

Analyses of programs with terms different from those presented above may use a linear interpolation. For example, a four-year project can be evaluated with a rate equal to the average of the three-year and five-year rates. Programs with durations longer than 30 years may use the 30-year interest rate.

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OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

FY 2007 Pilot Program for Alternative Approaches to Performance and Accountability Reporting Open Forum

AGENCY: Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

ACTION: Notice of open forum.

SUMMARY: An open forum on the FY 2007 Performance and Accountability Report (PAR) pilot will be held at the National Academy of Public Administration (NAPA) on April 14, 2008 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. The PAR pilot allows agencies to explore different formats to enhance the presentation of financial and performance information and make this information more meaningful and transparent to the public. As an alternative to the traditional PAR, agencies that participated in the pilot had to prepare and submit to OMB three component documents. The component documents included an Agency Financial Report (AFR), an Annual Performance Report (APR), and a Highlights document that presents performance and financial information in a summary fashion. The purpose of the forum is to obtain feedback from individual users and stakeholders regarding the results of the pilot. Those interested in participating should respond to the questions listed below by e-mail to either Regina Kearney at rkearney@omb.eop.gov, or Pat Harris at pharris@omb.eop.gov by close of business March 28, 2008.

- Do the PAR pilot component documents (Annual Financial Report, Annual Performance Report, and Highlights):
 - Provide an enhanced presentation of the financial and performance information in a more transparent way (i.e., information is presented in a manner that is user friendly and easy enough for a novice reader to understand)?
 - Report financial and performance information more meaningfully (i.e., financial and performance data is

reliable, relevant, and include measurable results linked to strategic goals)?

- Tailor financial and performance information to meet stakeholder needs?
- Report performance and financial results candidly and clearly articulate remedies to performance or financial shortfalls?
- Are the PAR pilot component documents easily accessible via the web and are they easy to use?
- Did the development of the PAR pilot component documents:
 - Improve internal and external communications?
 - Increase/decrease the burden on preparers?
 - What are individuals' recommendations for improving performance and financial reporting?

DATED: April 14, 2008 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The forum will be held in the National Academy of Public Administration (NAPA) building located at 900 7th Street, NW., Suite 600, Washington, DC 20001.

Due to potential delays in OMB's receipt and processing of mail sent through the U.S. Postal Service, we encourage respondents to submit comments electronically to ensure timely receipt. We cannot guarantee that comments mailed will be received before the forum date. Electronic mail comments may be submitted to: rkearney@omb.eop.gov or pharris@omb.eop.gov. Please include "PAR Pilot Open Forum" in the subject line and put the full body of your comments in the text of the electronic message and as an attachment. Please include your name, title, organization, postal address, telephone number, and e-mail address in the text of the message. Comments may also be submitted by mail at 725 17th St, NW., Room 6025, Washington, DC 20503. Please advise also if you will require any special accommodations in order to participate in the forum.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Regina Kearney, OMB Office of Federal Financial Management, 202-395-3993 or E-mail: rkearney@omb.eop.gov. Pat Harris OMB Office of Performance and Personnel Management, at 202-395-5018 or pharris@omb.eop.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Performance and Accountability Reports provide the public with agency financial and performance information. PARs are transparent tools Congress and the public can use to hold agencies accountable for their program performance and financial results.

The FY 2007 PAR pilot, conducted from May 2007 to February 2008, was established so that agencies could explore different formats and timeframes for presenting financial and performance information and make this information more meaningful and transparent to the public. The pilot adjusted the timing for more detailed performance reporting, allowing the APR to coincide with the release of the President's Budget. The pilot further required participating agencies to produce a Highlights document, which summarized key financial and performance information from the AFR and APR.

Agencies who participated in the pilot include the Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Defense, Small Business Administration, Department of State, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Department of Homeland Security, National Science Foundation, Department of Energy, Denali Commission, Corporation for National Community Service and U.S. Agency for International Development.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

Upon Written Request, Copies Available
From: U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Investor Education and Advocacy, Washington, DC 20549-0213.

Extension:

Rule 611; OMB Control No. 3238-0600; SEC File No. 270-540.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") is soliciting comments on the collection of information summarized below. The Commission plans to submit this existing collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget for extension and approval.

- (Rule 611 (17 CFR 242.611)—Order Protection Rule

On June 9, 2005, effective August 29, 2005 (*see* 70 FR 37496, June 29, 2005), the Commission adopted Rule 611 of Regulation NMS under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78a *et seq.*) to require any national securities