

PENSION BENEFIT GUARANTY CORPORATION**OMB Approval of Agency Information Collection Activity; Termination of Single Employer Plans; Missing Participants; PBGC Forms 500-501, 600-602; Payment of Premiums; PBGC Form 1-ES and PBGC Form 1 (Including Schedule A)**

AGENCY: Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

ACTION: Notice of OMB approval.

SUMMARY: This notice announces that the Office of Management and Budget has extended its approval of the collections of information contained in the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation's regulations on Termination of Single Employer Plans, Missing Participants, and Payment of Premiums and implementing forms and instructions.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Harold J. Ashner, Assistant General Counsel, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, 1200 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005-4026, 202-326-4024. (For TTY/TDD, call the Federal relay service at 1-800-877-8339 and ask to be connected to 202-326-4024.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: OMB has extended its approval through December 31, 2000, under OMB control number 1212-0036, of the collection of information requirements contained in (1) the PBGC's new regulations on Termination of Single Employer Plans and Missing Participants, 29 CFR Parts 4041 and 4050 (62 FR 60424, November 7, 1997) and implementing forms and instructions (PBGC Forms 500-501 and 600-602), and (2) the PBGC's existing regulations on Termination of Single Employer Plans and Missing Participants and implementing forms and instructions.

OMB also has extended its approval through December 31, 2000, under OMB control number 1212-0009, of the collection of information requirements contained in the PBGC's regulation on Payment of Premiums, 29 CFR Part 4007, and implementing forms and instructions (PBGC Form 1-ES and PBGC Form 1 (including Schedule A)).

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Issued in Washington, D.C. this 22nd day of December, 1997.

David M. Strauss,

Executive Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT**Submission for OMB Review: Comment Request for Reclearance of Expiring Information Collections: OPM Form 1496 and 1496A**

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, May 22, 1995), this notice announces that the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) will submit to the Office of Management and Budget a request for reclearance of an information collection. OPM Forms 1496 and 1496A, Application for Deferred Retirement (Separations before October 1, 1956) and Application for Deferred Retirement (Separations on or after October 1, 1956) are used by eligible former Federal employees to apply for a deferred Civil Service annuity. Two forms are needed because there was a major revision in the law effective October 1, 1956; this affects the general information provided with the forms.

Comments are particularly invited on: Whether this collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of functions of the Office of Personnel Management, and whether it will have practical utility; whether our estimate of the public burden of this collection of information is accurate, and based on valid assumptions and methodology; and ways in which we can minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through the use of appropriate technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Approximately 3,000 OPM Forms 1496 and 1496A will be completed annually. We estimate it takes approximately 1 hour to complete the form. The annual burden is 3,000 hours.

For copies of this proposal, contact Jim Farron on (202) 418-3208, or E-mail to jmfarron@opm.gov.

DATES: Comments on this proposal should be received on or before March 2, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Send or deliver comments to—Lorraine E. Dettman, Chief, Operations Support Division,

Retirement and Insurance Service, U.S. Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street, NW, Room 3349, Washington, DC 20415.

FOR INFORMATION REGARDING ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATION CONTACT: Mary Beth Smith-Toomey, Budget & Administrative Services Division, (202) 606-0623, U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

Janice R. Lachance,
Director.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT**Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Review of a New Information Collection: Form RI 25-51**

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13, May 22, 1995), this notice announces that the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) intends to submit to the Office of Management and Budget a request for review of a new information collection. RI 25-51, Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS) Survivor Annuitant Express Pay Application for Death Benefits, will be used by the Civil Service Retirement System solely to pay benefits to the widow(er) of an annuitant. The application is intended for use in immediately authorizing payments to an annuitant's widow or widower, based on the report of death, when our records show the decedent elected to provide benefits for the applicant.

Comments are particularly invited on: Whether this collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of functions of the Office of Personnel Management, and whether it will have practical utility; whether our estimate of the public burden of this collection of information is accurate, and based on valid assumptions and methodology; and ways in which we can minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through the use of appropriate technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Approximately 22,000 RI 25-51 forms will be completed annually. We estimate it takes approximately 30 minutes to complete the form. The annual estimated burden is 11,000 hours.