

FTA, Chapter 10 of NAFTA, and Chapter 13 of the U.S.-Singapore FTA, do hereby determine, effective on January 1, 2008:

For the calendar years 2008–2009, the thresholds are as follows:

I. WTO Agreement on Government Procurement

A. Central Government Entities listed in U.S. Annex 1:

(1) Procurement of goods and services—\$194,000; and
(2) Procurement of construction services—\$7,456,000.

B. Sub-Central Government Entities listed in U.S. Annex 2:

(1) Procurement of goods and services—\$529,000; and
(2) Procurement of construction services—\$7,456,000.

C. Other Entities listed in U.S. Annex 3:

(1) Procurement of goods and services—\$596,000; and
(2) Procurement of construction services—\$7,456,000.

II. U.S.-Australia FTA, Chapter 15

A. Central Government Entities listed in the U.S. Schedule to Annex 15–A, Section 1:

(1) Procurement of goods and services—\$67,826; and
(2) Procurement of construction services—\$7,456,000.

B. Sub-Central Government Entities listed in the U.S. Schedule to Annex 15–A, Section 2:

(1) Procurement of goods and services—\$529,000; and
(2) Procurement of construction services—\$7,456,000.

C. Other Entities listed in the U.S. Schedule to Annex 15–A, Section 3:

(1) Procurement of goods and services for List A Entities—\$339,132;
(2) Procurement of goods and services for List B Entities—\$596,000;
(3) Procurement of construction services—\$7,456,000.

III. U.S.-Bahrain FTA, Chapter 9

A. Central Government Entities listed in the U.S. Schedule to Annex 15–A, Section 1:

(1) Procurement of goods and services—\$194,000; and
(2) Procurement of construction services—\$8,817,449.

B. Other Entities listed in the U.S. Schedule to Annex 9–A, Section 3:

(1) Procurement of goods and services for List B entities—\$596,000; and
(2) Procurement of construction services—\$10,852,752.

IV. U.S.-Chile FTA, Chapter 9

A. Central Government Entities listed in the U.S. Schedule to Annex 9.1, Section A:

(1) Procurement of goods and services—\$67,826; and
(2) Procurement of construction services—\$7,456,000.

B. Sub-Central Government Entities listed in the U.S. Schedule to Annex 9.1, Section B:

(1) Procurement of goods and services—\$529,000; and
(2) Procurement of construction services—\$7,456,000.

C. Other Entities listed in the U.S. Schedule to Annex 9.1, Section C:

(1) Procurement of goods and services for List A Entities—\$339,132;
(2) Procurement of goods and services for List B Entities—\$596,000;
(3) Procurement of construction services—\$7,456,000.

V. DR-CAFTA, Chapter 9

A. Central Government Entities listed in the U.S. Schedule to Annex 9.1, Section A:

(1) Procurement of goods and services—\$67,826; and
(2) Procurement of construction services—\$7,456,000.

B. Sub-Central Government Entities listed in the U.S. Schedule to Annex 9.1, Section B:

(1) Procurement of goods and services—\$529,000; and
(2) Procurement of construction services—\$7,456,000.

C. Other Entities listed in the U.S. Schedule to Annex 9.1, Section C:

(1) Procurement of goods and services for List B Entities—\$596,000;
(2) Procurement of construction services—\$7,456,000.

VI. U.S.-Morocco FTA, Chapter 9

A. Central Government Entities listed in the U.S. Schedule to Annex 9.1, Section A:

(1) Procurement of goods and services—\$194,000; and
(2) Procurement of construction services—\$7,456,000.

B. Sub-Central Government Entities listed in the U.S. Schedule to Annex 9.1, Section B:

(1) Procurement of goods and services—\$529,000; and
(2) Procurement of construction services—\$7,456,000.

C. Other Entities listed in the U.S. Schedule to Annex 9.1, Section C:

(1) Procurement of goods and services for List B Entities—\$596,000;
(2) Procurement of construction services—\$7,456,000.

VII. NAFTA, Chapter 10

A. Federal Government Entities listed in the U.S. Schedule to Annex 1001.1a–1:

(1) Procurement of goods and services—\$67,826; and

(2) Procurement of construction services—\$8,817,449.

B. Government Enterprises listed in the U.S. Schedule to Annex 1001.1a–2:

(1) Procurement of goods and services—\$339,132; and
(2) Procurement of construction services—\$10,852,752.

VIII. U.S.-Singapore FTA, Chapter 13

A. Central Government Entities listed in the U.S. Schedule to Annex 13A, Schedule 1, Section A:

(1) Procurement of goods and services—\$67,826; and
(2) Procurement of construction services—\$7,456,000.

B. Sub-Central Government Entities listed in the U.S. Schedule to Annex 13A, Schedule 1, Section B:

(1) Procurement of goods and services—\$529,000; and
(2) Procurement of construction services—\$7,456,000.

C. Other Entities listed in the U.S. Schedule to Annex 13A, Schedule 1, Section C:

(1) Procurement of goods and services—\$596,000;
(2) Procurement of construction services—\$7,456,000.

Susan C. Schwab,

United States Trade Representative.

