

6. To notify another Federal agency when, or verify whether, a PIV card is no longer valid.

7. To a Member of Congress or to a Congressional staff member in response to an inquiry of the Congressional office made at the written request of the constituent about whom the record is maintained.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

STORAGE:

Stored electronically.

RETRIEVABILITY:

Records may be retrieved by name, last name, user ID, e-mail address, Social Security Number, card number and card access point.

SAFEGUARDS:

Information access is controlled by password and restricted to a limited number of authorized users who require access because of their NSF position duties. Input devices and servers are stored in locked rooms.

RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:

Information is retained on all current employees and contractors throughout their employment/contract service. Separating employees and contractors return their identification cards when they are no longer employed by the agency. Their records will be deleted or destroyed after three months. Records on building access are retained for 90 days.

SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:

Division Director, Division of Administrative Services, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:

The Privacy Act Officer should be contacted in accordance with procedures found at 45 CFR part 613.2.

RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:

See "Notification" above.

CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:

The Privacy Act Officer should be contacted in accordance with procedures found at 45 CFR 613.4.

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

Information in the System is obtained from a variety of sources to include the employee, contractor, Administrative Officer or COTR.

SYSTEM EXEMPTIONS FROM CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE ACT:

None.

Lawrence Rudolph,
General Counsel.

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OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

Performance of Commercial Activities

AGENCY: Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Executive Office of the President.

ACTION: Update to civilian position full fringe benefit cost factor, Federal pay raise assumptions, inflation factors, and tax rates used in OMB Circular No. A-76, "Performance of Commercial Activities."

SUMMARY: OMB is updating the civilian position full fringe benefit cost factor used to compute the estimated cost of government performance in public-private competitions conducted pursuant to Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-76. The civilian position full fringe benefit cost factor is comprised of four separate elements: (1) Insurance and health benefits, (2) standard civilian retirement benefits, (3) Medicare benefits, and (4) miscellaneous fringe benefits. OMB is updating the insurance and health benefits and standard civilian retirement benefits cost elements based on actuarial analyses provided by the Office of Personnel Management.

OMB is also updating the annual Federal pay raise assumptions and inflation cost factors used for computing the government's personnel and non-pay costs in Circular A-76 public-private competitions. These annual pay raise assumptions and inflation factors are based on the President's Budget for Fiscal Year 2007. The tax rate tables used in connection with Circular A-76 competitions have also been revised. 2

DATES: *Effective date:* These changes are effective immediately and shall apply to all public-private competitions performed in accordance with OMB Circular A-76, as revised in May 2003, where the performance decision has not been certified by the government before this date.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mathew Blum, Office of Federal Procurement Policy (OFPP), NEOB, Room 9013, Office of Management and

Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, Tel. No. 202-395-4953.

Availability: Copies of OMB Circular A-76, as revised by this notice, may be obtained at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/circulars/index.html#numerical>.

Paper copies of the Circular may be obtained by calling OFPP (tel: (202) 395-7579).

Rob Portman,

Director.

Attachment

Memorandum for the Heads of Executive Departments and Agencies

FROM: Rob Portman, Director

SUBJECT: Update to Civilian Position Full Fringe Benefit Cost Factor, Federal Pay Raise Assumptions, Inflation Factors, and Tax Rates used in OMB Circular No. A-76, "Performance of Commercial Activities."

Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-76 requires agencies to use standard cost factors to estimate certain costs of government performance. These cost factors ensure that specific government costs are calculated in a standard and consistent manner to reasonably reflect the cost of performing commercial activities with government personnel. This memorandum updates the civilian position full fringe benefit cost factor, the annual Federal pay raise assumptions, inflation cost factors, and tax rate information. The update to the civilian position full fringe benefit cost factor is based on actuarial analyses provided by the Office of Personnel Management (OPM). The revised pay raise assumptions and inflation cost factors are based on the President's Budget for Fiscal Year 2007. The tax rates are based on information provided by the Internal Revenue Service.

