

Line 5. Mentor Point of Contact. Enter the name of the mentor's primary point of contact for the Mentor-Protégé program.

Line 6. Email Address. Enter the email address of the mentor's primary point of contact.

Line 7. Protégé Name. Enter the business name of the protégé.

Line 8. Business Mailing Address. Enter the mailing address of the protégé's primary physical location. Do not enter a P.O. Box here.

Line 9 Business Physical Address Enter the physical address of the protégé's primary physical location.

Line 10. Phone Number: Enter the mentor's primary phone number.

Line 11. Protégé Point of Contact. Enter the name of the mentor's primary point of contact for the Mentor-Protégé program.

Line 12. Email Address. Enter the email address of the mentor's primary point of contact.

Line 13. Period of Performance. Enter the period of Performance for the report.

Line 14. Developmental Tasks. Provide clear information on the developmental activities performed throughout the period of performance.

Line 15. Performed by. State whether the mentor or the protégé performed the type of activity.

Line 16. Business Capabilities Enhanced. Describe how business capabilities of the protégé were enhanced through the period of performance of the subject agreement.

Line 17. Certifications. Describe the type of certifications received by the protégé through the period of performance of the subject agreement.

Line 18. Technology Transferred. Include in this section if any type of technology was transferred from the mentor to the protégé through the period of performance of the subject agreement.

Line 19. Number of employees (protégé). Enter the number of full time employees of the protégé at the beginning and the end of the reporting period.

Line 20. Amount of federal contracts received during the reporting period (protégé) The protégé must enter the dollar value of all the federal contracts received during the reporting period as a prime contractor or subcontractor.

Line 21. Mentor Signature. Enter name of the person responsible to submit this report from the mentor, include title, signature and date.

Line 22. Protégé Signature. Enter name of the person responsible to submit this report from the mentor, include title, signature and date.

Line 23. Reviewer. For official use only, do not enter any information in this box.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Departmental Offices; Department of the Treasury.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on the revision of an information collection that is to be proposed for approval by the Office of Management and Budget. The Office of International Affairs of the Department of the Treasury is soliciting comments concerning Treasury International Capital Form SLT, Aggregate Holdings of Long-Term Securities by U.S. and Foreign Residents.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before March 19, 2018 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Dwight Wolkow, International Portfolio Investment Data Systems, Department of the Treasury, Room 5422, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20220. In view of possible delays in mail delivery, please also notify Mr. Wolkow by email (comments2TIC@treasury.gov), FAX (202-622-2009) or telephone (202-622-1276).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Copies of the proposed forms and instructions are available on the Treasury's TIC Forms web page, <https://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/data-chart-center/tic/Pages/forms-slt.aspx>. Requests for additional information should be directed to Mr. Wolkow.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Title:* Treasury International Capital Form SLT, Aggregate Holdings of Long-Term Securities by U.S. and Foreign Residents.

OMB Control Number: 1505-0235.

Abstract: Form SLT is part of the Treasury International Capital (TIC) reporting system, which is required by law (22 U.S.C. 286f; 22 U.S.C. 3103; E.O.

10033; 31 CFR 128), and is designed to collect timely information on international portfolio capital movements. Form SLT is a monthly report on cross-border portfolio investment in long-term marketable securities by U.S. and foreign residents. This information is used by the U.S. Government in the formulation of international financial and monetary policies and for the preparation of the U.S. balance of payments accounts and the U.S. international investment position.

Current Actions: No changes in the form are being proposed at this time. The proposed changes in the instructions are:

(1) The section II.A "Who Must Report," the section II.F "What Must Be Reported," and the section II.G.1 "How to Report" of the instructions are updated to list out separately "certain private funds", which are a subgroup of the class of financial entities defined by the Securities and Exchange Commission as private funds on Form PF: "any issuer that would be an investment company as defined in

