

| Subsection of 7A | Original threshold (million \$) | Adjusted threshold (million \$) |
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| Section 7A note: Assessment and Collection of Filing Fees ¹ (3)(b)(1) | 100 | 152.5 |
| Section 7A note: Assessment and Collection of Filing Fees (3)(b)(2) | 100 | 152.5 |
| Section 7A note: Assessment and Collection of Filing Fees (3)(b)(2) | 500 | 762.7 |
| Section 7A note: Assessment and Collection of Filing Fees (3)(b)(3) | 500 | 762.7 |

Any reference to these thresholds and related thresholds and limitation values in the HSR rules (16 CFR parts 801–803) and the Antitrust Improvements Act Notification and Report Form and its Instructions will also be adjusted, where indicated by the term “(as adjusted)”, as follows:

| Original threshold | Adjusted threshold (million \$) |
|---------------------|---------------------------------|
| \$10 million | \$15.3 |
| \$50 million | 76.3 |
| \$100 million | 152.5 |
| \$110 million | 167.8 |
| \$200 million | 305.1 |
| \$500 million | 762.7 |
| \$1 billion | 1,525.3 |

By direction of the Commission.
Donald S. Clark,
Secretary.
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FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION
Revised Jurisdictional Thresholds for Section 8 of the Clayton Act

AGENCY: Federal Trade Commission.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Federal Trade Commission announces the revised thresholds for interlocking directorates required by the 1990 amendment of Section 8 of the Clayton Act. Section 8 prohibits, with certain exceptions, one person from serving as a director or officer of two competing corporations if two thresholds are met. Competitor corporations are covered by Section 8 if each one has capital, surplus, and undivided profits aggregating more than \$10,000,000, with the exception that no corporation is covered if the competitive sales of either corporation are less than \$1,000,000. Section 8(a)(5) requires the Federal Trade Commission to revise those thresholds annually, based on the change in gross national product. The new thresholds, which take effect immediately, are \$31,084,000 for

Section 8(a)(1), and \$3,108,400 for Section 8(a)(2)(A).
DATES: Effective January 21, 2015.
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James F. Mongoven, Federal Trade Commission, Bureau of Competition, Office of Policy and Coordination, (202) 326–2879.

Authority: 15 U.S.C. 19(a)(5).
 By direction of the Commission.
Donald S. Clark,
Secretary.
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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
[Notice–MG–2014–04; Docket No. 2014–0002; Sequence No. 25]
GSA’s Analysis of the Alignment of LEED v4 With Federal Green Building Requirements

AGENCY: Office of Federal High-Performance Green Buildings; Office of Government-wide Policy (OGP), General Services Administration (GSA).
ACTION: Request for information.

SUMMARY: GSA is seeking public input on its analysis of the latest version of the U.S. Green Building Council’s (USGBC) Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED v4) green building certification system and its alignment with Federal green building requirements. GSA is also seeking public input on several questions related to the Government’s use of LEED v4 and future GSA reviews of green building certification systems.

GSA used the findings from its supplemental review to consult with other Federal agencies in the EISA 436(h) Interagency Ad-hoc Discussion Group (Interagency Discussion Group) on the Federal Government’s use of LEED v4. GSA will be using the deliberations from the Interagency Discussion Group as well as public input from this **Federal Register** notice and a to-be-scheduled public listening session to augment GSA’s October 25, 2013 recommendation to the Secretary of Energy. The information being asked for in this notice is not for the purpose

of a proposed GSA rulemaking or a GSA regulation.

DATES: Interested parties should submit written comments by one of the methods shown below on or before March 23, 2015 to be considered in the formation of GSA’s updated recommendation to the Secretary of Energy.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments in response to Notice–MG–2014–04 by any of the following methods:
 • *Regulations.gov:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Submit comments via the Federal eRulemaking portal by searching for “Notice–MG–2014–04”. Select the link “Comment Now” that corresponds with “Notice–MG–2014–04”. Follow the instructions provided on the screen. Please include your name, company name (if any), and “Notice–MG–2014–04” on your attached document.

- *Fax:* 202–501–4067.
- *Email:* bryan.steverson@gsa.gov.
- *Mail:* General Services

Administration, Regulatory Secretariat (MVCB), ATTN: Ms. Flowers, 1800 F Street NW., Washington, DC 20405.

Instructions: Please submit comments only and cite Notice–MG–2014–04, in all correspondence related to this case. All comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal and/or business confidential information provided. Visit <http://www.gsa.gov/gbcertificationreview> for more information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Bryan Steverson, Program Advisor, GSA Sustainability and Green Buildings, at telephone 202–501–6115 or email bryan.steverson@gsa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Request For Public Input: GSA is seeking public input on questions that arose during the Interagency Discussion Group meetings:

1. GSA is seeking public input on what LEED v4 credits agencies should consider focusing on. In its 2013 recommendations, GSA recommended that agencies should focus on achieving those credits or points that align with federal green building requirements. In discussions with the Interagency Discussion Group, agencies believed

¹ Public Law 106–553, Sec. 630(b) amended Sec. 18a note.

that GSA should avoid making recommendations on specific credits agencies would be required to pursue if using LEED v4, and that any credit prioritization or requirement should be left up to the discretion of each department or agency. The Ad-hoc Discussion Group also believed GSA should develop guidance that maps LEED v4 credits to federal green building requirements in order to inform agencies as to those credits that agencies could achieve to determine conformance with federal green building requirements.

