**OFFICE OF SPECIAL COUNSEL**

OSC Forms and Survey Renewal for FY 2012—Request for Comment

**AGENCY:** Office of Special Counsel.

**ACTION:** Notice for public comment.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), and implementing regulations at 5 CFR part 1320, the U.S. Office of Special Counsel (OSC), plans to request approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for use of four previously approved information collections consisting of three complaint forms and an electronic survey form. These collections are listed below. The current OMB approval for Forms OSC–11, OSC–12, OSC–13, and the OSC Survey expire 9/30/12. We are submitting all three forms and the electronic survey for renewal, based on the upcoming date of expiration. There are no changes being submitted with this request for renewal of the use of these forms. Current and former Federal employees, employee representatives, other Federal agencies, state and local government employees, and the general public are invited to comment on this information collection for the first time. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of OSC functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of OSC’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collections of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**DATES:** Comments should be received by May 11, 2012.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Karl Kammann, Director of Finance, at the address shown above; by facsimile at (202) 254–3711.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** OSC is an independent agency responsible for, among other things, (1) investigation of allegations of prohibited personnel practices defined by law at 5 U.S.C. 2302(b), protection of whistleblowers, and certain other illegal employment practices under titles 5 and 38 of the U.S. Code, affecting current or former Federal employees or applicants for employment, and covered state and local government employees; and (2) the interpretation and enforcement of Hatch Act provisions on political activity in chapters 15 and 73 of title 5 of the U.S. Code. Title of Collections: (1) Form OSC–11. (Complaint of Possible Prohibited Personnel Practice of Other Prohibited Activity; (2) Form OSC–12 (Information about filing a Whistleblower Disclosure with the Office of Special Counsel); (3) Form OSC–13 (Complaint of Possible Prohibited Political Activity (Violation of the Hatch Act)); (4) Office of Special Counsel (OSC) Annual Survey; OMB Control Number 3255–0003, Expiration 09/30/12.

Copies of the OSC Forms 11, 12, and 13 can be found at: [http://www.osc.gov/RR_OSCFORMS.htm](http://www.osc.gov/RR_OSCFORMS.htm). OSC is also required to conduct an annual survey of individuals who seek its assistance. Section 13 of Public Law 103–424 (1994), codified at 5 U.S.C. 1212 note, states, in part: “[T]he survey shall—(1) determine if the individual seeking assistance was fully apprised of their rights; (2) determine whether the individual was successful either at the Office of Special Counsel or the Merit Systems Protection Board; and (3) determine if the individual, whether successful or not, was satisfied with the treatment received from the Office of Special Counsel.” The same section also provides that survey results are to be published in OSC’s annual report to Congress. Copies of prior years’ annual reports are available on OSC’s Web site, at [http://www.osc.gov/RR_AnnualReportsToCongress.htm](http://www.osc.gov/RR_AnnualReportsToCongress.htm) or by calling OSC at (202) 254–3600. The survey form for the collection of information is available for review by calling OSC at (202) 254–3600.

**Type of Information Collection Request:** Approval of previously approved collection of information that expires on September 30, 2012, with no revisions.

**Affected Public:** Current and former Federal employees, applicants for Federal employment, state and local government employees, and their representatives, and the general public.

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**NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**

Astronomy and Astrophysics Advisory Committee #13883; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

**Name:** Astronomy and Astrophysics Advisory Committee (#13883).

**Date and Time:** May 11, 2012, 11 p.m.–5 p.m. EDT.

**Place:** Teleconference, National Science Foundation, Room 1060, Stafford I Building, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA, 22230.

**Type of Meeting:** Open.

**Contact Person:** Dr. James Ulvestad, Division Director, Division of Astronomical Sciences, Suite 1045, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: 703–292–7165.

**Purpose of Meeting:** To provide advice and recommendations to the National Science Foundation (NSF), the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) on issues within the field of astronomy and astrophysics that are of mutual interest and concern to the agencies.

**Agenda:**

**Wednesday, May 9, 2012**

7:30 p.m.–9:15 p.m. Executive Session (Closed).

**Thursday, May 10, 2012**

8 a.m.–12 p.m. Welcome & CCE Presentations of research and integrative elements (Open).

12 p.m.–1:15 p.m. Executive Session (Closed).

1:15 p.m.–4:15 p.m. CCE Presentations of research and integrative elements (Open).

