

FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request

AGENCY: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System

SUMMARY: Background. On June 15, 1984, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) delegated to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Board) its approval authority under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA), pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.16, to approve of and assign OMB control numbers to collection of information requests and requirements conducted or sponsored by the Board under conditions set forth in 5 CFR 1320 Appendix A.1. Board-approved collections of information are incorporated into the official OMB inventory of currently approved collections of information. Copies of the Paperwork Reduction Act Submission, supporting statements, and approved collection of information instruments are placed into OMB's public docket files. The Federal Reserve may not conduct or sponsor, and the respondent is not required to respond to, an information collection that has been extended, revised, or implemented on or after October 1, 1995, unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before March 29, 2013.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by *FR 2034* by any of the following methods:

- Agency Web Site: www.federalreserve.gov. Follow the instructions for

submitting comments at

www.federalreserve.gov/generalinfo/foia/ProposedRegs.cfm.

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: www.regulations.gov. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- E-mail: regs.comments@federalreserve.gov. Include the OMB control number in the subject line of the message.
- FAX: 202-452-3819 or 202-452-3102.
- Mail: Robert deV. Frierson, 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 www.federalreserve.gov/generalinfo/foia/ProposedRegs.cfm 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 MP-500 of the Board's Martin Building (20th and C Streets, NW) 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 by mail to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, U.S. 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 website at:

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 – Cynthia Ayouch – Division of Research and Statistics, 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 following information collection, which is being handled under this delegated authority, has received initial Board approval and is hereby published for comment. At the end of the comment period, the proposed information collection, along with an analysis of comments and recommendations received, will be submitted to the Board for final approval under OMB delegated authority.

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; and
- 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.
- e. Estimates of capital or start up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Proposal to extend, with revision, under OMB delegated authority, the following survey:

Report title: Senior Credit Officer Opinion Survey on Dealer Financing Terms.

Agency form number: FR 2034.

OMB control number: 7100-0325.

Frequency: Up to six times a year.

Reporters: U.S. banking institutions and U.S. branches and agencies of foreign banks.

Estimated annual reporting hours: 450 hours.

Estimated average hours per response: 3 hours.

Number of respondents: 25.

General description of report: This information collection would be voluntary (12 U.S.C. §§ 225a, 248(a)(2), 1844(c), and 3105(c)(2)) and would be given confidential treatment (5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(4)).

Abstract: This voluntary survey collects qualitative and limited quantitative information from senior credit officers at responding financial institutions on (1) stringency of credit terms, (2) credit availability and demand across the entire range of securities financing and over-the-counter derivatives transactions, and (3) the evolution of market conditions and conventions applicable to such activities up to six times a year. Given the Federal Reserve's interest in financial stability, the information this survey collects is critical to the monitoring of credit markets and capital market activity. Aggregate survey results are made available to the public on the Federal Reserve Board website.¹ In addition, selected aggregate survey results may be published in *Federal Reserve Bulletin* articles and in the annual Monetary Policy Report to the Congress.

¹ See <http://www.federalreserve.gov/econresdata/releases/scoos.htm>

Current Actions: The survey instrument currently contains 47 core questions divided into three broad sections, as well as additional questions on special topics of timely interest. The Federal Reserve proposes to modify the survey instrument to contain 79 core questions that would be substantively similar to the current survey while instituting some reorganization and refinements: (1) more granular information on dealers' clients would be added to the Counterparty Types section; (2) the number of questions in Over-the-Counter Derivatives section would be significantly reduced; and (3) questions on additional collateral types would be added to the Securities Financing section.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, January 23, 2013.

(signed)
Robert deV. Frierson,
Secretary of the Board.