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These meetings are open to the public.

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Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Agency Information Collection Activities: Announcement of Board Approval Under Delegated Authority and Submission to OMB

SUMMARY: Background. Notice is hereby given of the final approval of proposed information collections by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Board) under OMB delegated authority, as per 5 CFR 1320.16 (OMB Regulations on Controlling Paperwork Burdens on the Public). Board-approved collections of information are incorporated into the official OMB inventory of currently approved collections of information. Copies of the Paperwork Reduction Act Submission, supporting statements and approved collection of information instruments are placed into OMB’s public docket files. The Federal Reserve may not conduct or sponsor, and the respondent is not required to respond to, an information collection that has been extended, revised, or implemented on or after October 1, 1995, unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Federal Reserve Board Clearance Officer — Michelle Shore, Division of Research and Statistics, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Washington, DC 20551 (202–452–3829)

OMB Desk Officer—Shagufta Ahmed, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503.

Final approval under OMB delegated authority of the implementation of the following survey:

Report title: Senior Credit Officer Opinion Survey on Dealer Financing Terms.

Agency form number: FR 2034.

OMB control number: 7100–0058.

Frequency: Up to six times a year.

Reporters: U.S. banking institutions and U.S. branches and agencies of foreign banks.

Estimated annual reporting hours: 450 hours.

Estimated average hours per response: 3 hours.

Number of respondents: 25.

General description of report: This information collection will be voluntary (12 U.S.C. 225a, 248(a)(2), 1844(c), and 3105(c)(2)) and will be given confidential treatment (5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4)).

Abstract: This voluntary survey will be conducted with a senior credit officer at each respondent financial institution up to six times a year. The reporting panel consists of up to 25 U.S. banking institutions and U.S. branches and agencies of foreign banks, the majority of which are affiliated with a Primary Government Securities Dealer. 1 The purpose of the survey is to provide qualitative and limited quantitative information on (1) stringency of credit terms, (2) credit availability and demand across the entire range of securities financing and over-the-counter derivatives transactions, and (3) the evolution of market conditions and conventions applicable to such activities. The FR 2034 survey is significantly modeled after the long-established Senior Loan Officer Opinion Survey (FR 2018; OMB No. 7100–0058), which provides qualitative information on changes in the supply of, and demand for, bank loans to businesses and households. A portion of the questions in each administration of the FR 2034 survey will typically cover special topics of timely interest; however, the survey form also includes 47 core questions.

Although the Federal Reserve seeks the authority to conduct the survey up to six times a year, the survey is expected to be conducted only four times a year consistent with the FR 2018. Consistent with the FR 2018, other types of respondents, such as other depository institutions, bank holding companies, or other financial entities, may be surveyed if appropriate.

The respondents’ answers are intended to provide information critical to the Federal Reserve’s monitoring of credit markets and capital market activity. As is currently the case with FR 2018, aggregate results from this survey are expected to be made available to the public on the Federal Reserve Board website. Selected aggregate information from the surveys may also be published annually in Federal Reserve Bulletin articles and in the Monetary Policy Report to the Congress.

Current Actions: On December 15, 2009, the Federal Reserve published a notice in the Federal Register (74 FR 66359) requesting public comment for 60 days on implementation of the FR 2034 survey. The comment period for this notice expired on February 16, 2010. The Federal Reserve received one comment letter on this proposal.

Summary of Comments

The comment letter was based on a series of informal discussions in early January 2010 between Federal Reserve staff and several dealer firms which are potential respondents to the new survey. These discussions helped the Federal Reserve to assess the clarity, utility, and burden of the FR 2034 survey, and led to changes to the content of the survey and formulation of particular questions as described below:

1 A list of the current Primary Dealers in Government Securities is available at http://www.newyorkfed.org/markets/pridealers_current.html.