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PENSION BENEFIT GUARANTY CORPORATION

Required Interest Rate Assumption for Determining Variable-Rate Premium for Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Multiemployer Plan Valuations Following Mass Withdrawal

AGENCY: Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

ACTION: Notice of interest rates and assumptions.

SUMMARY: This notice informs the public of the interest rates and assumptions to be used under certain Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation regulations. These rates and assumptions are published elsewhere (or can be derived from rates published elsewhere), but are collected and published in this notice for the convenience of the public. Interest rates are also published on the PBGC's Web site (<http://www.pbgc.gov>).

DATES: The required interest rate for determining the variable-rate premium under part 4006 applies to premium payment years beginning in December 2007. The interest assumptions for performing multiemployer plan

valuations following mass withdrawal under part 4281 apply to valuation dates occurring in January 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Catherine B. Klion, Manager, Regulatory and Policy Division, Legislative and Regulatory Department, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, 1200 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005, 202-326-4024. (TTY/TDD users may call the Federal relay service toll-free at 1-800-877-8339 and ask to be connected to 202-326-4024.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Variable-Rate Premiums

Section 4006(a)(3)(E)(iii)(II) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and § 4006.4(b)(1) of the PBGC's regulation on Premium Rates (29 CFR part 4006) prescribe use of an assumed interest rate (the "required interest rate") in determining a single-employer plan's variable-rate premium. Pursuant to the Pension Protection Act of 2006, for premium payment years beginning in 2006 or 2007, the required interest rate is the "applicable percentage" of the annual rate of interest determined by the Secretary of the Treasury on amounts invested conservatively in long-term investment grade corporate bonds for the month preceding the beginning of the plan year for which premiums are being paid (the "premium payment year").

On February 2, 2007 (at 72 FR 4955), the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) published final regulations containing updated mortality tables for determining current liability under section 412(l)(7) of the Code and section 302(d)(7) of ERISA for plan years beginning on or after January 1, 2007. As a result, in accordance with section 4006(a)(3)(E)(iii)(II) of ERISA, the "applicable percentage" to be used in determining the required interest rate for plan years beginning in 2007 is 100 percent.

The required interest rate to be used in determining variable-rate premiums for premium payment years beginning in December 2007 is 6.14 percent (i.e., 100 percent of the 6.14 percent composite corporate bond rate for November 2007 as determined by the Treasury).

The following table lists the required interest rates to be used in determining variable-rate premiums for premium payment years beginning between January 2007 and December 2007.

For premium payment years beginning in:	The required interest rate is:
January 2007	5.75

For premium payment years beginning in:	The required interest rate is:
February 2007	5.89
March 2007	5.85
April 2007	5.84
May 2007	5.98
June 2007	6.01
July 2007	6.32
August 2007	6.33
September 2007	6.33
October 2007	6.23
November 2007	6.14
December 2007	6.14

Multiemployer Plan Valuations Following Mass Withdrawal

The PBGC's regulation on Duties of Plan Sponsor Following Mass Withdrawal (29 CFR part 4281) prescribes the use of interest assumptions under the PBGC's regulation on Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans (29 CFR part 4044). The interest assumptions applicable to valuation dates in January 2008 under part 4044 are contained in an amendment to part 4044 published elsewhere in today's **Federal Register**. Tables showing the assumptions applicable to prior periods are codified in appendix B to 29 CFR part 4044.

Issued in Washington, DC, on this 10th day of December 2007.

Vincent K. Snowbarger,
Deputy Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request for Review of a Revised Information Collection: RI 98-7

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, May 22, 1995), this notice announces that the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request for review of a revised information collection. RI 98-7, We Need Important Information About Your Eligibility for Social Security Disability Benefits, is used by OPM to verify receipt of Social Security Administration (SSA) disability benefits, to lessen or avoid overpayment to Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS) disability retirees. It

notifies the annuitant of the responsibility to notify OPM if SSA benefits begin and the overpayment that will occur with the receipt of both benefits.

Approximately 3,000 RI 98-7 forms will be completed annually. The form takes approximately 5 minutes to complete. The annual burden is 250 hours.

For copies of this proposal, contact Mary Beth Smith-Toomey on (202) 606-8358, Fax (202) 418-3251 or via e-mail to *MaryBeth.Smith-Toomey@opm.gov*. Please include a mailing address with your request.

DATES: Comments on this proposal should be received within 30 calendar days from the date of this publication.

ADDRESSES: Send or deliver comments to:

Ronald W. Melton, Deputy Assistant Director, Retirement Services Program, Center for Retirement and Insurance Services, U.S. Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street, NW., Room 3305, Washington, DC 20415-3500 and

Brenda Aguilar, OPM Desk Officer, Office of Information & Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, NW., Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503.

For Information Regarding Administrative Coordination: Contact: Cyrus S. Benson, Team Leader, Publications Team, RIS Support Services/Support Group, (202) 606-0623.

U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

Howard Weizmann,

Deputy Director.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Proposed Personnel Demonstration Project; Performance-Based Pay Adjustments in the U.S. Department of Education/Federal Student Aid

AGENCY: U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice of a proposed demonstration project plan.

SUMMARY: Chapter 47 of title 5, United States Code, authorizes the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM), directly or in agreement with one or more agencies, to conduct demonstration projects that experiment with new and different human resources management concepts to determine