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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: OPM published notice of its intention to request a reinstatement of the price and background surveys in the **Federal Register** on December 12, 1997 (62 FR 65451). No comments were received in response to that notice. OPM notes that the notice incorrectly reported the burden hours for the price survey at 650 hours. The correct number of hours, as OPM reported in its 1994 extension of the surveys, is 480. This notice further extends an opportunity for comments.

Title: Nonforeign Area Cost-of-Living Allowances Price and Background Surveys.

OMB Control Number: 3206–0199.

Summary: The Nonforeign Area Cost-of-Living Allowances Price Survey is used by OPM to collect price data in the allowance areas under four cost components: consumption goods and services, transportation, housing, and miscellaneous expenses. The price survey is conducted on approximately an annual basis.

The Nonforeign Area Cost-of-Living Allowances Background Survey is used by OPM to collect information to identify the services, items, quantities, outlets, and locations that will be surveyed in the annual price surveys. It is also used to collect information on local trade practices, consumer buying patterns, taxes and fees, and other economic characteristics related to living costs. The background survey is conducted approximately once every 5 years, but is also used on a limited basis in preparation for each of the price surveys.

Need/Use for Surveys: The price survey is necessary for collecting living-cost data used to determine COLAs paid to General Schedule, U.S. Postal Service, and certain other Federal employees in the nonforeign allowance areas. The information is used to compare costs in the allowance areas with costs in the Washington, DC, area, and to derive a COLA rate when the local cost of living significantly exceeds that in the DC area. The background survey is necessary to determine the continued appropriateness of items, services, and businesses selected for the annual price surveys. OPM uses the information collected under this survey to define the sources and parameters for the price surveys and to improve the COLA methodology.

Respondents: OPM will survey selected retail, service, realty, and other businesses and local governments in the nonforeign allowance areas and in the Washington, DC, area. Approximately 5,600 establishments will be contacted in the price survey, and approximately 300 establishments will be contacted in the background survey.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Burden: OPM estimates that the average price survey interview will take approximately 7 minutes, for a total burden of 480 hours. The average background survey interview will take approximately 10 minutes, for a total burden of 50 hours.

U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

Janice R. Lachance,

Director.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Submission for OMB Review, Comment Request; Standard Form 1153

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management (OPM).

ACTION: Submission for OMB review; comment request.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. No. 104–13) and 5 CFR 1320.5 (a)(1)(iv), this notice announces that OPM has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request for clearance of an information collection. The information submitted on Standard Form 1153, Claim for Unpaid Compensation of Deceased Civilian Employee, will help determine claimants' and others' rights to deceased employees' unpaid compensation.

The authority to settle these claims was transferred from the General Accounting Office to the Director of OMB pursuant to the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act of 1996. Subsequently, the Director of OMB delegated this function to OPM. OPM published an initial notice of clearance request on February 24, 1998 in the **Federal Register** (63 FR 9272), but received no comments in response to the notice.

It is estimated that 3300 individuals will respond annually for a total burden of 1,650 hours. To obtain copies of this proposal please contact James M. Farron at (202) 418–3208 or by E-mail to jmfarron@opm.gov.

DATES: Comments on this proposed form should be received on or before July 12, 1998. Submit comments on this proposal to Joseph Lackey, OPM Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, U.S. Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20503. For further information, please contact Paul Britner, Office of Personnel Management, Room 7F08A, 1900 E Street N.W., Washington, D.C. 20415.

U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

Janice R. Lachance,

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Submission for OMB Review: Comment Request; Extension of Standard Form 113–G

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 a request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for renewal of authority to collect data for the Monthly Report of Full-time Equivalent/Work-Year Civilian Employment (Standard Form 113–G). The data collected are used by OMB and OPM to: (1) monitor agencies' progress in increasing part-time employment; (2) aid OMB and the President in making decisions on agencies' budget appropriations for the next fiscal year; and (3) monitor agency work year usage under total approved FTE levels during the current fiscal year. One hundred thirty-one Federal agencies provide monthly reports to OPM. It takes 2 hours to complete one report, for an annual total information collection burden of 3,144 hours. OPM published a preliminary notice of its intention to submit this request to OMB in the March 18, 1998 **Federal Register** at page 13292. No comments were received as a result of this notification.

For copies of the clearance package, call James M. Farron, Reports and Forms Manager, on (202) 418–3208, or by e-mail to jmfarron@opm.gov.