

Dated this 19th day of December 2003.

**Frank J. Congel,**

*Director, Office of Enforcement.*

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## OVERSEAS PRIVATE INVESTMENT CORPORATION

### Sunshine Act Meeting

OPIC's Sunshine Act notice of its public hearing was published in the **Federal Register** (Volume 68, Number 237, Page 68958 and 68959) on December 10, 2003. No requests were received to provide testimony or submit written statements for the record; therefore, OPIC's public hearing in conjunction with OPIC's January 6, 2004 Board of Directors meeting scheduled for 2 p.m. on December 30, 2003 has been cancelled.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Information on the hearing cancellation may be obtained from Connie M. Downs at (202) 336-8438, via facsimile at (202) 218-0136, or via e-mail at [cdown@opic.gov](mailto:cdown@opic.gov).

Dated: December 30, 2003.

**Connie M. Downs,**

*OPIC Corporate Secretary.*

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## OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

### Comment Request for OMB Review of a New Information Collection: General Population Rental Equivalency Survey

**AGENCY:** Office of Personnel Management.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, May 22, 1995), this notice announces that the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) intends to submit to the Office of Management and Budget a request for a review of a new information collection. OPM is seeking comments on its plan to conduct a General Population Rental Equivalency Survey (GPRES) on a one-time basis to collect information on actual and estimated rents and rental characteristics from homeowners and renters in Alaska, Hawaii, Guam, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the Washington, DC, area. OPM will use this information to see whether (1) differences between homeowner rent estimates and rental rates for

comparable housing vary among the nonforeign cost-of-living allowance (COLA) areas and the Washington, DC, area; (2) rents vary among areas based on how long renters live in their rental units; and (3) rental data collected in GPRES differ on average from rental data that OPM collects in the COLA surveys. OPM regulations, adopted pursuant to the stipulation of settlement in *Caraballo v. United States*, No. 1997-0027 (D.V.I.), August 17, 2000, require the survey of rents and rental equivalence (homeowner estimates of the rental value of their homes).

OPM will collect information from approximately 5,000 to 8,000 respondents and estimates the total time per respondent at 8 minutes, for a total burden of 670 to 1070 hours. To determine the number of respondents, OPM used a common statistical sampling formula and the standard deviations from a previous Federal employee housing survey and from COLA rental surveys at different confidence levels. At the recommendation of Westat, a contractor advising OPM, OPM anticipates using computer assisted telephone interviews (CATI) for this survey. Westat estimates, based on its experience and the experience of other surveyors, that each CATI will take on average approximately 8 minutes.

Comments are particularly invited on whether (1) this collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of OPM functions, (2) it will have practical utility, (3) our estimate of the public burden of this collection of information is accurate and based on valid assumptions and methodology, and (4) there are ways in which we can minimize respondent burden of the collection of information through the use of appropriate technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

For copies of this proposal, contact Mary Beth Smith-Toomey on (202) 606-8358, fax (202) 418-3251, or e-mail [mbtoomey@opm.gov](mailto:mbtoomey@opm.gov). Please include a mailing address with your request.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before March 2, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Send or deliver comments to Donald J. Winstead, Deputy Associate Director for Pay and Performance Policy, Office of Personnel Management, Room 7H31, 1900 E Street, NW., Washington, DC 20415-8200; fax (202) 606-4264, or e-mail: [cola@opm.gov](mailto:cola@opm.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Donald L. Paquin, (202) 606-2838.

U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

**Kay Coles James,**

*Director.*

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## OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request for Reclearance of a Revised Information Collection: RI 38-128

**AGENCY:** Office of Personnel Management.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13, May 22, 1995), this notice announces that the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request for reclearance of a revised information collection. RI 38-128, It's Time to Sign Up for Direct Deposit, is now primarily used by OPM to give recent retirees the opportunity to waive Direct Deposit of their annuity payments. The form is sent only if the separating agency did not give the retiring employee this election opportunity. This form may also be used to enroll in Direct Deposit, which was its primary use before Public Law 104-134 was passed. This law requires OPM to make all annuity payments by Direct Deposit unless the payee has waived the service in writing.

Approximately 20,000 forms are completed annually. The form takes approximately 30 minutes to complete. The annual estimated burden is 10,000 hours.

For copies of this proposal, contact Mary Beth Smith-Toomey on (202) 606-8358, FAX (202) 418-3251 or via e-mail to [mbtoomey@opm.gov](mailto:mbtoomey@opm.gov). Please include a mailing address with your request.

**DATES:** Comments on this proposal should be received by February 1, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Send or deliver comments to—

Ronald W. Melton, Chief, Operations Support Group, Retirement Services, U.S. Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street, NW, Room 3349, Washington, DC 20415-3540; and Joseph F. Lackey, OPM Desk Officer, Office of Information & Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, NW., Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503.

#### FOR INFORMATION REGARDING

**ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATION CONTACT:** Cyrus S. Benson, Team Leader,