

OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request for Reclearance of an Expiring Information Collection: OMB Control No. 3206-0106; Form INV 10, "Mail Reinterview Form"

AGENCY: Office of Personnel
Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13), this notice announces that the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request for re-clearance of an expiring information collection, Mail Reinterview Form (INV 10), OMB Control No. 3206-0106. OPM sends the INV 10 questionnaire to a random sampling of record and personal sources contacted during background investigations when investigators have performed fieldwork. The INV 10 is used as a quality control instrument designed to ensure the accuracy and integrity of the investigative product, as it inquires of the sources about the investigative procedure employed by the investigator, the investigator's professionalism, and the information discussed and reported.

It is estimated that 114,000 INV 10 forms are sent to individual sources annually. Of those, it is estimated that 50,000 individuals respond. We anticipate sending and receiving a similar number of INV 10 forms in the years ahead. Each form takes approximately six minutes to complete. The estimated annual burden is 5,000 hours.

We received no comments as a result of the 60-day **Federal Register** Notice, published in the **Federal Register** on June 19, 2008. Therefore, we determined that this collection of information continues to be necessary for the proper performance of functions of the U.S. Office of Personnel Management and its Federal Investigative Services Division, which administers its background investigations. Further, we maintain that our estimate of the public burden of this collection is accurate, based on valid assumptions and methodology. The existing reinterview questionnaire addresses all of the questions relevant to ensure the accuracy and integrity of the investigative product at this time.

For copies of this proposal, contact Mary-Kay Brewer on (703) 305-1002, Fax (703) 603-0576 or e-mail to MaryKay.Brewer@opm.gov. Please be

sure to 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:

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Division, U.S. Office of Personnel
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Office of Information and Regulatory
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FOR INFORMATION REGARDING

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[OMB Control No. 3206-0199]

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request for Reinstatement of an Expired Information Collection: Nonforeign Area Cost-of-Living Allowance Price and Background Surveys

AGENCY: Office of Personnel
Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget a request for reinstatement of the Nonforeign Area Cost-of-Living Allowance Price and Background Surveys (OMB Control No. 3206-0199), a previously-cleared information collection that was recently discontinued at OPM's discretion and for which the OMB clearance has expired. OPM uses price surveys and background surveys to gather data to be used in determining nonforeign area cost-of-living allowances (COLAs) paid to certain Federal employees in Alaska, Hawaii, Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and the

U.S. Virgin Islands. OPM conducts price surveys in the Washington, DC, area on an annual basis and once every 3 years in each allowance area on a rotating basis. Prior to these surveys, OPM conducts background surveys that are similar to the price surveys, but much more limited in scope. OPM uses the results of the background surveys to prepare for the price surveys.

The COLA Price Survey is necessary for collecting living-cost data used to determine COLAs. OPM uses the Price Survey results to compare prices in the allowance areas with prices in the Washington, DC, area and to derive COLA rates where local living costs significantly exceed those in the DC area. The COLA Background Survey is necessary to determine the continued appropriateness of items, services, and businesses selected for the annual price surveys. OPM uses the Background Survey results to identify items to be priced and the outlets at which OPM will price the items in the Price Surveys.

OPM will survey selected retail, service, realty, and other businesses and local governments in the allowance areas and in the Washington, DC, area. OPM will contact approximately 2,000 establishments in each annual Price Survey and approximately 100 establishments in each annual Background Survey. Participation in the surveys is voluntary.

OPM estimates that the average price survey interview will take approximately 6 minutes, for a total burden of 200 hours. The average background survey interview will take approximately 6.5 minutes, for a total burden of 11 hours.

For copies of or further information on this proposal, contact J. Stanley Austin by telephone at (202) 606-2838, by fax at (202) 606-4264, or by e-mail at COLA@opm.gov. If you are requesting a copy of this proposal, please include your mailing address with your request.

DATES: Submit comments on or before *January 21, 2009*.

ADDRESSES: Send or deliver comments to:

Charles D. Grimes III, Deputy Associate Director for Performance and Pay Systems, Strategic Human Resources Policy Division, U.S. Office of Personnel Management, Room 7H31, 1900 E Street, NW., Washington, DC 20415-8200; fax: (202) 606-4264; or e-mail: COLA@opm.gov; and

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