist at the NIGC address listed above, no later than October 30, 1997. Open forum participants should provide their name, organization (if any), address and phone number. Oral presentations will be limited to five minutes per speaker. Witnesses and panelists should prepare their remarks in writing and submit those remarks to the NIGC prior to the hearing. Written remarks should be limited to 5 pages, single spaced. Witnesses and panelists should bring 10 copies of their written remarks to the hearing. Such remarks will become part of the public comment materials available for inspection.

II. Written Submissions

Comments may be submitted by facsimile transmission to Tina Bloomquist at (202) 632-7066. Comments may be filed before, during or after the hearing, but no later than December 5, 1997.

Written comments should include the following information:

1. Name and affiliation of the individual responding;
2. If applicable, information on the submitter's organization, including the type of organization (e.g., business, trade group, university, or non-profit organization) and the respondent's position.

III. Background

The NIGC was created by the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988. 25 U.S.C. § 2701 *et seq.* The NIGC is responsible for the regulation of most forms of gaming on Indian lands. Several Indian tribes currently offer gambling opportunities over the Internet, and others have expressed interest in doing so. A significant

amount of controversy exists over the legality of the use of the Internet by Indian Tribes as a means of offering gaming. Of particular note is the requirement of the IGRA that gaming by Indian Tribes be conducted "on Indian lands." 25 U.S.C. § 2710(b)(1), § 2710(d)(1) and 25 U.S.C. § 2703(4).

Participants in the hearing, and those submitting written comments are asked to consider the following questions:

1. How does the requirement under IGRA that tribal gaming be conducted "on Indian lands" affect the ability of the tribes to engage legally in Internet gambling?
2. What is the effect of other federal gambling statutes on tribal Internet gambling?
3. What is the scope of available Internet gambling offered by Indian tribes today?
4. What, if any, legislative or regulatory changes are required to clarify the effect of the IGRA on tribal Internet gambling?
5. What are the challenges implicit in regulating Internet gaming on Indian lands?

Philip N. Hogen,

Commissioner, National Indian Gaming Commission.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Agency Information Collection

Activities: Comment Request; Submission for OMB Review; Title of Collection: NSF Survey of Scientific and Engineering Research Facilities at Colleges and Universities

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice.

1. SUMMARY: Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), and as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, the National Science Foundation (NSF) is inviting the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on this proposed continuing information collection. This is the second notice for public comment, the first was published on July 31, 1997, in the **Federal Register** at 62 FR 147, 41093-41094. We received comments from two sources and after due consideration sent replies to the commenters. NSF is forwarding the proposed renewal submission, the comments with our responses, to OMB for clearance simultaneously with the publication of this second notice

2. DATES: The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) should receive written comments on or before November 14, 1997.

3. ADDRESSES: Submit comments to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs of OMB, Attention: Desk Officer for National Science Foundation, 725-17th Street, N.W., Room 10235, Washington, D.C. 20503. Please include the current OMB Control Number 3145-0101 with your comments.

4. SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

(a) *Abstract.* In 1995 OMB approved both the 1996 and 1998 survey cycles of the NSF Survey of Scientific and Engineering Research Facilities at Colleges and Universities (OMB No. 3145-0101). The survey collects information on the science and engineering (S&E) research facilities at the nation's higher education institutions. The minor modifications to the approved 1998 questionnaire make the data of more use to Federal agencies and policy makers.

(b) Proposed Modifications to the OMB-Approved 1998 Survey

◆ *Sample size.* As requested by NIH, NSF, and OMB, we are requesting that the 1998 survey sample be increased from 315 to 365 to allow analyses by Carnegie classification, by minority serving institutions and institutions within the EPSCoR States for policy makers.

◆ *Items to be modified in the 1998 survey.*

√ *GSF* (gross square feet) in addition to the currently collected NASF (net assignable square feet). Institutions already have the GSF of a project to calculate the NASF of that project.

√ *Proportion of repair/renovation or new construction project cost*, in addition to the currently collected repair/renovation or new construction cost as a total, including non-fixed equipment over \$1 million. This data are readily available to the institutions and should add very little burden.

√ *Percentage of institutional funds*, in addition to the currently collected proportion of construction and repair/renovation cost attributable to institutional funds. The question will be posed in two parts: one asking if the institution has ready access to these data; and second, if data are available, asking the institution to supply that data. This way of posing the question assures minimal burden to the respondent.

√ *Percentage of total animal research NASF* assigned to levels of restricted-use laboratories, in addition to the total NASF or animal laboratories. This information readily available to the

institutions and would be of minimal burden.

(c) *Item to be dropped from the 1998 survey.* We plan to omit the status of institutions relative to the cap on tax-exempt bonds (modification request by NIH and NSF).

5. Use of the Information

The information from this survey will be used by Federal policy makers, planners, and budget analysts in making policy decisions, as well as by academic officials, the S&E establishment, and State agencies that funds universities and colleges. The survey will provide updated data on the status of and trends in scientific and engineering research facilities to help policy makers with decisions about the health of academic S&E research, funding, regulations, and reporting guidelines.

Specifically, data will be used in:

- ◆ A separate report of the findings for Congress;
- ◆ A special report for NIH on the Status of Biomedical Research Facilities;
- ◆ Other NSF compilations such as National Patterns of R&D Resources and Science and Engineering Indicators;
- ◆ Special reports for other Federal agencies on an as-needed basis; and
- ◆ A public release file of collected data in aggregate form made available to researchers on the World Wide Web

6. Expected Respondents

The sample size for the 1998 survey is planned to be increased from 315 to 365 of the nation's higher education institutions, selected to provide nationally representative data for both undergraduate and graduate degree-granting schools. The respondents will have the option to complete the survey on disk. With the improvements in the computer-aid survey 60% of the institutions are expected to respond through this method in 1998.

7. Burden on the Public

The average completion time for the survey by academic institutions was reduced (from 43 to 24 hours) between 1988 and 1994. In 1996, with the continued improvements in institutional databases and the introduction of the option to complete the survey on disk, completion time was further reduced by one hour, bringing the 1996 average completion time for the survey by academic institutions to 23 hours.

Much of the data noted in the proposed modification are readily available to the respondents. It is expected that the proposed modifications to the questionnaire will cause little or no change in burden