notices for FMUs, the consistency of an advance notice with Title VIII may be judged principally by reference to the consistency of the advance notice with applicable rules of the Federal Reserve Board governing payment, clearing, and settlement activity of the designated FMU.15

Section 805(a) requires the Federal Reserve Board and authorizes the Commission to prescribe standards for the payment, clearing, and settlement activities of FMUs designated as systemically important, in consultation with the supervisory agencies. Section 805(b) of the Clearing Supervision Act 16 requires that the objectives and principles for the risk management standards prescribed under Section 805(a) shall be to:

• Promote robust risk management;
• Promote safety and soundness;
• Reduce systemic risks; and
• Support the stability of the broader financial system.

The relevant rules of the Federal Reserve Board prescribing risk management standards for designated FMUs by their terms do not apply to designated FMUs that are clearing agencies registered with the Commission.17 Therefore, the Commission believes that the objectives and principles by which the Federal Reserve Board is required and the Commission is authorized to promulgate such rules, as expressed in Section 805(b) of Title VIII,18 are the appropriate standards at this time by which to evaluate advance notices.19 Accordingly, the analysis set forth below is organized by reference to the stated objectives and principles in Section 805(b).

Discussion of Advance Notice

The proposed rule change is designed to allow OCC to take full advantage of its liquidity resources that are secured by the clearing fund by collecting an amount that is at least 10% above the total size of the credit facilities to account for any collateral haircut that may be applied. This should enable OCC to maintain market integrity in the event that one or more clearing members, settlement banks, or banks that issue letters of credit on behalf of clearing members as a form of margin fails to meet its obligations. By increasing the likelihood that OCC can take full advantage of its liquidity resources that are secured by the clearing fund, the proposed rule change should promote robust risk management and safety and soundness, reduce systemic risks, and support the stability of the broader financial system. For these reasons, the Commission does not object to the advance notice.

IV. Conclusion

It is therefore noticed, pursuant to Section 806(e)(I)(I) of the Clearing Supervision Act,20 that, the Commission does not object to proposed rule change (File No. AN–OCC–2012–04) and that OCC is hereby authorized to implement proposed rule change (File No. AN–OCC–2012–04) as of the date of this notice or the date of the “Order Approving Proposed Rule Change to Revise the Method for Determining the Minimum Clearing Fund Size to Include Consideration of the Amount Necessary to Draw on Secured Credit Facilities” (File No. SR–OCC–2012–22), whichever is later.

By the Commission.

Kevin M. O’Neill,
Deputy Secretary.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Hatteras Venture Partners IV SBIC, L.P.; Application No. 99000769; Notice of Seeking Exemption Under Section 312 of the Small Business Investment Act, Conflicts of Interest

Notice is hereby given that Hatteras Venture Partners IV SBIC, L.P., 280 South Main Street, Suite 350, Durham, NC 27001, an applicant for a Federal License under the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, as amended (“the Act”), in connection with the financing of a small concern, has sought an exemption under Section 312 of the Act and Section 107.730, Financings which constitute Conflicts of Interest of the Small Business Administration (“SBA”) Rules and Regulations (13 CFR 107.730). Hatteras Venture Partners IV SBIC, L.P. proposes to provide equity financing to Clearside Biomedical, Inc., 1220 Old Alpharetta Road, Suite 300, Alpharetta, GA 30005 (“Clearside”). The financing will be used for working capital and general corporate purposes.

The financing is brought within the purview of §107.730(a)(1) of the Regulations because Hatteras Venture Partners IV, LP and Hatteras Venture Partners III, LP, Associates of Hatteras Venture Partners IV SBIC, L.P., in the aggregate own more than ten percent of Clearside. Therefore, this transaction is considered a financing of an Associate requiring an exemption.

Notice is hereby given that any interested person may submit written comments on the transaction within fifteen days of the date of this publication to the Associate Administrator for Investment, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 Third Street SW., Washington, DC 20416.

