

**FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM****Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

**ACTION:** Notice, request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** The Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Board) invites comment on a proposal to extend for three years, without revision, the voluntary Compensation and Salary Surveys (FR 29a, FR 29b; OMB No. 7100-0290).

On June 15, 1984, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) delegated to the Board authority under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) to approve of and assign OMB control numbers to collection of information requests and requirements conducted or sponsored by the Board. In exercising this delegated authority, the Board is directed to take every reasonable step to solicit comment. In determining whether to approve a collection of information, the Board will consider all comments received from the public and other agencies.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before August 28, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by *FR 29a* or *FR 29b*, by any of the following methods:

- *Agency Web site:* <http://www.federalreserve.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments at <http://www.federalreserve.gov/apps/foia/proposedregs.aspx>.
- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- *Email:* [regs.comments@federalreserve.gov](mailto:regs.comments@federalreserve.gov). Include OMB number in the subject line of the message.
- *FAX:* (202) 452-3819 or (202) 452-3102.
- *Mail:* Ann E. Misback, Secretary, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, 20th Street and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20551.

All public comments are available from the Board's Web site at <http://www.federalreserve.gov/apps/foia/proposedregs.aspx> as submitted, unless modified for technical reasons. Accordingly, your comments will not be edited to remove any identifying or contact information. Public comments may also be viewed electronically or in paper form in Room 3515, 1801 K Street (between 18th and 19th Streets NW.) Washington, DC 20006 between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on weekdays.

Additionally, commenters may send a copy of their comments to the OMB Desk Officer—Shagufta Ahmed—Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503 or by fax to (202) 395-6974.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** A copy of the PRA OMB submission, including the proposed reporting form and instructions, supporting statement, and other documentation will be placed into OMB's public docket files, once approved. These documents will also be made available on the Federal Reserve Board's public Web site at: <http://www.federalreserve.gov/apps/reportforms/review.aspx> or may be requested from the agency clearance officer, whose name appears below.

Federal Reserve Board Clearance Officer—Nuha Elmaghrabi—Office of the Chief Data Officer, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Washington, DC 20551 (202) 452-3829. Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) users may contact (202) 263-4869, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Washington, DC 20551.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Request for Comment on Information Collection Proposal**

The Board invites public comment on the following information collection, which is being reviewed under authority delegated by the OMB under the PRA. Comments are invited on the following:

- a. Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the Federal Reserve's functions; including whether the information has practical utility;
- b. The accuracy of the Federal Reserve's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- c. Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;
- d. Ways to minimize the burden of information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and
- e. Estimates of capital or startup costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

At the end of the comment period, the comments and recommendations received will be analyzed to determine the extent to which the Federal Reserve should modify the proposed revisions prior to giving final approval.

**Proposal To Approve Under OMB Delegated Authority the Extension for Three Years, Without Revision, of the Following Report**

*Report title:* Compensation and Salary Surveys.

*Agency form number:* FR 29a, FR 29b.  
*OMB control number:* 7100-0290.

*Frequency:* FR 29a, annually; FR 29b, on occasion.

*Respondents:* Employers considered competitors for Federal Reserve Board (Board) employees.

*Estimated number of respondents:* FR 29a, 35; FR 29b, 10.

*Estimated average hours per response:* FR 29a, 6 hours; FR 29b, 1 hour.

*Estimated annual burden hours:* FR 29a, 210 hours; FR 29b, 50 hours.

*General description of report:* The FR 29a,b collect information on salaries, employee compensation policies, and other employee programs from employers that are considered competitors of the Board. The data from the surveys are primarily used to determine the appropriate salary structure and salary adjustments for Board employees so that salary ranges are competitive with other organizations offering similar jobs. The Board along with other Financial Institutions Reforms, Recovery and Enforcement Act of 1989 (FIRREA) agencies<sup>1</sup> conduct the FR 29a survey jointly. The FR 29b is collected by the Board only.

*Legal authorization and confidentiality:* The Board's Legal Division has determined that the FR 29a and FR29b surveys are voluntary and authorized by sections 10(4) and 11(1) of the Federal Reserve Act (12 U.S.C. 244 and 248(1)), which authorize the Board to determine employees' compensation. The FR 29a survey is completed by an outside consultant that submits to the Board a report of the survey containing only aggregate data. Because the Board does not collect or have access to the individual respondent data, no confidentiality issue arises with respect to the individual responses to the FR 29a. The Board does not consider the report containing aggregate data to be confidential. The FR 29b consists of ad hoc surveys conducted by the Board during the year to collect information on specific salary and non-salary matters that affect Board employees. The ability of the Board to maintain the

<sup>1</sup> For purposes of this proposal, the FIRREA agencies consist of: The Federal Reserve Board, the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the National Credit Union Administration, the Commodities Futures Trading Commission, the Farm Credit Administration, and the Securities and Exchange Commission.

confidentiality of information provided by respondents to the FR 29b surveys will have to be determined on a case by case basis depending on the data collected under a particular survey. Some of the information collected on the surveys may be protected from Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) disclosure by FOIA exemptions 4 and 6. (5 U.S.C. 552 (b)(4) and (6)). Exemption 4 protects from disclosure trade secrets and commercial or financial information, while Exemption 6 protects information “the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.”

