

OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request for Reclearance of an Expiring Information Collection: OMB Control No. 3206-0106; Form INV 10, "Mail Reinterview Form"

AGENCY: Office of Personnel
Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13), this notice announces that the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request for re-clearance of an expiring information collection, Mail Reinterview Form (INV 10), OMB Control No. 3206-0106. OPM sends the INV 10 questionnaire to a random sampling of record and personal sources contacted during background investigations when investigators have performed fieldwork. The INV 10 is used as a quality control instrument designed to ensure the accuracy and integrity of the investigative product, as it inquires of the sources about the investigative procedure employed by the investigator, the investigator's professionalism, and the information discussed and reported.

It is estimated that 114,000 INV 10 forms are sent to individual sources annually. Of those, it is estimated that 50,000 individuals respond. We anticipate sending and receiving a similar number of INV 10 forms in the years ahead. Each form takes approximately six minutes to complete. The estimated annual burden is 5,000 hours.

We received no comments as a result of the 60-day **Federal Register** Notice, published in the **Federal Register** on June 19, 2008. Therefore, we determined that this collection of information continues to be necessary for the proper performance of functions of the U.S. Office of Personnel Management and its Federal Investigative Services Division, which administers its background investigations. Further, we maintain that our estimate of the public burden of this collection is accurate, based on valid assumptions and methodology. The existing reinterview questionnaire addresses all of the questions relevant to ensure the accuracy and integrity of the investigative product at this time.

For copies of this proposal, contact Mary-Kay Brewer on (703) 305-1002, Fax (703) 603-0576 or e-mail to MaryKay.Brewer@opm.gov. Please be

sure to include a mailing address with your request.

DATES: Comments on this proposal should be received within 30 calendar days from the date of this publication.

ADDRESSES: Send or deliver comments to:

Kathy Dillaman, Associate Director,
Federal Investigative Services
Division, U.S. Office of Personnel
Management, 1900 E. Street, NW.,
Room 5416, Washington, DC 20415,
and

John W. Barkhamer, OPM Desk Officer,
Office of Information and Regulatory
Affairs, Office of Management and
Budget, New Executive Office
Building, 725 17th Street NW., Room
10235, Washington, DC 20503.

FOR INFORMATION REGARDING

ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATION CONTACT:
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305-1002.

U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

Howard Weizmann,

Deputy Director.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

[OMB Control No. 3206-0199]

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request for Reinstatement of an Expired Information Collection: Nonforeign Area Cost-of-Living Allowance Price and Background Surveys

AGENCY: Office of Personnel
Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget a request for reinstatement of the Nonforeign Area Cost-of-Living Allowance Price and Background Surveys (OMB Control No. 3206-0199), a previously-cleared information collection that was recently discontinued at OPM's discretion and for which the OMB clearance has expired. OPM uses price surveys and background surveys to gather data to be used in determining nonforeign area cost-of-living allowances (COLAs) paid to certain Federal employees in Alaska, Hawaii, Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and the

U.S. Virgin Islands. OPM conducts price surveys in the Washington, DC, area on an annual basis and once every 3 years in each allowance area on a rotating basis. Prior to these surveys, OPM conducts background surveys that are similar to the price surveys, but much more limited in scope. OPM uses the results of the background surveys to prepare for the price surveys.

The COLA Price Survey is necessary for collecting living-cost data used to determine COLAs. OPM uses the Price Survey results to compare prices in the allowance areas with prices in the Washington, DC, area and to derive COLA rates where local living costs significantly exceed those in the DC area. The COLA Background Survey is necessary to determine the continued appropriateness of items, services, and businesses selected for the annual price surveys. OPM uses the Background Survey results to identify items to be priced and the outlets at which OPM will price the items in the Price Surveys.

OPM will survey selected retail, service, realty, and other businesses and local governments in the allowance areas and in the Washington, DC, area. OPM will contact approximately 2,000 establishments in each annual Price Survey and approximately 100 establishments in each annual Background Survey. Participation in the surveys is voluntary.

OPM estimates that the average price survey interview will take approximately 6 minutes, for a total burden of 200 hours. The average background survey interview will take approximately 6.5 minutes, for a total burden of 11 hours.

For copies of or further information on this proposal, contact J. Stanley Austin by telephone at (202) 606-2838, by fax at (202) 606-4264, or by e-mail at COLA@opm.gov. If you are requesting a copy of this proposal, please include your mailing address with your request.

DATES: Submit comments on or before *January 21, 2009*.

