

collection request (ICR) for the revised Form 5500 to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). The new Form 5500 submitted as part of the ICR was made available to the public through the Department of Labor's Internet site. The Notice announced that the Agencies intended to solicit public comments on the computer scannable versions of the new forms developed as part of the EFAST project. Following its Paperwork Reduction Act review, OMB gave Paperwork Reduction Act approval to the new Form 5500 on August 26, 1998, provided certain minor technical adjustments were made to the forms and the Agencies solicited public comments on the computer scannable formats developed by the competing firms as part of the EFAST project.¹ Both firms have now developed computer scannable versions of the new Form 5500.

By this notice, the Agencies are soliciting public comments on the computer scannable formats developed as part of the EFAST project. One firm (Vendor #1) designed a computer scannable Form 5500 to be completed by all filers. The other firm (Vendor #2) designed two versions, one for filers

printing the computer scannable Form 5500 by a computer printer (printer version) and the other for filers completing the form by hand or typewriter (hand/typewriter version). These mock-up versions of the computer scannable Form 5500 are available for viewing and downloading through the Department of Labor's Internet site (www.dol.gov/dol/pwba).

The final computer scannable version of the forms will be published in the **Federal Register** following the selection of the firm that will process the new Form 5500 under the EFAST system. Except for those who file electronically, the use of computer scannable forms will be mandatory for 1999 plan year filings.

Dated: June 21, 1999.

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MERIT SYSTEMS PROTECTION BOARD

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection

AGENCY: Merit Systems Protection Board.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 et. seq.), this notice announces that the Merit Systems Protection Board's request for a three year extension of approval of its optional appeal form, Optional Form 283 (Rev. 10/94) has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The appeal form is currently displayed in 5 CFR Part 1201, Appendix I, and on the MSPB Web Page at <http://www.mspb.gov/merit009.html>

In this regard, we are soliciting comments on the public reporting burden. The reporting burden for the collection of information on this form is estimated to vary from 20 minutes to one hour per response, with an average of 30 minutes, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

ESTIMATED ANNUAL REPORTING BURDEN

5 CFR section	Annual number of respondents	Frequency per responses	Total annual responses	Hours per response (average)	Total hours
1201 and 1209	9,000	1	9,000	.5	4,500

Send comments regarding the burden estimate, or any other aspect of the information collection, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to the address shown below. Please refer to OMB Control No. 3124-0009 in any correspondence.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before July 28, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the appeal form may be obtained from Arlin Winefordner, Merit Systems Protection Board, 1120 Vermont Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20419 or by calling (202) 653-7200. Comments concerning the paperwork burden should also be addressed to Mr. Winefordner and to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for

MSPB, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: June 21, 1999.

Robert E. Taylor,
Clerk of the Board.
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NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: National Archives and Records Administration (NARA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: NARA is giving public notice that the agency proposes to renew the information collections described in this notice, which are used in the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC) grant program. The public is invited to comment on the proposed information collection pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before August 27, 1999 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to: Paperwork Reduction Act Comments (NHP), Room 3200, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Rd, College Park, MD 20740-6001; or faxed to 301-713-6913; or

¹ The Department of Labor also proposed on December 10, 1998, in the **Federal Register** (63 FR

68370), and requested comments on, revision to the

Department's annual reporting regulations that would implement the new Form 5500 requirements.