*Consultation outside the agency:* Towers Watson and the Board work together to review and update the FR 29a survey instrument.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, June 26, 2017.

**Ann E. Misback**

*Secretary of the Board.*

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## GULF COAST ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION COUNCIL

[Docket Number 106292017–1111–14]

### Notice of Proposed Subaward Under a Council-Selected Restoration Component Award

**AGENCY:** Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council (Council) publishes notice of a proposed subaward from the U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Restoration Center to The Nature Conservancy (TNC), a nonprofit organization, for the purpose of establishing the Gulf Coast Conservation Corps (GulfCorps) program to support meaningful Gulf of Mexico Habitat Restoration via Conservation Corps Partnerships as approved in the Initial Funded Priority List (FPL).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Please send questions by email to [raams\\_pgmsupport@restorethegulf.gov](mailto:raams_pgmsupport@restorethegulf.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 1321(t)(2)(E)(ii)(III) of the RESTORE Act (33 U.S.C. 1321(t)(2)(E)(ii)(III)) and Treasury’s implementing regulation at 31 CFR 34.401(b) require that, for purposes of awards made under the Council-Selected Restoration Component, a State or Federal award recipient may make a grant or subaward to or enter into a cooperative agreement

with a nongovernmental entity that equals or exceeds 10 percent of the total amount of the award provided to the State or Federal award recipient only if certain notice requirements are met. Specifically, at least 30 days before the State or Federal award recipient enters into such an agreement, the Council must publish in the **Federal Register** and deliver to specified Congressional Committees the name of the recipient and subrecipient; a brief description of the activity, including its purpose; and the amount of the award. This notice accomplishes the **Federal Register** requirement.

### Description of Proposed Action

As specified in the Initial FPL, which is available on the Council’s Web site at <https://www.restorethegulf.gov/council-selected-restoration-component/funded-priorities-list>, RESTORE Act funds will support the Gulf of Mexico Habitat Restoration via Conservation Corps Partnerships, which is also referred to as the GulfCorps program. Through an interagency agreement with NOAA in the amount of \$7,500,000, the GulfCorps program will contribute to meaningful Gulf Coast ecosystem restoration, while economically benefiting coastal communities by providing education, training, and opportunities to workers to implement conservation projects. The GulfCorps program will help establish partnerships among Federal, State, academic, and non-profit organizations to provide local labor for restoration projects; and will work through these partnerships to recruit, train, and employ workers to develop skills that will contribute to a local restoration-based workforce.

NOAA will coordinate development of the GulfCorps program in partnership with other Council members, as a means of creating a program that is reflective of Gulf priorities. NOAA will work within a collaborative process to prioritize projects with State partners and move forward on projects most supported by the respective State Council members, also considering synergies of pairing the GulfCorps program with other projects selected for the FPL, where appropriate. Through a proposed subaward to TNC in the amount of \$7,000,000, TNC will recruit and train GulfCorps participants who will be mobilized to provide labor on selected coastal restoration projects in each Gulf State. Projects may include invasive species removal, shoreline protection and enhancement, riparian restoration, debris removal, re-vegetation, reef restoration, and habitat monitoring and conservation. TNC and their partners will provide training

commensurate with the selected projects, as well as provide participants with soft skills that can help contribute to employability in restoration-based vocations.

**Will D. Spoon,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. FDA–2003–D–0431]

### Current Good Manufacturing Practice for Medical Gases; Draft Guidance for Industry; Availability

**AGENCY:** Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA or Agency) is announcing the availability of a revised draft guidance for industry entitled “Current Good Manufacturing Practice for Medical Gases.” This guidance is intended to assist manufacturers of medical gases in complying with applicable current good manufacturing practice (CGMP) regulations. Compliance with applicable CGMP requirements helps to ensure the safety, identity, strength, quality, and purity of medical gases. Medical gases that are not manufactured, produced, processed, packed, or held according to applicable CGMP requirements can cause serious injury or death. This guidance is expected to reduce the regulatory compliance burden for the medical gas industry by providing clear, up-to-date, detailed recommendations regarding CGMP issues that have been the subject of industry questions.

**DATES:** Although you can comment on any guidance at any time (see 21 CFR 10.115(g)(5)), to ensure that the Agency considers your comment on this draft guidance before it begins work on the final version of the guidance, submit either electronic or written comments on the draft guidance by August 28, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments as follows:

#### *Electronic Submissions*

Submit electronic comments in the following way:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.