DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office of the Secretary

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Plan Asset Transactions Determined by In-House Asset Managers Under Prohibited Transaction Class Exemption 96–23

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor (DOL) is submitting the Employee Benefits Security Administration (EBSA) sponsored information collection request (ICR) titled, “Plan Asset Transactions Determined by In-House Asset Managers under Prohibited Transaction Class Exemption 96–23,” to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval for continued use, without change, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.).

DATES: Submit comments on or before August 26, 2013.

ADDRESSES: A copy of this ICR with all applicable supporting documentation; including a description of the likely respondents, proposed frequency of response, and estimated total burden may be obtained free of charge from the RegInfo.gov Web site at http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAViewICR?ref_nbr=201305–1210–005 (this link will only become active on the day following publication of this notice) or by contacting Michel Smyth by telephone at 202–693–4129 (this is not a toll-free number) or sending an email to DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov.

Submit comments about this request to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for DOL–EBSA, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503, Fax: 202–395–6881 (this is not a toll-free number), email: OIRA_submission@omb.eop.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Contact Michel Smyth by telephone at 202–693–4129 (this is not a toll-free number) or by email at DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Prohibited Transaction Class Exemption for Plan Asset Transactions Determined by In-House Asset Managers (PTE 96–23) permits various parties in interest to an employee benefit plan to engage in transactions involving plan assets if, among other requirements, the assets are managed by an in-house asset manager (INHAM). The information collection requirements that are PTE 96–23 conditions include written policies and procedures by an INHAM and audit requirements. An independent auditor will use the written policies and procedures to determine the INHAM’s compliance with the exemption. An independent auditor will conduct an annual exemption audit and make a determination whether the INHAM is in compliance with the written policies and procedures and the objective requirements of the exemption. These information collections are designed to safeguard participants and beneficiaries in plans managed by INHAMS that are involved in transactions covered by the exemption. The exemption does not require any reporting or filing with the Federal government. For additional substantive information about this ICR, see the related notice published in the Federal Register on November 27, 2012 (77 FR 70828).

This information collection is subject to the PRA. A Federal agency generally cannot conduct or sponsor a collection of information, and the public is generally not required to respond to an information collection, unless it is approved by the OMB under the PRA and displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. In addition, notwithstanding any other provisions of law, no person shall generally be subject to penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information that does not display a valid Control Number. See 5 CFR 1320.5(a) and 1320.6. The DOL obtains OMB approval for this information collection under Control Number 1210–0145.

OMB authorization for an ICR cannot be for more than three (3) years without renewal, and the current approval for this collection is scheduled to expire on July 31, 2013. The DOL seeks to extend PRA authorization for this information collection for three (3) more years, without any change to existing requirements. It should also be noted that existing information collection requirements submitted to the OMB receive a month-to-month extension while they undergo review.

Interested parties are encouraged to send comments to the OMB, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs at the address shown in the ADDRESSES section within 30 days of publication of this notice in the Federal Register. In order to help ensure appropriate consideration, comments should mention OMB Control Number 1210–0145. The OMB is particularly interested in comments that:

• Evaluate the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
• Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
• Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Agency: DOL–EBSA.

Title of Collection: Plan Asset Transactions Determined by In-House Asset Managers under Prohibited Transaction Class Exemption 96–23.

OMB Control Number: 1210–0145.

Affected Public: Private Sector—businesses or other for-profits and not-for-profit institutions.

Total Estimated Number of Respondents: 20.

Total Estimated Number of Responses: 20.

Total Estimated Annual Burden Hours: 940.

Total Estimated Annual Other Costs: $400,000.

Dated: July 15, 2013.

Michel Smyth, Departmental Clearance Officer.

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NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

Restructuring of National Labor Relations Board’s Headquarters’ Offices

AGENCY: National Labor Relations Board.

ACTION: Notice of Reorganization; Restructuring of National Labor Relations Board’s Headquarters’ Offices.

Authority: Sections 3, 4, 6, and 10 of the National Labor Relations Act, 29 U.S.C. Sec. 3, 4, 6, and 10.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that the National Labor Relations Board is restructuring and realigning the location and lines of authority of certain of its Headquarters’ offices to create an independent Division of Legal Counsel reporting to the Office of the General Counsel.
These administrative changes are being adopted in order to centralize the services of several Headquarters’ offices, eliminate duplication of functions, improve the delivery of services, and streamline, integrate and enhance management functions.

DATES: Effective Date: August 11, 2013.

ADDRESSES: National Labor Relations Board, 1099 14th Street NW., Room 11800, Washington, DC 20570.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William B. Cowen, Solicitor, National Labor Relations Board, 1099 14th Street NW., Washington, DC 20570.

