

SUMMARY: The Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC) is requesting that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) extend approval, under the Paperwork Reduction Act, of the collection of information under Part 4043 of its regulations relating to Reportable Events (OMB control number 1212-0013; expires November 30, 1999). This notice informs the public of the PBGC's request and solicits public comment on the collection of information.

DATES: Comments should be submitted by October 4, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be mailed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs of the Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, Washington, DC 20503. Copies of the request for extension (including the collection of information) are available from the Communications and Public Affairs Department, suite 240, 1200 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005-4026, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. on business days.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Harold J. Ashner, Assistant General Counsel, or James L. Beller, Attorney, Office of the General Counsel, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, 1200 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005-4026, 202-326-4024. (For TTY and TDD, call the Federal relay service toll-free at 1-800-877-8339 and request connection to 202-326-4024.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 4043 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) requires plan administrators and plan sponsors to report certain plan and corporate events to the PBGC. The reporting requirements give the PBGC timely notice of events that indicate plan or employer financial problems. The PBGC uses the information provided in determining what, if any, action it needs to take. For example, the PBGC might need to institute proceedings to terminate the plan (placing it in trusteeship) under section 4042 of ERISA to ensure the continued payment of benefits to plan participants and their beneficiaries or to prevent unreasonable increases in its losses.

The collection of information under the regulation has been approved through November 30, 1999, by OMB under control number 1212-0013. The PBGC is requesting that OMB extend approval for another three years. 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.

The PBGC estimates that it will receive 305 reportable events notices per year under this collection of information. The PBGC further estimates that the average annual burden of this collection of information is 1,249 hours and \$187,350.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Data Collection Available for Public Comments and Recommendations

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Small Business Administration's intention to request approval on a new and/or currently approved information collection.

DATES: Submit comments on or before November 2, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Send all comments regarding whether this information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the function of the agency, whether the burden estimate is accurate, and if there are ways to minimize the estimated burden and enhance the quality of the collection, to Mr. Leon Bechet, Assistant Administrator Division of Program Certification and Eligibility, Office of Minority Enterprise Development, Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street SW., Suite 8000, Washington, DC 20416.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Leon Bechet, Assistant Administrator Division Program Certification and Eligibility, 202-205-6416 or Curtis B. Rich, Management Analyst, 202-205-7030.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Personal Financial Statement 8(a) Business Development/SDB Certification Program.

Type of Request: New Information Collection.

Form No.: SBA Form 2099.

Description of Respondents: Small Business Owners.

Annual Responses: (estimate 10,000).

Annual Burden: 15,000-20,000 hours (per application).

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Chief, Administrative Information Branch.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

Announcement of Public Forum on Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

TIME AND DATE: 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m., September 21, 1999.

PLACE: Room 10234, Nassif Building, Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590.

STATUS: Open to public with attendance limited to space available.

PURPOSE: The purpose of the forum is to have an exchange of ideas and to start a dialogue that will better enable the Department to analyze its rules. We do not want comments on specific rules or proposals, although it would be appropriate to use an existing rule to illustrate a point.

SUMMARY: The Department of Transportation will be hosting a public forum on regulatory flexibility analysis in rulemaking. Expert panelists for this forum will include representatives from business, labor and government. The moderator of the forum will present a series of issues to the panel for discussion; the audience will also be encouraged to ask questions or make comments. The forum will address various issues such as improving regulatory flexibility analysis used in rulemaking decisions, helping small entities participate more effectively in rulemaking, and reviewing existing rules to determine whether they should be revised to lessen or eliminate burdens on small entities. The forum on regulatory flexibility analysis is the third in a series of public forums on rulemaking. As with the forum on economic analysis held in May and the forum on risk assessment held in June, the forum on regulatory flexibility analysis will provide an opportunity for the public to join the Department in discussing important rulemaking issues.

REGISTRATION: Participants are requested to register their intent to attend this forum meeting by sending e-mail to gwyneth.radloff@ost.dot.gov. Put the words "Registration for Small Entities Forum" in the subject line and the participant's name, address, phone number, and affiliation in the body of the message. If you do not have internet access, you can register by calling 202-