2. While several agencies, GSA included, have had subject matter experts participate on technical committees and other advisory roles for green building certification systems in either their development or implementation, how else can the Federal Government better contribute and collaborate with green building certification system owners to ensure that the Federal Government's voice is heard in both the system development process and in the overall effort to push the built-environment to be more sustainable?

In order to improve future green building certification system reviews, GSA would like to seek public input on several questions on how to strengthen the analysis and improve GSA's review process:

3. While GSA believes its analysis provides a good source of information for other agencies and the public at large, GSA would like input on where GSA's future certification system reviews could be stronger. In its supplemental analysis of LEED v4, GSA used the same criteria and methodology as it used in its 2012 green building certification system study. GSA had this analysis peer reviewed by other federal agencies, private sector high performance green building experts and notable members of academia as well as the U.S. Green Building Council.

4. GSA is seeking public input on other ways to visually illustrate certification system alignment with Federal green building requirements. During the peer review process for GSA's supplemental analysis of LEED v4, several peer reviewers suggested GSA should revisit how it visually illustrates certification system alignment with Federal green building requirements in Table 1 (page vii) and Table 3-1 (page 3-6) of the report (available at <http://www.gsa.gov/gbcertificationreview>). The tables show several differently shaded circles that are defined as follows:

Full Circle—Federal requirement met automatically because certification

system includes prerequisite that fully aligns with the Federal requirement;

Three-quarters circle—Certification system has a credit that meets the Federal requirement;

Half-circle—Certification system has a credit that is related to, but not specifically aligned with, the Federal requirement;

Empty circle—Federal requirement is not an identified component within the certification system.

5. GSA is seeking comment on how GSA and the Federal Government can better carry out its responsibilities in Section 436(h) of EISA, and do so in "real-time". During GSA's 2012 review of green building certification systems, both Green Globes and LEED were in the process of being revised. GSA's recommendation number five (from GSA's October 25, 2013 letter to the Secretary of Energy) suggested that a process be established to keep current with revisions to green building certification systems and to review certification systems once they have been released to the public. While GSA still believes this process is critical in staying current with the evolving green building certification system marketplace, the reviews GSA conducts have proven to be time-consuming, and, in some cases, have overlapped with a release of a new version to a certification system not part of that current review.

Background

GSA is seeking public input on its analysis of LEED v4 and its alignment with Federal green building requirements. Section 436(h) of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (EISA, Pub. L. 110-140) requires the Director of GSA's Office of Federal High-Performance Green Buildings to evaluate green building certification systems every five years and to identify a system and certification level that "will be most likely to encourage a comprehensive and environmentally sound approach to the certification of green federal buildings". EISA requires the GSA Administrator to provide a recommendation to the Secretary of Energy, who then consults with the Secretary of Defense and the GSA Administrator, to identify the system(s) appropriate for use in the Federal sector.

In October 2013, GSA recommended that agencies, if they choose to use a green building certification system, use one of two certification systems as best suited to agency missions and portfolio needs: The Green Building Initiative's Green Globes and USGBC's LEED v2009. GSA submitted additional recommendations on how the

Government should stay involved with green building certification systems as they evolve over time, including the establishment of a process to keep current with revisions to green building certification systems.

In November 2013, the USGBC released an updated version of LEED, LEED v4, for use in the marketplace. In keeping with its recommendation, GSA completed a supplemental review of LEED v4 in August 2014 and focused the analysis on LEED v4 BD+C: New Construction, LEED v4 O+M: Existing Buildings, and LEED v4 ID+C: Commercial Interiors. GSA considered this review a supplement to its previous 2012 study (found at <http://www.gsa.gov/gbcertificationreview>) and used the same criteria and methodology in its evaluation of LEED v4. While no recommendations are offered in the supplemental study, the analysis shows that LEED v4 aligns well with Federal green building requirements. For a copy of the analysis and associated appendices, please visit <http://www.gsa.gov/gbcertificationreview>.

In recognition that there was a high level of interest in the green building certification system review, both within and outside the Federal sector, GSA asked the Department of Energy (DOE) and the Department of Defense (DoD) to co-chair an Interagency Discussion Group to discuss the Federal Government's use of LEED v4. The Interagency Discussion Group included representatives from major Federal real estate portfolio holders, including GSA, the DoD, the DOE, the Department of Agriculture (USDA), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Department of State (DOS), the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), the Department of Interior (DOI), the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), and the Department of Justice (DOJ). The Interagency Discussion Group met two times in September and October 2014 to discuss the Federal Government's potential use of LEED v4, credits within LEED v4 that agencies should focus on, and the need for guidance that maps LEED v4 credits to Federal green building requirements.

