

financial risk through the arrangement, such that the arrangement creates incentives for the physician participants jointly to control costs and improve quality by managing the provision of services. Second, any agreement concerning reimbursement or other terms or conditions of dealing must be reasonably necessary to obtain significant efficiencies through the joint arrangement.

A "qualified clinically-integrated joint arrangement," on the other hand, need not involve any sharing of financial risk. Instead, as defined in the proposed order, physician participants must participate in active and ongoing programs to evaluate and modify their clinical practice patterns in order to control costs and ensure the quality of services provided, and the arrangement must create a high degree of interdependence and cooperation among physicians. As with qualified risk-sharing arrangements, any agreement concerning price or other terms of dealing must be reasonably necessary to achieve the efficiency goals of the joint arrangement.

Paragraph III, for three years, requires Partners Health to notify the Commission before entering into any arrangement to act as a messenger, or as an agent on behalf of any physicians, with payors regarding contracts. Paragraph III also sets out the information necessary to make the notification complete.

Paragraph IV, for three years, requires Partners Health to notify the Commission before participating in contracting with health plans on behalf of a qualified risk-sharing joint arrangement, or a qualified clinically-integrated joint arrangement. The contracting discussions that trigger the notice provision may be either among physicians, or between Partners Health and health plans. Paragraph IV also sets out the information necessary to satisfy the notification requirement.

Paragraph V requires Partners Health to distribute the complaint and order to all physicians who have participated in Partners Health, and to payors that negotiated contracts with Partners Health or indicated an interest in contracting with Partners Health. Paragraph V.D. requires Partners Health, at any payor's request and without penalty, or, at the latest, within one year after the order is made final, to terminate its current contracts with respect to providing physician services. Paragraph V.D. also allows any contract currently in effect to be extended, upon mutual consent of Partners Health and the contracted payor, to any date no later than one year from when the order

became final. This extension allows both parties to negotiate a termination date that would equitably enable them to prepare for the impending contract termination. Paragraph V.E requires Partners Health to distribute payor requests for contract termination to all physicians who participate in Partners Health.

Paragraphs VI, VII, and VIII of the proposed order impose various obligations on Partners Health to report or provide access to information to the Commission to facilitate monitoring Partners Health's compliance with the order.

The proposed order will expire in 20 years.

By direction of the Commission, with Chairman Majoras recused.

**Donald S. Clark,**  
Secretary.

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## GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

### Office of Small Business Utilization; Small Business Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Office of Small Business Utilization, GSA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The General Services Administration is announcing the creation of a Small Business Advisory Committee (the Committee). The Committee will offer advice and recommendations on a wide range of government procurement issues affecting small business. Specifically, the committee is to develop proposed solutions that will allow GSA to make it easier for small businesses to participate in federal contracting, identify problem areas currently restricting small business participation, and provide direct feedback on the impact of new legislation and regulations on small business as they are introduced by the government.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Denis Peck, Room 6021, GSA Building, 1800 F Street, NW., Washington, DC 20405 (202) 501-1021 or email at [denis.peck@gsa.gov](mailto:denis.peck@gsa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice is published in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), and advises of the establishment of the GSA Small Business Advisory Committee. The GSA Administrator has determined that the establishment of the Board is necessary and in the public interest.

The First Meeting of the Small Business Advisory Committee will be held Thursday, September 1, 2005 at the JW Marriott Desert Ridge Resort in Phoenix, Arizona. The meeting will begin at 1:00 pm and conclude no later than 4:30 p.m. Hotel information is available by calling (480) 293-3829. The Committee also will accept oral public comments at this meeting and has reserved a total of thirty minutes for this purpose. Members of the public wishing to reserve speaking time must contact Denis Peck in writing at: [denis.peck@gsa.gov](mailto:denis.peck@gsa.gov) or by fax at (202) 208-5938, no later than one week prior to the meeting.

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## OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT ETHICS

### Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Modified OGE Form 450 Executive Branch Confidential Financial Disclosure Report

**AGENCY:** Office of Government Ethics (OGE).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Government Ethics intends to modify the Executive Branch Confidential Financial Disclosure Report form (hereafter, OGE Form 450), to improve its clarity and design and change to some extent the information that it collects. After this first round notice and public comment period, OGE plans to submit a modified OGE Form 450 to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and three-year extension of approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act. The modified OGE Form 450 would be used for confidential financial disclosure reporting under OGE's proposed amended executive branch regulations, once those regulatory revisions are finalized.

**DATES:** Comments by the public and agencies on this proposal are invited and should be received by October 26, 2005.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments to OGE by any of the following methods:

- E-Mail: [usoge@oge.gov](mailto:usoge@oge.gov). For E-mail messages, the subject line should include the following reference: "OGE Form 450 Executive Branch Confidential Financial Disclosure Report Paperwork Comment."