Civilian Position Full Fringe Benefit Cost Factor

The Circular requires agencies to add the civilian position full fringe benefit cost factor to the basic pay for each full-time and part-time permanent civilian position in the agency cost estimate. This factor is comprised of four separate elements: (1) Insurance and health benefits, (2) standard civilian retirement benefits, (3) Medicare benefits, and (4) miscellaneous fringe benefits. OMB has determined, based on information provided by OPM, that the civilian position full fringe benefit cost factor needs to be adjusted upward, from 32.85 percent to 36.45 percent. This adjustment is necessary to account for increases in insurance and health benefits and civilian retirement benefits. The Medicare benefits and miscellaneous fringe benefits elements remain unchanged at this time. The revised cost elements of the civilian position full fringe benefit cost factor are summarized in the table below.

TABLE.—ELEMENTS OF THE CIVILIAN POSITION FULL FRINGE BENEFIT COST FACTOR

| Element | Previous cost factor | Updated cost factor (percent) |
|---|----------------------|-------------------------------|
| Insurance and Health Benefit ^a | 5.7 | 6.7 |
| Standard Civilian Retirement Benefit ^b | 24.0 | 26.6 |
| Medicare Benefit | 1.45 | 1.45 |
| Miscellaneous Fringe Benefit | 1.7 | 1.7 |
| Total Civilian Position Full Fringe Benefits | 32.85 | 36.45 |

^aThis factor is based on actuarial estimates for the costs of the government paid portion of health insurance under the Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) Program and the Federal Employees Government Life Insurance (FEGLI) Program. This figure is multiplied by the average participation rates in these programs and divided by the average civilian employee's salary (as identified in the President's Budget) to derive a factor as a percentage of basic pay. This factor is based only on costs borne by the government (not enrollee premiums) and only on behalf of active Federal employees (not retirees). Increases in government costs for retirees are reflected in the standard civilian retirement benefit cost factor.

^bThe standard civilian retirement benefit cost factor includes the government's accruing cost for pension benefits (Social Security, Thrift Savings Plan, Federal Employees or Civil Service Retirement Systems) and the accruing cost for post-retirement health benefits.

The master tables for COMPARE (the costing software that incorporates the costing procedures of the circular) have been updated to reflect these changes. The updates are available at <http://www.compareA76.com>. Agencies shall use the updated COMPARE master tables to calculate and document public and private sector costs in competitions where a performance decision has not been certified by the government by the effective date identified in the **Federal Register** notice accompanying the publication of this memorandum.

OMB intends to conduct periodic reviews of the civilian position full fringe benefit cost factor. OMB is exploring options with OPM for updating this factor on a more regularized schedule.

Accordingly, the following changes are made to OMB Circular A-76.

1. Subparagraphs B.2.f.(1)(a) and (b) of Attachment C are revised to read as follows:

(1) Full-time and Part-time Permanent Civilian Positions. Full-time and part-time permanent civilian positions receive the civilian position full fringe benefit cost factor of 36.45 percent of the position's basic pay. The 36.45 percent civilian position full fringe benefit cost factor is the sum of the standard civilian position retirement benefit cost factor (26.6 percent), insurance and health benefit cost factor (6.7 percent), Medicare benefit cost factor (1.45 percent), and miscellaneous fringe benefit cost factor (1.7 percent).

(a) Retirement Benefit Cost Factors. The standard civilian retirement benefit cost factor represents the cost of the weighted Civil Service Retirement System/Federal Employees Retirement System to the government, based upon the full dynamic normal cost of the retirement systems, the normal cost of accruing retiree health benefits based on average participation rates, social security, and Thrift Savings Plan

contributions. The standard civilian retirement benefit cost factor for civilian positions is 26.6 percent of the position's basic pay (20.4 percent retirement pension plus 6.2 percent for retiree health). The retirement cost factors for special class civilian positions are: 37.6 percent of basic pay for air traffic controllers (31.4 percent retirement pension plus 6.2 percent for retiree health) and 39.8 percent of basic pay for law enforcement and fire protection (33.6 percent retirement pension plus 6.2 percent for retiree health).

