

explaining why the proposed exemption would be administratively feasible, in the interests of the plan and protective of the rights of plan participants and beneficiaries; and several other statements. In addition, the applicant must certify that the information supplied is accurate and complete.

Section 408(a) of ERISA requires that before granting an exemption from 406(a) the Secretary "shall require that adequate notice be given to interested parties, and shall afford interested persons opportunity to present views." Thus, section 2570.43 of the exemption procedures regulation requires that the applicant for an exemption provide interested persons with a copy of the **Federal Register** notice containing the proposed exemption and a statement which informs them of their right to comment on the proposed exemption.

## II. Review Focus

The Department of Labor (Department) is particularly interested in comments that:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- 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 submissions of responses.

## III. Current Actions

The Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) approval of this ICR will expire on July 31, 2008. After considering comments received in response to this notice, the Department intends to submit the ICR to OMB for continuing approval. No change to the existing ICR is proposed or made at this time.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of the information collection request; they will also become a matter of public record.

*Agency:* Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor.

*Title:* Procedure for Application for Prohibited Transaction Exemption Regulation pursuant to 29 CFR 2570.30, *et seq.*

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection of information.

*OMB Number:* 1210-0060.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households; business or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions.

*Respondents:* 84.

*Responses:* 143.

*Average Response time:* 25 hours.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 0.

*Estimated Total Burden Dollars:* \$373,000.

**Joseph S. Piacentini,**

*Director, Office of Policy and Research,  
Employee Benefits Security Administration.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employment and Training Administration

#### Proposed Information Collection Request for the Unemployment Insurance (UI) State Quality Service Plan (SQSP); Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with a provision of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 at 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A). This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. Currently, the Employment and Training Administration (ETA) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension of the State Quality Service Plan (SQSP).

Guidelines for completion and submittal of the SQSP are contained in ETA Handbook 336, 18th Edition. Fiscal year-specific information such as DOL's strategic goals and program areas that warrant special attention will be provided in an advisory that will

initiate the planning process each year. The requirements of the reporting and data collection process itself remain unchanged from year to year.

Copies of the SQSP Handbook may be obtained by contacting the addressee below. The Handbook is also available electronically at <http://www.workforcsecurity.doleta.gov>.

A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the addressee section of this notice or by accessing: <http://www.doleta.gov/OMBCN/OMBControlNumber.cfm>.

**DATES:** Submit comments to the office listed in the addressee section below on or before June 2, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments to Delores A. Mackall, Office of Workforce Security, Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room S-4231, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210; telephone: 202-693-3183 (this is not a toll-free number), fax: 202-693-3975 or by e-mail: [mackall.delores@dol.gov](mailto:mackall.delores@dol.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*I. Background:* As part of UI Performs, a comprehensive performance management system implemented in 1995 for the UI program, SQSP is the principal vehicle that state UI agencies use to plan, record and manage program improvement efforts as they strive for excellence in service. The SQSP which serves as the State Plan for the UI program is also the grant agreement. The statutory basis for the SQSP is Title III, section 302 of the Social Security Act, which authorizes the Secretary of Labor to provide funds to administer the UI programs, and sections 303(a)(8) and (9) which govern the expenditures of those funds. The SQSP represents an approach to tie program performance with the budget and planning process.

#### *II. Desired Focus of Comments:*

Currently, the Department of Labor is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension collection of the UI SQSP. The Department is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- 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.

**III. Current Actions:** ETA proposes to extend this clearance with no change in burden hours. States will describe in a single narrative: Performance related to the Government Performance Results Act (GPRA) goals; results of any customer satisfaction surveys (optional), and actions planned to correct deficiencies in program performance, reporting, Benefits Accuracy Measurement (BAM), and the Tax Performance System (TPS). Actions planned to correct deficiencies for Secretary Standards, Core Measures, and the Data Validation (DV) program are expected to be addressed in corrective action plans. States are requested to submit the SQSP and the required signature page electronically.