section 3 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 but for section 3(c)(1) or 3(c)(7) of . . . [that] Act.” In cooperation with the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA), effective for TIC reports beginning as of January 1, 2017 and afterwards, reporters of investments in private funds that meet the definition of direct investment (that is, ownership by one person of 10 percent or more of the voting interest of a business enterprise) but display characteristics of portfolio investment (specifically, investors who do not intend to control or influence the management of an operating company) are required to report through the Treasury International Capital (TIC) reporting system, where other related portfolio investments are already being reported, and not to report on BEA’s direct investment surveys. Specifically, cross-border investments by or into private funds are included in TIC reports regardless of ownership share if they meet BOTH of the following criteria: (i) The private fund does not own, directly or indirectly through another business enterprise, an “operating company”—i.e., a business enterprise that is not a private fund or a holding company—in which the U.S. or foreign parent owns at least 10 percent of the voting interest, and (ii) If the private fund is owned indirectly (through one or more other business enterprises), there are no “operating companies” between the U.S. or foreign parent and the indirectly-owned private fund. Direct investment in operating companies, including investment by and through private funds, will continue to be reported to BEA. Guidance on the decision to report investments in certain private funds or between entities of certain private funds in the TIC system or in BEA surveys can be found at: <https://www.bea.gov/privatefunds>; use the tools labeled “U.S. Investments in Foreign Private Funds” and “Foreign Investments in U.S. Private Funds.” This change aligns the U.S. direct investment and portfolio investment data more closely with the intent of the investment with respect to management control. In addition, it reduces the burden for respondents, many of whom previously reported both to the TIC reporting system and to BEA’s direct investment reporting system. This change in reporting was effective January 1, 2017; this update will formalize the reporting requirements. Note: This change applies also to these other TIC forms if the reporting requirements of the form are met: BC, BL–1, BL–2, BQ–1, BQ–2, BQ–3, D, S, SHC(A) and SHL(A).

(2) The section II.A “Who Must Report” of the instructions is updated to list out separately “principal trading firms” and “fund administrators.”

(3) The section II.A “Who Must Report” and section II.B “Consolidation Rules” of the instructions are updated to list out separately Intermediate Holding Companies (IHCs), as defined by Regulation YY, 12 CFR 252, and to clarify that IHCs should follow the same consolidation rules that are applicable to Bank Holding Companies (BHCs), Financial Holding Companies (FHCs), and Savings and Loan Holding Companies. Regulation YY was effective by January 1, 2015, and IHCs are filing TIC reports; this update will formalize their reporting requirements.

(4) The section II.F.2 “What Must Be Reported” of the instructions is updated to clarify that, regarding securities involved in security lending agreements and repurchase/resale (reverse repurchase) agreements, sales of the underlying security collateral to other parties and the purchases of such securities from other parties, undertaken in order to return the security collateral to the lenders, must be reported.

(5) The section IV.C.1 columns 1 & 2 “Column by Column Instructions” of the instructions is updated to clarify that the stripped securities “teddy bears” (TBRs), “tigers” (TIGRs), “cats” (CATS) and “cougars” (COUGRs) should also be classified as U.S. Treasury securities.

(6) The section II.F.2 “What Must Be Reported” clarifies that long-term Treasury securities are Bonds, Notes, TIPS, FRNs and Savings Bonds.

(7) Some other clarifications and format changes may be made to improve the instructions.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations. Form SLT (1505–0235).

Estimated Number of Respondents: 408.

Estimated Average Time per Respondent: Average 8.8 hours per respondent per filing. The estimated average burden per respondent varies widely, from about 17 hours per filing for a U.S.-resident custodian filing Part A and Part B to about 6.5 hours for a U.S.-resident issuer or U.S.-resident end-investor filing Part B.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 42,912 hours, based on 12 reporting periods per year.

Request for Comments: Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and

Budget approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. The public is invited to submit written comments concerning: (a) Whether Form SLT is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Office, including whether the information will have practical uses; (b) the accuracy of the above estimate of the burdens; (c) ways to enhance the quality, usefulness and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the reporting and/or record keeping burdens on respondents, including the use of information technologies to automate the collection of the data; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs of operation, maintenance and purchase of services to provide information.

Dwight Wolkow,

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Health Services Research and Development Service, Scientific Merit Review Board; Notice of Meetings

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under the Federal Advisory Committee Act the Health Services Research and Development Service Scientific Merit Review Board will conduct in-person and teleconference meetings of its eleven Health Services Research (HSR) subcommittees on the dates below from 8:00 a.m. to approximately 4:30 p.m. (unless otherwise listed) at the FHI 360, 1825 Connecticut Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20009 (unless otherwise listed):

- HSR 0—Community Care on March 13, 2018;
- HSR 1—Health Care and Clinical Management on March 13–14, 2018;
- HSR 2—Behavioral, Social, and Cultural Determinants of Health and Care on March 13–14, 2018;
- HSR 3—Healthcare Informatics on March 16, 2018;
- HSR 4—Mental and Behavioral Health on March 15–16, 2018;
- HSR 5—Health Care System Organization and Delivery on March 15–16, 2018;
- HSR 6—Post-acute and Long-term Care on March 14, 2018;
- MRA 0—Mentored Research on March 16, 2018;
- HSR 8—Implementation Research Project on March 13, 2018;