ADDRESSES: Send or deliver comments to:

Charles D. Grimes III, Deputy Associate Director for Performance and Pay Systems, Strategic Human Resources Policy Division, U.S. Office of Personnel Management, Room 7H31, 1900 E Street, NW., Washington, DC 20415-8200; fax: (202) 606-4264; or e-mail: COLA@opm.gov; and

John W. Barkhamer, OPM Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, 725 17th

Street, NW., Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: OPM published notice of its intention to request an extension of the price and background surveys in the **Federal Register** on May 2, 2008 (73 FR 24321). OPM did not receive any comments in response to the notice.

Office of Personnel Management.

Howard Weizmann,

Deputy Director.

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RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

SUMMARY: In accordance with the requirement of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 which provides opportunity for public comment on new or revised data collections, the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) will publish periodic summaries of proposed data collections.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the RRB's estimate of the burden of the collection of the information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden related to the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Title and purpose of information collection: Request for Internet Services, OMB 3220-0198.

The RRB uses a Personal Identification Number (PIN)/Password system that allows RRB customers to conduct business with the agency electronically. As part of the system, the RRB collects information needed to establish a unique PIN/Password that allows customer access to RRB Internet-based services. The information collected is matched against records of the railroad employee that are maintained by the RRB. If the information is verified, the request is approved and the RRB mails a Password Request Code (PRC) to the requestor. If the information provided cannot be verified, the requestor is advised to contact the nearest field office of the RRB to resolve the discrepancy. Once a PRC is obtained from the RRB, the requestor can apply for a PIN/Password

online. Once the PIN/Password has been established, the requestor has access to RRB Internet-based services. The RRB estimates that approximately 9,756 requests for PRC's and PIN/Passwords are received annually and that it takes 5 minutes per response to secure a PRC and 1.5 minutes to establish a PIN/Password. Completion is voluntary, however, the RRB will be unable to provide a PRC or allow a requestor to establish a PIN/Password (thereby denying system access), if the requests are not completed. The RRB proposes no changes to the PRC and PIN/Password screens.

Additional Information or Comments:

To request more information or to obtain a copy of the information collection justification, forms, and/or supporting material, please call the RRB Clearance Officer at (312) 751-3363 or send an E-mail request to Charles.Mierzwa@RRB.gov. Comments regarding the information collection should be sent to Ronald J. Hodapp, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 N. Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611-2092 or Ronald.Hodapp@RRB.GOV. Comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

Charles Mierzwa,

Clearance Officer.

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RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

Agency Forms Submitted for OMB Review, Request for Comments

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) is forwarding two (2) Information Collection Requests (ICR) to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA), Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Our ICR describes the information we seek to collect from the public. Review and approval by OIRA ensures that we impose appropriate paperwork burdens.

The RRB invites comments on the proposed collections of information to determine (1) The practical utility of the collections; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden of the collections; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information that is the subject of collection; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of collections on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments to RRB or OIRA must contain the OMB control number of the ICR. For proper consideration of your comments,

it is best if RRB and OIRA receive them within 30 days of publication date.

1. Application and Claim for RUIA Benefits Unpaid at Death; OMB 3220-0055

Under Section 2(g) of the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act (RUIA), benefits under that Act that accrued but were not paid because of the death of an employee shall be paid to the same individual(s) to whom benefits are payable under Section 6(a)(1) of the Railroad Retirement Act. The provisions relating to the payment of such benefits are prescribed in 20 CFR 325.5 and 20 CFR 335.5.

The RRB provides Form UI-63, Application for Benefits Due but Unpaid at Death, for use in applying for the accrued sickness or unemployment benefits unpaid at the death of the employee and for securing the information needed by the RRB to identify the proper payee. Completion time for Form UI-63 is estimated at 7 minutes. Completion is required to obtain a benefit. One response is requested of each respondent.

Previous Requests for Comments: The RRB has already published the initial 60-day notice (73 FR 51535 & 51536 on September 3, 2008) required by 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2). That request elicited no comments.

Information Collection Request (ICR)

Title: Application and Claim for RUIA Benefits Due at Death.

Form(s) submitted: UI-63.

OMB Control Number: 3220-0055.

Expiration date of current OMB clearance: 12/31/2008.

Type of request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated annual number of respondents: 200.

Total annual responses: 200.

Total annual reporting hours: 23.

Abstract: The collection obtains the information needed by the Railroad Retirement Board to pay, under section 2(g) of the RUIA, benefits under that Act accrued, but not paid because of the death of the employee.

Changes Proposed: Non-burden impacting editorial changes to Form UI-63 are proposed.

2. Continuing Disability Report; OMB 3220-0187.

Under Section 2 of the Railroad Retirement Act, an annuity is not payable or is reduced for any month in which the annuitant works for a railroad or earns more than prescribed dollar amounts from either non-railroad