

and uses of funds or other resources under the covered agreement.

Section _____.7(f)(2)(ii) requires an IDI that receives an annual report from a NGEF pursuant to section _____.7(f)(2)(i) to file the report with the relevant supervisory agency or agencies on behalf of the NGEF within 30 days.

Section _____.4(b) requires an IDI that is party to a covered agreement that concerns any activity described in section _____.4(a) of a CRA affiliate to notify each NGEF that is a party to the agreement that the agreement concerns a CRA affiliate.

Affected Public

Business or other for-profit; individuals.

Burden Estimates

The reduction in the estimated burden is due to a change in the method of estimation. The old estimate, made three years ago, was based on the assumption and projection that 50 percent of insured depository institutions would be parties to a covered agreement. The new estimate is based on the actual number of IDIs or their affiliates that reported covered agreements to the agencies in 2001 and 2002, and is therefore more accurate. The number of NGEF respondents is based on an assumption that one NGEF is a party to each covered agreement.

Estimated Number of Respondents

OCC: 25 IDI; 337 NGEF.
Board: 13 IDI; 78 NGEF.
FDIC: 13 IDI; 36 NGEF.
OTS: 24 IDI; 120 NGEF.

Estimated Number of Responses

OCC: 2,813.
Board: 637.
FDIC: 316.
OTS: 984.

Estimated Annual Burden Hours

OCC: 3,899 hours.
Board: 910 hours.
FDIC: 501.6 hours.
OTS: 1,416 hours.

Frequency of Response

On occasion.

All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on:

(a) Whether the collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information has practical utility;

(b) The accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information;

(c) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;

(d) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and

(e) Estimates of capital or startup costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Dated: December 8, 2003.

Mark J. Tenhundfeld,

Assistant Director, Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency.

By order of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System December 18, 2003.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Secretary of the Board.

Dated in Washington, DC, this 15th day of December, 2003. Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Robert E. Feldman,

Executive Secretary.

Dated: December 17, 2003.

By the Office of Thrift Supervision.

Richard M. Riccobono,

Deputy Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Fiscal Service

Surety Companies Acceptable on Federal Bonds: American Southern Insurance Company

AGENCY: Financial Management Service, Fiscal Service, Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is supplement No. 5 to the Treasury Department Circular 570; 2003 Revision, published July 1, 2003 at 68 FR 39186.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Surety Bond Branch at (202) 874-6765.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A

Certificate of Authority as an acceptable surety on Federal bonds is hereby issued to the following Company under 31 U.S.C. 9304 to 9308. Federal bond-approving officers should annotate their reference copies of the Treasury Circular 570, 2003 Revision, on page 39191 to reflect this addition: American Southern Insurance Company. Business Address: P.O. Box 723030, Atlanta, Georgia 31139-0030. Phone: (404) 266-9599. Underwriting Limitation b/:\$3,274,000. Surety Licenses c/:AL, AR, FL, GA, IL, KS, KY, MD, MS, NE, NC, OH, PA, SC,

TN, UT, WA, WV, WY. Incorporated in: Kansas.

Certificates of Authority expire on June 30 each year, unless revoked prior to that date. The Certificates are subject to subsequent annual renewal as long as the companies remain qualified (31 CFR part 223). A list of qualified companies is published annually as of July 1 in Treasury Department Circular 570, with details as to underwriting limitations, areas in which licensed to transact surety business and other information.

The Circular may be viewed and downloaded through the Internet at <http://www.fms.treas.gov/c570>. A hard copy may be purchased from the Government Printing Office (GPO) Subscription Service, Washington, DC, Telephone (202) 512-1800. When ordering the Circular from GPO, use the following stock number: 769-004-04643-2.

Questions concerning this Notice may be directed to the U.S. department of the Treasury, Financial Management Service, Financial Accounting and Services Division surety Bond Branch, 3700 East-West Highway, Room 6A04, Hyattsville, MD 20782.

Dated: December 18, 2003.

Wanda J. Rogers,

Director, Financial Accounting and Services Division, Financial Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of Thrift Supervision

Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request—Securities Offering Disclosure

AGENCY: Office of Thrift Supervision (OTS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed and continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3507. The Office of Thrift Supervision within the Department of the Treasury will submit the proposed information collection requirement described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. Today, OTS is soliciting public comments on the proposal.