

**RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD****Proposed Data Collection Available for Public Comment and Recommendations**

*Summary:* In accordance with the requirement of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 which provides opportunity for public comment on new or revised data collections, the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) will publish periodic summaries of proposed data collections.

*Comments are invited on:* (a) Whether the proposed information 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 RRB's estimate of the burden of the collection of the information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden related to the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

*Title and purpose of information collection:* Gross Earnings Report; OMB 3220-0132.

In order to carry out the financial interchange provisions of section 7(c)(2) of the Railroad Retirement Act (RRA), the RRB obtains annually from railroad employer's the gross earnings for their employees on a one-percent basis, *i.e.*, 1% of each employer's railroad employees. The gross earnings sample is based on the earnings of employees whose social security numbers end with the digits "30." The gross earnings are used to compute payroll taxes under the financial interchange.

The gross earnings information is essential in determining the tax amounts involved in the financial interchange with the Social Security Administration and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Besides being necessary for current financial interchange calculations, the gross earnings file tabulations are also an integral part of the data needed to estimate future tax income and corresponding financial interchange amounts. These estimates are made for internal use and to satisfy requests from other government agencies and interested groups. In addition, cash flow projections of the social security equivalent benefit account, railroad retirement account and cost estimates made for proposed amendments to laws administered by the RRB are dependent on input developed from the information collection.

The RRB utilizes Form BA-11 or its electronic equivalent(s) to obtain gross earnings information from railroad employers. One response is requested of each railroad employer. Completion is mandatory. No changes are proposed to Form BA-11.

**Estimate of Annual Respondent Burden**

Gross earnings reports are required annually from all employers reporting railroad service and compensation. There are approximately 635 railroad employers who currently report gross earnings to the RRB. Most large railroad employers include their railroad subsidiaries in their gross earnings reports. This results in the RRB collecting *less* than 637 earnings reports. Also, there are a large number of railroad employers having work forces so small that they do not have employees with social security numbers ending in "30." Currently, there are 338 such employers in this category who file "negative" BA-11 responses to the RRB. Overall, on an annual basis, the RRB receives 84 reports consisting of computer prepared tapes or diskettes and 77 by means of manually prepared Form BA-11. The RRB estimates an average preparation time of 5 hours for each gross earnings report submitted by computer tape, 30 minutes for each diskette, 30 minutes for each manually prepared Form BA-11, and 15 minutes for each negative response.

*Additional Information or Comments:* To request more information or to obtain a copy of the information collection justification, forms, and/or supporting material, please call the RRB Clearance Officer at (312) 751-3363 or send an e-mail request to [Charles.Mierzwa@RRB.gov](mailto:Charles.Mierzwa@RRB.gov). Comments regarding the information collection should be addressed to Ronald J. Hodapp, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611-2092 or send an e-mail to [Ronald.Hodapp@RRB.gov](mailto:Ronald.Hodapp@RRB.gov). Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

**Charles Mierzwa,**

*Clearance Officer.*

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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**Self-Regulatory Organizations; Boston Stock Exchange, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Order Granting Accelerated Approval of a Proposed Rule Change and Amendment No. 1 Thereto Relating to the Market Opening Procedures of the Boston Options Exchange Facility**

January 13, 2006.

**Correction**

In FR Document No. E5-8045, beginning on page 77218 for Thursday, December 29, 2005, the title of the document incorrectly referenced the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. instead of the Boston Stock Exchange, Inc. The correct title is as written above.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>1</sup>

**Nancy M. Morris,**  
*Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

[Public Notice 5276]

**60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Reconstruction and Stabilization Volunteer Application and Evaluation, OMB Control Number 1405-XXXX**

**ACTION:** Notice of request for public comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of State is seeking Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the information collection described below. The purpose of this notice is to allow 60 days for public comment in the **Federal Register** preceding submission to OMB. We are conducting this process in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

- *Title of Information Collection:* Reconstruction and Stabilization Volunteer Application and Evaluation.
- *OMB Control Number:* 1405-XXXX.
- *Type of Request:* New Collection.
- *Originating Office:* Office of the Coordinator for Reconstruction & Stabilization, S/CRS.
- *Form Numbers:* DS-4096 and SV-2005-0011.

<sup>1</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

- *Respondents:* Civilians who have past experience in Reconstruction & Stabilization (R & S) activities and/or wish to volunteer for additional R & S deployments.

- *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 2400 per year.

