

warehouse lending activities in the United States, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(1).

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, June 29, 1998.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Associate Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Agency Information Collection Activities: Announcement of Board Approval Under Delegated Authority and Submission to OMB

SUMMARY:

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). Board-approved collections of information are incorporated into the official OMB inventory of currently approved collections of information. Copies of the OMB 83-Is and supporting statements and approved collection of information instrument(s) are placed into OMB's public docket files. 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:

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Final approval under OMB delegated authority of the implementation of the following report:

1. *Report title:* Survey of Small Business Finances

Agency form number: FR 3044

OMB Control number: 7100-0262

Frequency: one-time

Reporters: small businesses

Annual reporting hours: 6,100

Estimated average hours per response:

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Number of respondents: 6,100

Small businesses are affected.

General description of report: This information collection is voluntary (12 U.S.C. 252, 1817(j), 1828(c), and 1841 et seq.). Individual respondent data are provided in a public-use file. However, any information that could identify respondent firms, or the financial institutions that they use, will be excluded from the public data set pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(4)).

Abstract: The FR 3044 will be similar to the 1987 and 1993 National Surveys of Small Business Finances (OMB Nos. 7100-0234 and 7100-0262, respectively). In part, this survey is being conducted to collect information needed to satisfy the requirements of Section 2227 of the Economic Growth and Regulatory Paperwork Reduction Act of 1996. This law requires the Board to conduct a study and submit a report to the Congress every five years "...detailing the extent of small business lending by all creditors...."

The FR 3044 would gather data from small businesses on their financial relationships, credit experiences, lending terms and conditions, income and balance sheet information, the location and types of financial institutions used, and other firm characteristics. In conjunction with Board staff, a private survey firm would conduct small focus groups to investigate emerging issues in small business finance and update the 1993 questionnaire. The survey firm would then conduct two pretests with a minimum of fifty small business firms in each pretest. Following revisions to the questionnaire, the survey would be conducted by means of computer-assisted telephone interviews with approximately 6,000 randomly selected small business firms. Interviewing would likely commence in early 1999.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, June 29, 1998.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Secretary of the Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Secretary

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collections; Comment Request

The Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Secretary will periodically publish summaries of proposed information collections projects and solicit public comments in

compliance with the requirements of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. To request more information on the project or to obtain a copy of the information collection plans and instruments, call the OS Reports Clearance Officer on (202) 690-6207.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed 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 proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (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.

Proposed Projects 1. A National Assessment of Linguistically and Culturally Appropriate Services in Managed Care Organizations Serving Racially and Ethnically Diverse Populations—NEW—The Office of Minority Health proposes to conduct a mixed telephone and mail survey with a national random sample of managed care organizations serving racially and ethnically diverse communities. The survey will provide data on the prevalence of policies and practices that promote the delivery of linguistically and culturally appropriate services by managed care organizations, and the factors that facilitate and detract from the implementation of such policies and practices. The data collected will inform the Office of Minority Health about the current nature and extent of such services and identify ways in which such efforts can be extended. Respondents: Business or other for-profit; Non-profit organizations; Number of Respondents: 320; Response per Respondent: 3; Average Burden per Response: 30 minutes; Total Burden: 480 hours.

Send comments to Cynthia Agens Bauer, OS Reports Clearance Officer, Room 503H, Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue SW, Washington DC, 20201. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

Dated: June 25, 1998.

Dennis P. Williams,

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