Telephone: (202) 273–2910 (this is not a toll-free number), 1–866–315–6572 (TTY/TDD).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Labor Relations Board is centralizing the services of several Headquarters’ offices and restructuring them into one independent Division of Legal Counsel. This new Division will have three branches—(1) Ethics, Employment and Administrative Law, (2) Contempt, Compliance and Special Litigation, and (3) Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Branch. When dealing with matters on behalf of the five-member Board or the various Board-side offices, the Division of Legal Counsel will coordinate through the Office of the Solicitor.

The Ethics, Employment and Administrative Law Branch will provide the Agency with legal counsel and advice in the areas of labor relations, employment and personnel law (including claims involving MSPB, FLRA, EEOC, U.S. Office of Special Counsel), government contracting, Federal Tort Claims Act matters, and court, and government and bar ethics.

The Contempt, Compliance and Special Litigation Branch will provide compliance and contempt advice and litigation involving, among other things, the Bankruptcy Code, the Federal Debt Collection Procedures Act and compliance with outstanding court judgments; conduct litigation and provide the Agency with advice and assistance when programs, statutes or outside proceedings threaten the Agency’s ability to carry out its mission; ensure Agency compliance with government regulations that affect its work, such as the Administrative Procedures Act, statutes relating to Agency rulemaking, the Sunshine Act, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, the Right to Financial Privacy Act; and provide guidance and conduct litigation involving FOIA and Privacy Act issues.

The FOIA Branch will provide advice on FOIA and some related Privacy Act issues; handle all FOIA requests and appeals for Headquarters and Regional Offices; and prepare FOIA guideline memoranda and annual FOIA reports.

Lead Technology Counsel will conduct litigation and provide advice and assistance involving e-litigation matters.

These administrative changes are prompted by the Agency’s streamlining initiative and is responsive to the requests for “one-stop shopping” for technical expertise from internal customers, to allow them to better focus on their mission-critical functions.

The following Headquarters’ offices will be affected by these administrative changes:

- Labor Relations and Special Counsel moves from the Division of Operations-Management to the Ethics, Employment and Administrative Law Branch of the Division of Legal Counsel;
- Government Ethics moves from Administration Division and Bar Ethics moves from the Division of Enforcement Litigation to the Employment, Employment and Administrative Law Branch of the Division of Legal Counsel;
- Special Litigation Branch, and Contempt Litigation and Compliance Branch moves from Enforcement Litigation Division to Contempt, Compliance and Special Litigation Branch of the Division of Legal Counsel;
- FOIA processing and preparation of FOIA guidance and reporting functions of the Research and Policy Planning Branch moves from the Division of Advice to the FOIA Branch of the Division of Legal Counsel. Additionally, FOIA appeals processing on the Board-side moves from the Solicitor’s Office and FOIA appeals processing on the General Counsel-side moves from the Office of Appeals in the Enforcement Litigation Division to the FOIA Branch of the Division of Legal Counsel with Jennifer Abruzzo as the Chief FOIA Officer for the Agency; and
- Lead Technology Counsel moves from the Division of Enforcement Litigation and will directly report to the Associate General Counsel of the Division.

These administrative changes are being adopted in order to centralize the services of several Headquarters’ offices, eliminate duplication of functions, improve the delivery of services, and streamline, integrate and enhance management functions. Because these administrative changes relate to the internal management of the Agency, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553, they are exempted from the notice and comment requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act.


By direction of the Board.

William B. Cowen,
Solicitor.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

National Science Board; Sunshine Act Meetings

The National Science Board, pursuant to NSF regulations (45 CFR Part 614), the National Science Foundation Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1862n–5), and the Government in the Sunshine Act (5 U.S.C. 552b), hereby gives notice in regard to the scheduling of a teleconference meeting of the Committee on Strategy and Budget.

AGENCY HOLDING MEETING: National Science Board.

DATE AND TIME: Monday, July 29, 2013 from 4:00–5:00 p.m.

SUBJECT MATTER: Discussion of NSF FY 2015 budget development.

STATUS: Closed.

PLACE: This meeting will be held by teleconference originating at the National Science Board Office, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230.

UPDATES: Please refer to the National Science Board Web site www.nsf.gov/nsb for additional information. Meeting information and schedule updates (time, place, subject matter or status of meeting) may be found at http://www.nsf.gov/nsb/notices/.

AGENCY CONTACT: Jacqueline Meszaros, contact at (703) 292–7000.

Ann Bushmiller,
NSB Senior Legal Counsel.

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POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. PI2013–1; Order No. 1782]

Public Inquiry on Competitive Products Fund

AGENCY: Postal Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commission is establishing a proceeding to review several issues concerning the Competitive Products Fund. These include inter-fund transfers (of amounts from the Postal Service Fund to the Competitive Products Fund); the use of amounts from the Competitive Products Fund to prepay certain costs; and