It should be noted that on October 14, 2014, the U.S. DOE published its final rule that formally identifies criteria that green building certification systems must meet in order to be used by the Federal Government. This GSA request for information is not for the purposes of that final rulemaking, but to inform GSA on its related responsibilities to study green building certification systems and recommend ones to the DOE that may fit within the framework

of the final rule. DOE's final rule can be found at <http://www.regulations.gov> (docket number EE-RM/STD-02-112 or RIN number 1904-AC13).

Dated: January 13, 2015.

Kevin Kampschroer,

Federal Director, Office of Federal High-Performance Green Buildings, Office of Government-wide Policy, U.S. General Services Administration.

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GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE

Medicare Payment Advisory Commission Nominations

AGENCY: Government Accountability Office (GAO).

ACTION: Notice on letters of nomination.

SUMMARY: The Balanced Budget Act of 1997 established the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission (MedPAC) and gave the Comptroller General responsibility for appointing its members. For appointments to MedPAC that will be effective May 1, 2015, I am announcing the following: Letters of nomination and resumes should be submitted by March 13, 2015 to ensure adequate opportunity for review and consideration of nominees prior to the appointment of new members.

ADDRESSES:

Email: MedPACappointments@gao.gov

Mail: U.S. GAO, Attn: MedPAC Appointments, 441 G Street NW., Washington, DC 20548

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: GAO Office of Public Affairs, (202) 512-4800.

42 U.S.C. 1395b-6.

Gene L. Dodaro,

Comptroller General of the United States.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Public Meeting of the Presidential Commission for the Study of Bioethical Issues

AGENCY: Presidential Commission for the Study of Bioethical Issues, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, Office of the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services,

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Presidential Commission for the Study of Bioethical Issues (the Commission) will conduct its twentieth meeting on February 5-6, 2015. At this meeting, the Commission will conclude discussions related to the BRAIN Initiative and ongoing work in neuroscience, and begin discussions about the ethical considerations and implications of public health emergency response with a focus on the current Ebola virus disease epidemic.

DATES: The meeting will take place Thursday, February 5, 2015, from 9 a.m. to approximately 5:30 p.m., and Friday, February 6, 2015, from 9 a.m. to approximately 12 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Hamilton Crowne Plaza Hotel, 1001 14th St. NW., Washington, DC 20005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Hillary Wicai Viers, Communications Director, Presidential Commission for the Study of Bioethical Issues, 1425 New York Avenue NW., Suite C-100, Washington, DC 20005. Telephone: 202-233-3960. Email: Hillary.Viers@bioethics.gov. Additional information may be obtained at www.bioethics.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, Public Law 92-463, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, notice is hereby given of the twentieth meeting of the Commission. The meeting will be open to the public with attendance limited to space available. The meeting will also be webcast at www.bioethics.gov.

Under authority of Executive Order 13521, dated November 24, 2009, the President established the Commission. The Commission is an expert panel of not more than 13 members who are drawn from the fields of bioethics, science, medicine, technology, engineering, law, philosophy, theology, or other areas of the humanities or social sciences. The Commission advises the President on bioethical issues arising from advances in biomedicine and related areas of science and technology. The Commission seeks to identify and promote policies and practices that ensure scientific research, health care delivery, and technological innovation are conducted in a socially and ethically responsible manner.

The main agenda items for the Commission's twentieth meeting are to discuss the BRAIN Initiative and ongoing work in neuroscience, and the ethical considerations and implications of public health emergency response with a focus on the current Ebola virus

disease epidemic. The draft meeting agenda and other information about the Commission, including information about access to the webcast, will be available at www.bioethics.gov.

The Commission welcomes input from anyone wishing to provide public comment on any issue before it. Respectful debate of opposing views and active participation by citizens in public exchange of ideas enhances overall public understanding of the issues at hand and conclusions reached by the Commission. The Commission is particularly interested in receiving comments and questions during the meeting that are responsive to specific sessions. Written comments will be accepted at the registration desk and comment forms will be provided to members of the public in order to write down questions and comments for the Commission as they arise. To accommodate as many individuals as possible, the time for each question or comment may be limited. If the number of individuals wishing to pose a question or make a comment is greater than can reasonably be accommodated during the scheduled meeting, the Commission may make a random selection.

Written comments will also be accepted in advance of the meeting and are especially welcome. Please address written comments by email to info@bioethics.gov, or by mail to the following address: Public Commentary, Presidential Commission for the Study of Bioethical Issues, 1425 New York Avenue NW., Suite C-100, Washington, DC 20005. Comments will be made publicly available, including any personally identifiable or confidential business information that they contain. Trade secrets should not be submitted.

Anyone planning to attend the meeting who needs special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should notify Esther Yoo by telephone at (202) 233-3960, or email at Esther.Yoo@bioethics.gov in advance of the meeting. The Commission will make every effort to accommodate persons who need special assistance.

Dated: January 5, 2015.

Lisa M. Lee,

Executive Director, Presidential Commission for the Study of Bioethical Issues.

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