**Type of Review:** Extension, without change.

**Agency:** Employment and Training Administration.

**Title:** Unemployment Insurance State Quality Service Plan (SQSP).

**OMB Number:** 1205-0132.

**Affected Public:** State Workforce Agencies (SWAs).

**Total Respondents:** 53.

**Frequency:** Annually.

**Average Time per Response:** 3.14 hours.

**Number of Annual Responses:** 583.

**Estimated Total Burden Hours:** 1829 hours.

**Estimated Total Burden Cost:** \$0.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of the information collection request; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: March 4, 2008.

**Cheryl Atkinson,**

*Administrator, Office of Workforce Security.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Veterans' Employment and Training Service

#### Office of the Assistant Secretary for Veterans' Employment and Training; The Advisory Committee on Veterans' Employment, Training and Employer Outreach (ACVETEO); Notice of Open Meeting

The Advisory Committee on Veterans' Employment, Training and Employer

Outreach (ACVETEO) was established pursuant to Title II of the Veterans' Housing Opportunity and Benefits Improvement Act of 2006 (Pub. L. 109-233) and section 9 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) (Pub. L. 92-462, Title 5 U.S.C. app. II). The ACVETEO's authority is codified in Title 38 U.S. Code, section 4110.

The ACVETEO is responsible for assessing employment and training needs of veterans; determining the extent to which the programs and activities of the Department of Labor meet these needs; and assisting in carrying out outreach to employers seeking to hire veterans.

The Advisory Committee on Veterans' Employment, Training and Employer Outreach will meet on Wednesday, May 21st, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210.

The committee will discuss programs assisting veterans seeking employment and raising employer awareness as to the advantages of hiring veterans with special emphasis on the guard/reserve and transition programs.

Individuals needing special accommodations should notify Bill Offutt at (202) 693-4717 by May 9, 2008.

Signed in Washington, DC, this 27th day of March 2008.

**John M. McWilliam,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary, Veterans Employment and Training.*

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. IC-28227]

### Notice of Applications for Deregistration under Section 8(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

March 28, 2008.

The following is a notice of applications for deregistration under section 8(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 for the month of March, 2008. A copy of each application may be obtained for a fee at the SEC's Public Reference Branch (tel. 202-551-5850). An order granting each application will be issued unless the SEC orders a hearing. Interested persons may request a hearing on any application by writing to the SEC's Secretary at the address below and serving the relevant applicant with a copy of the request, personally or by mail. Hearing requests should be received by the SEC by 5:30 p.m. on April 22, 2008, and should be

accompanied by proof of service on the applicant, in the form of an affidavit or, for lawyers, a certificate of service. Hearing requests should state the nature of the writer's interest, the reason for the request, and the issues contested. Persons who wish to be notified of a hearing may request notification by writing to the Secretary, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549-1090.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Diane L. Titus at (202) 551-6810, SEC, Division of Investment Management, Office of Investment Company Regulation, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549-4041.

#### Skyline Funds [File No. 811-5022]

**Summary:** Applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On December 31, 2007, applicant transferred its assets to Skyline Special Equities Portfolio, a series of Managers AMG Funds, based on net asset value. Expenses of \$393,155 incurred in connection with the reorganization were paid by Managers Investment Group LLC, the acquiring fund's investment adviser, and Skyline Asset Management, L.P., applicant's investment adviser.

**Filing Dates:** The application was filed on March 7, 2008, and amended on March 26, 2008.

**Applicant's Address:** 311 South Wacker Dr., Suite 4500, Chicago, IL 60606.

#### Excelsior Private Equity Fund II, Inc. [File No. 811-8149]

**Summary:** Applicant, a closed-end investment company, seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On October 29, 2007, applicant made a final liquidating distribution to its shareholders, based on net asset value. Expenses of \$475,230 incurred in connection with the liquidation were paid by applicant and UST Advisers, Inc., applicant's investment adviser.

**Filing Dates:** The application was filed on January 29, 2008, and amended on March 26, 2008.

**Applicant's Address:** 225 High Ridge Rd., Stamford, CT 06905.

#### The Munder @Vantage Fund [File No. 811-9937]

**Summary:** Applicant, a closed-end investment company, seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On December 14, 2007, applicant transferred its assets to Munder Internet Fund, a series of Munder Series Trust, based on net asset value. Expenses of approximately