Increased focus on the maturity of trades was suggested, as this is an important dimension on which the stringency of credit terms is routinely adjusted, as was the inclusion of
questions relating to certain other instruments such as stock loan and total return swaps. Market participants suggested additional attention should be accorded to the volume of disputes with clients and the degree to which clients seek through negotiation to elicit more favorable terms.

Feedback from these discussions also led to the elimination or consolidation of questions regarding the credit terms applicable to other dealers, or to the funding of Treasury securities, as these terms do not vary markedly across the normal credit cycle.

Adoption of a more granular classification of “clients by type” was recommended in order to draw a clearer distinction between hedge funds and other types of institutional investors, such as insurance companies and pension funds. Finally, in several instances alternate language was suggested, including (1) using the term vendor financing to describe a situation where a dealer provides more favorable terms for funding securities in which it has played an underwriting role and (2) eliminating words in one possible response (to a survey question) that might be construed as reflecting adversely on a dealer’s own access to funding.


Jennifer J. Johnson,
Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Formations of, Acquisitions by, and Mergers of Bank Holding Companies

The companies listed in this notice have applied to the Board for approval, pursuant to the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1841 et seq.) (BHC Act), Regulation Y (12 CFR Part 225), and all other applicable statutes and regulations to become a bank holding company and/or to acquire the assets or the ownership of, control of, or the power to vote shares of a bank or bank holding company and all of the banks and nonbanking companies owned by the bank holding company, including the companies listed below.

The applications listed below, as well as other related filings required by the Board, are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The applications also will be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the standards enumerated in the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1842(c)). If the proposal also involves the acquisition of a nonbanking company, the review also includes whether the acquisition of the nonbanking company complies with the standards in section 4 of the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1843). Unless otherwise noted, nonbanking activities will be conducted throughout the United States. Additional information on all bank holding companies may be obtained from the National Information Center website at www.ffiec.gov/nic/.

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding each of these applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than April 23, 2010.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta

(1) Clifford Stanford, Vice President 1000 Peachtree Street, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30309:

1. SmartFinancial, Inc., Pigeon Forge, Tennessee; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the outstanding shares of SmartBank, Pigeon Forge, Tennessee.


Robert deV. Frierson,
Deputy Secretary of the Board.


DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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Agency Forms Undergoing Paperwork Reduction Act Review

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) publishes a list of information collection requests under review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). To request a copy of these requests, call the CDC Reports Clearinghouse Officer at (404) 639–5960 or send an e-mail to ombr@cdc.gov. Send written comments to CDC Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503 or by fax to (202) 395–5806. Written comments should be received within 30 days of this notice.

Proposed Project


Background and Brief Description

In the United States, legal authority for the registration of vital events, i.e., births, deaths, marriages, divorces, fetal deaths, and induced terminations of pregnancy, resides individually with the States (as well as cities in the case of New York City and Washington, DC) and Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. These governmental entities are the full legal proprietors of vital records and the information contained therein. As a result of this State authority, the collection of registration-based vital statistics at the national level, referred to as the U.S. National Vital Statistics System (NVSS), depends on a cooperative relationship between the States and the Federal government. This data collection, authorized by 42 U.S.C. 242k, has been carried out by NCHS since it was created in 1960.

NCHS assists in achieving the comparability needed for combining data from all States into national statistics, by conducting a training program for State and local vital statistics staff to assist in developing expertise in all aspects of vital registration and vital statistics. The training offered under this program includes courses for registration staff, statisticians, and coding specialists, all designed to bring about a high degree of uniformity and quality in the data provided by the States. This training program is authorized by 42 U.S.C. 242b, section 304(a). In order to offer the types of training that would be most useful to vital registration staff members, NCHS requests information from State and local vital registration officials about their projected needs for training. NCHS also asks individual candidates for training to submit an application form containing name, address, occupation, work experience, education, and previous training. These data enable NCHS to determine those individuals whose needs can best be met through the available training resources. NCHS is requesting 3 years of OMB clearance for this project. There is no cost to respondents in providing these data other than their time. The total estimated annualized burden hours are 44.