

the time spent by any particular institution, the agencies believe that the burden estimates fairly represent the total burden on the industry as a whole.

Three of the trade associations and two of the financial institutions commented on the specific requirements that are included in the burden estimates. The Federal Reserve's OMB supporting statement provides a detailed list of the elements included in the burden estimate. Two trade associations and one bank questioned whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency and is the least burdensome alternative. The community interest group expressed the opposite view, that the agencies cannot assess CRA performance without these data collection requirements. The justification for this information collection and its use by the Federal Reserve are also addressed in the OMB supporting statement. Some commenters questioned the methodology used for estimating the burden. As mentioned in the May 1999 *Federal Register* notice, the agencies combined the information from several sources, including public comments, contacts with CRA respondents, and knowledgeable agency staff, to derive the burden estimates.

In addition to addressing the paperwork requirements of CRA, several commenters discussed broader issues, including regulatory and examination burden. One banking trade association also included recommendations addressed to OMB. These issues are not addressed here as they are not appropriate for this notice.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, August 13, 1999.

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 projects 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 Project 1

Research on Employment Supports for People with Disabilities—NEW—The Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation has embarked on a project to collect extensive information on the experiences of people with disabilities in competitive employment. As part of this effort they intend to conduct a series of discussions with working people with disabilities across three locations in the United States and Canada for the purpose of gaining detailed information on their employment experiences. *Respondents:* Individuals or households—Reporting Burden Information for Screener—*Number of Respondents: 750; Burden per Response: 7 minutes; Total Burden for Screener: 88 hours*—Burden Information for Focus Group Registration—*Number of Respondents: 375; Burden per Response: 10 minutes; Total Burden of Registration: 63 hours*—Burden Information for Focus Group—*Number of Respondents: 375; Burden per Response: 150 minutes; Total Burden for Focus Group: 938*—Burden Information for Post-Focus Group Evaluation—*Number of Respondents: 375; Burden per Response: 7 minutes; Total Burden for Evaluation: 44 hours*—*Total Burden: 1,133 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.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Secretary

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Secretary publishes a list of information collections it has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) and 5 CFR 1320.5. The following are those information collections recently submitted to OMB.

Proposed Projects 1. Cash and Counseling Demonstration—Additional Survey Instruments—New—

Cash and Counseling is a consumer directed care model for individuals with physical or developmental disabilities. A demonstration project implementing this model is being evaluated by the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation. This portion of the evaluation consists of four information collection instruments. *Respondents:* Individuals or Households, For-profit, Non-profit Institutions; *Burden Information for Informal Caregiver Survey—Number of Respondents: 8,000; Burden per Response: .38 hours; Total Burden for Informal Caregiver Survey: 3,040 hours*—*Burden Information for Paid Worker Survey—Number of Respondents: 800; Burden per Response: .5 hours; Total Burden for Paid Worker Survey: 400 hours*—*Burden Information for Consultant Survey—Number of Respondents: 400; Burden per Response: .58 hours; Total Burden for Consultant Survey: 200 hours*—*Burden Information for Ethnographic Discussion Guide—Number of Respondents: 300; Burden per Response: 1 hours; Total Burden for Ethnographic Discussion Guide: 300 hours*—*Total Burden: 3,940 hours.* *OMB Desk Officer: Allison Eydt.*

Copies of the information collection packages listed above can be obtained by calling the OS Reports Clearance Officer on (202) 690-6207. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent directly to the OMB desk officer designated above at the following address: Human Resources and Housing Branch, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503.