4:15 p.m.–5 p.m. Executive Session (Closed).

**Friday, May 11, 2012**

8 a.m.–8:30 a.m. Welcome and Opening Session (Open).

8:30 a.m.–9 a.m. Executive Session (Closed).

9 a.m.–10:30 a.m. Panel meets with CCE Leadership (Open).

10:30 a.m.–2 p.m. Executive Session (Closed).

**Reason for Closing:** The meeting is closed to the public because the Site Visitors will be reviewing proposal actions that will include privileged intellectual property and personal information that could harm individuals if they were disclosed. If discussions were open to the public, these matters that are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4) and (6) of the Government Sunshine Act would be improperly disclosed.


Susanne Bolton, Committee Management Officer.

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Respondent’s Obligation: Voluntary.
Estimated Annual Number of OSC
Form Respondents: 3,950.
Estimated Annual Number of Survey
Form Respondents: 320.
Frequency of Use of OSC Forms:
Daily.
Frequency of Survey Form Use:
Annual.
Estimated Average Amount of Time
for a Person To Respond Using OSC
Forms: 64 minutes.
Estimated Average Amount of Time
for a Person To Respond To Survey: 12
minutes.
Estimated Annual Burden for the OSC
Forms: 2,899 hours.
Estimated Annual Survey Burden: 109
hours.
These forms are used by current and
former Federal employees and
applicants for Federal employment to
submit allegations of possible
prohibited personnel practices or other
prohibited activity for investigation and
possible prosecution by OSC. This
survey form is used to survey current
and former Federal employees and
applicants for Federal employment who
have submitted allegations of possible
prohibited personnel practices or other
prohibited activity for investigation and
possible prosecution by OSC, and
whose matter has been closed or
otherwise resolved during the prior
fiscal year, on their experience at OSC.
Specifically, the survey asks questions
relating to whether the respondent was:
(1) Apprised of his or her rights; (2)
successful at the OSC or at the Merit
Systems Protection Board; and (3)
satisfied with the treatment received at
the OSC.
Carolyn N. Lerner,
Special Counsel.
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE
COMMISSION

Submission for OMB Review;
Comment Request

Upon written request, copies available
from: Securities and Exchange
Commission, Office of Investor
Education and Advocacy,
Washington, DC 20549–0213.

Extension:
Rule 15g–3; OMB Control No. 3235–0393;
SEC File No. 270–346.
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”) has submitted to the
Office of Management and Budget
(“OMB”) a request for approval of
extension of the existing collection of
information provided for in Rule 15g–
3—Broker or dealer disclosure of
quotations and other information
relating to the penny stock market (17
CFR 240.15g–3) under the Securities
seq.).

Rule 15g–3 requires that brokers and
dealers disclose to customers current
quotations prices or similar market
information in connection with
transactions in penny stocks. The
purpose of the rule is to increase the
level of disclosure to investors
concerning penny stocks generally and
specific penny stock transactions.

The Commission estimates that
approximately 209 broker-dealers will
spend an average of 87 hours annually
to comply with this rule. Thus, the total
compliance burden is approximately
18,200 burden-hours per year.

Rule 15g–3 contains record retention
requirements. Compliance with the rule
is mandatory. The required records are
available only to the examination staff
of the Commission and the self
regulatory organizations of which the
broker-dealer is a member. The
Commission may not conduct or
sponsor a collection of information
unless it displays a currently valid OMB
control number. No person shall be
subject to any penalty for failing to
comply with a collection of information
subject to the PRA that does not display
a valid OMB control number.

Background documentation for this
information collection may be viewed at
the following Web site,
www.reginfo.gov. Comments should be
directed to: (i) Desk Officer for the
Securities and Exchange Commission,
Office of Information and Regulatory
Affairs, Office of Management and
Budget, Room 10102, New Executive
Office Building, Washington, DC 20503
or by sending an email to:
Shaufta Ahmed@omb.eop.gov; and (ii)
Thomas Bayer, Director/Chief
Information Officer, Securities and
Exchange Commission, c/o Remi Pavlik-
Simon, 6432 General Green Way,
Alexandria, VA 22312 or send an email
to PRA_Mailbox@sec.gov. Comments
must be submitted to OMB within 30
days of this notice.
Kevin M. O’Neill,
Deputy Secretary.
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