- *Estimated Number of Responses:* 2400 per year.

- *Average Hours Per Response:* 30 minutes.

- *Total Estimated Burden:* 1200 Hours.

- *Frequency:* On Occasion.

- *Obligation to Respond:* Voluntary.

**DATES:** The Department will accept comments from the public up to 60 days from January 20, 2006.

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

- E-mail: [StansellJW@state.gov](mailto:StansellJW@state.gov).

- Mail (paper, disk, or CD-ROM submissions): Suite 7100, 2121 Virginia Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20520

You must include the DS form number (if applicable), information collection title, and OMB control number in any correspondence.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Direct requests for additional information regarding the collection listed in this notice, including requests for copies of the proposed information collection and supporting documents, to James Stansell, Suite 7100, 2121 Virginia Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20520 who may be reached on (202) 663-0850 or at [StansellJW@state.gov](mailto:StansellJW@state.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of our functions.

- Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.

- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.

- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of technology.

*Abstract of proposed collection:* The information collected is an important part of the Department's responsibility to coordinate U.S. Government planning, and institutionalize U.S. capacity, to help stabilize and reconstruct societies in transition from conflict or civil strife so they can reach a sustainable path toward peace, democracy and a market economy. The evaluation will be conducted in order to learn from the experiences of those who

have been involved in reconstruction and stabilization activities. The application will be used to solicit volunteers who are willing to participate in future operations.

*Methodology:*

Respondents can access both information collection instruments via the S/CRS Web site (<http://www.crs.state.gov>), and will fill them out and submit them electronically.

Dated: November 8, 2005.

**Marcia K. Wong,**

*Principal Deputy Coordinator, Office of the Coordinator for Reconstruction & Stabilization, Department of State.*

Dated: November 8, 2005.

**Christopher Hoh,**

*Director of Response Strategy & Resource Management, Office of the Coordinator for Reconstruction & Stabilization, Department of State.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

[Public Notice 5277]

**Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition Determinations: "Without Boundary: Seventeen Ways of Looking"**

*Summary:* Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Act of October 19, 1965 (79 Stat. 985; 22 U.S.C. 2459), Executive Order 12047 of March 27, 1978, the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (112 Stat. 2681, *et seq.*; 22 U.S.C. 6501 note, *et seq.*), Delegation of Authority No. 234 of October 1, 1999, Delegation of Authority No. 236 of October 19, 1999, as amended, and Delegation of Authority No. 257 of April 15, 2003 [68 FR 19875], I hereby determine that the objects to be included in the exhibition "Without Boundary: Seventeen Ways of Looking", imported from abroad for temporary exhibition within the United States, are of cultural significance. The objects are imported pursuant to loan agreements with the foreign owners or custodians. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the exhibit objects at The Museum of Modern Art, from on or about February 21, 2006, until on or about May 22, 2006, and at possible additional venues yet to be determined, is in the national interest. Public Notice of these Determinations is ordered to be published in the **Federal Register**.

*For Further Information Contact:* For further information, including a list of the exhibit objects, contact Paul

Manning, Attorney-Adviser, Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State (telephone: 202/453-8052). The address is U.S. Department of State, SA-44, 301 4th Street, SW. Room 700, Washington, DC 20547-0001.

Dated: January 11, 2006.

**C. Miller Crouch,**

*Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

[Public Notice 5265]

**Announcement of Meetings of the International Telecommunication Advisory Committee**

*Summary:* This notice cancels certain previously announced International Telecommunication Advisory Committee meetings originally scheduled to prepare for the International Telecommunication Union World Telecommunication Development Conference.

The International Telecommunication Advisory Committee (ITAC) cancels meetings to prepare for the ITU WTDC-06 previously scheduled for February 2, 9, 16, and 23, 2006.

Dated: January 13, 2006.

**Cecily Holiday,**

*Director, Radiocommunication Affairs, International Communications & Information Policy, Department of State.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

[Public Notice 5264]

**Second Public Meeting of the Advisory Committee on Persons With Disabilities**

*Summary:* The Advisory Committee on Persons with Disabilities will conduct its second public meeting on February 6, 2006 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Reagan Building and International Trade Center, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20004. Please see, <http://www.itcdc.com/index.php>.

Attendees must have valid, government-issued identification in order to enter the building.

The Advisory Committee is made up of the Secretary of State, the Administrator for International Development and an Executive Director (all ex-officio members); and eight