DATED: December 5, 2012.
Sean Greene,
Associate Administrator for Investment.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 8129]

Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition Determinations:
“Projects 99: Meiro Koizumi”

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Act of October 19, 1965 (79 Stat. 985; 22 U.S.C. 2459), Executive Order 12047 of March 27, 1978, the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (112 Stat. 2681, et seq.; 22 U.S.C. 6501 note, et seq.), Delegation of Authority No. 234 of October 1, 1999, and Delegation of Authority No. 236–3 of August 28, 2000 (and, as appropriate, Delegation of Authority No. 257 of April 15, 2003), I hereby determine that the objects to be included in the exhibition “Projects 99: Meiro Koizumi,” imported from abroad for temporary exhibition within the United States, are of cultural significance. The objects are imported pursuant to loan agreements with the foreign owners or custodians. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the exhibit objects at The Museum of Modern Art in New York, New York from on or about January 9, 2013, until on or about May 6, 2013, and at possible additional exhibitions or venues yet to be determined, is in the national interest. I have ordered that Public
Notice of these Determinations be published in the Federal Register.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information, including a list of the exhibit objects, contact Oma M. Hahs, Attorney-Adviser, Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State (telephone: 202–632–6473). The mailing address is U.S. Department of State, SA–5, L/PD, Fifth Floor (Suite 5H03), Washington, DC 20522–0505.

Dated: December 12, 2012.

J. Adam Ereli,
Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA–2012–0209]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Reinstatement With Change of a Currently-Approved Information Collection Request: Information Technology Services Survey Portal Customer Satisfaction Assessment (Formerly COMPASS Portal Consumer Satisfaction Assessment)

AGENCY: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, FMCSA announces its plan to submit the Information Collection Request (ICR) described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval and invite public comment. The collection involves the assessment of FMCSA’s strategic decision to integrate its Information Technology (IT) with its business processes using portal technology to consolidate its systems and databases through the FMCSA Information Technology Services Survey modernization initiative. The information to be collected will be used to assess the nature of Federal, State, and industry customers with the FMCSA Information Technology Services Survey Portal. The “COMPASS Portal Customer Satisfaction Assessment,” ICR is being changed to the “Information Technology Services Survey Portal Customer Satisfaction Assessment,” to reflect the need for a broader term than “COMPASS” for the portal.

DATES: Please send your comments by January 22, 2013. OMB must receive your comments by this date in order to act on the ICR.

ADDRESSES: All comments should reference Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) Docket Number FMCSA–2012–0209. Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed information collection to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget. Comments should be addressed to the attention of the Desk Officer, Department of Transportation/Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, and sent via electronic mail to oira_submission@omb.eop.gov, or faxed to (202) 395–6974, or mailed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Docket Library, Room 10102, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Information Technology Services Survey Portal Customer Satisfaction Assessment.

OMB Control Number: 2126–0042.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently-approved information collection request.

Respondents: Federal, State, and industry customers/users.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 3,392.

Estimated Time per Response: Five (5) minutes.

Expiration Date: 11/30/2012.

Frequency of Response: 4 times per year.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 283 hours [91 hours (273 industry user respondents x 5 minutes/60 minutes to complete survey x 4 times per year) + 192 hours (575 Federal and State government respondents x 5 minutes/60 minutes to complete survey x 4 times per year) = 283].

Background

Title II, section 207 of the E-Government Act of 2002 requires Government agencies to improve the methods by which Government information, including information on the Internet, is organized, preserved, and made accessible to the public. To meet this goal, FMCSA plans to provide a survey on the FMCSA Portal, allowing users to assess its functionality. This functionality includes the capability for Federal, State, and industry users to access the Agency’s existing safety IT systems with a single set of credentials and have easy access to safety data about the companies that do business with FMCSA. The IT program will also focus on improving the accuracy of data to help ensure information, such as carrier name and address, is valid and reliable.

FMCSA’s legacy information systems are currently operational. However, having many stand-alone systems has led to data quality concerns, a need for excessive identifications (IDs) and passwords, and significant operational and maintenance costs. Integrating our information technologies with our business processes will in turn, improve our operations considerably, particularly in terms of data quality, ease of use, and reduction of maintenance costs.

In early 2007, FMCSA’s IT program launched a series of releases of a new FMCSA Portal to its Federal, State and Industry customers. Over the coming years, more than 15 releases are planned. These releases will use portal technology to fuse and provide numerous services and functions via a single user interface and provide tailored services that seek to meet the needs of specific constituencies within our customer universe.

The FMCSA Information Technology Services Survey Portal will entail considerable expenditure of Federal Government dollars over the years and will fundamentally impact the nature of the relationship between the Agency and its Federal, State, and industry customers. Consequently, the Agency intends to conduct regular and ongoing assessments of customer satisfaction with the Information Technology Services Survey.

The primary purposes of this assessment are to:

• Determine the extent to which the FMCSA Portal functionality continues to meet the needs of Agency customers;
• Identify and prioritize additional modifications; and
• Determine the extent that the FMCSA Portal has impacted FMCSA’s relationships with its main customer groups.

The assessment will address:

• Overall customer satisfaction;
• Customer satisfaction against specific items;
• Performance of systems integrator against agreed objectives;
• Desired adjustments and modifications to systems;