(b) Insurance and Health Benefit Cost Factor. The insurance and health benefit cost factor for civilian positions, based on actual cost, is 6.7 percent of the position's basic pay (0.2 percent for life insurance benefits and 6.5 percent for health benefits). The following standard cost factors and footnote no. 1 in Figure C.1 of Attachment C, "Table of Standard A-76 Costing Factors," are revised as set forth below:

TABLE OF STANDARD A-76 COSTING FACTORS

| Title | Originating source | Category of cost | Factor ¹ (percent) |
|--|---------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| Civilian Position Full Fringe Benefit Cost Factor | OMB Transmittal Memoranda | Pay | 36.45 |
| Insurance and Health Benefit Cost Factor | OMB Transmittal Memoranda | Pay | 6.7 |
| Special Class Retirement Cost Factor (Law Enforcement & Fire Protection) | OMB Transmittal Memoranda | Pay | 39.8 |
| Special Class Retirement Cost Factor (Air Traffic Control) | OMB Transmittal Memoranda | Pay | 37.6 |
| Standard Civilian Retirement Benefit Cost Factor | OMB Transmittal Memoranda | Pay | 26.6 |

¹The factors listed in this column are factors in effect on December 2005. Agencies should refer to the COMPARE Web site at <http://www.compareA76.com> for the updated COMPARE master tables and other updated information.

Federal Pay Raise Assumptions

The following Federal pay raise assumptions (including geographic pay differentials) that are in effect for 2006 shall be used for the development of government personnel costs.

The pay raise factors provided for 2007 and beyond shall be applied to all government personnel with no assumption being made as to how they will be distributed between possible locality and base pay increases.

FEDERAL PAY RAISE ASSUMPTIONS*

| Effective date | Civilian (percent) | Military (percent) |
|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| January 2006 | 3.1 | 3.1 |
| January 2007 | 2.2 | 2.7 |

*Federal pay raise assumptions have not been established for pay raises subsequent to January 2007. For January 2008 and beyond, the projected percentage change in the Employment Cost Index (ECI), 4.2 percent, should be used to estimate government personnel costs for public-private competitions. In future updates to cost factors in the Circular, as pay policy for years subsequent to 2007 is established, these pay raise assumptions will be revised.

Inflation Factors

The following non-pay inflation cost factors are provided for purposes of public-private competitions conducted pursuant to Circular A-76 only. They reflect the generic non-pay inflation assumptions used to develop the fiscal year 2007 budget baseline estimates required by law. The law requires that a specific inflation factor (GDP FY/FY chained price index) be used for this purpose. These inflation factors should not be viewed as estimates of expected inflation rates for major long-term procurement items or as an estimate of inflation for any particular agency's non-pay purchases mix.

NON-PAY CATEGORIES

[Supplies, equipment, etc.]

| | (percent) |
|---------------|-----------|
| FY 2007 | 2.2 |
| FY 2008 | 2.2 |
| FY 2009 | 2.1 |
| FY 2010 | 2.1 |
| FY 2011 | * 2.1 |

*Any subsequent years included in the period of performance shall use a 2.2% figure, until otherwise revised by OMB.

Tax Rate Tables

The Circular requires that agencies subtract the Federal income tax generated for the government from the total cost of private sector performance. The tax rate tables used in connection with public-private competitions have been revised. COMPARE will apply the updated tax rate information to establish the adjusted cost of private sector performance.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Upon Written Request, Copies Available From: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Filings and Information Services, Washington, DC 20549.

Extension: Rule 15c3-1; SEC File No. 270-197; OMB Control No. 3235-0200.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") a request for extension of the previously approved collection of information discussed below.

Rule 15c3-1 (17 C.F.R. 240.15c3-1) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 requires brokers and dealers to have at all times sufficient liquid assets to meet their current liabilities, particularly the claims of customers. The rule facilitates monitoring the financial condition of brokers and dealers by the Commission and the various self-regulatory organizations. It is estimated that approximately 6,100 broker-dealer respondents registered with the Commission incur an aggregate burden of 88,181 hours per year to comply with this rule. Finally, the estimated cost for the annual hour burden for Rule 15c3-1 is approximately \$22.7 million.

Rule 15c3-1 does not contain record retention requirements. Compliance with the rule is mandatory. The required records are available only to the examination staff of the Commission and the self-regulatory organization of which the broker-dealer is a member. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number.

Comments should be directed to (i) Desk Officer for the Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10102, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC, 20503 or by sending an e-mail to:

David.Rostker@omb.eop.gov; and (ii) R. Corey Booth, Director/Chief Information Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, c/o Shirley Martinson, 6432 General Green Way, Alexandria, Virginia 22312 or send an e-mail to: *PRA_Mailbox@sec.gov*. Comments must be submitted to OMB within 30 days of this notice.

Dated: October 23, 2006.

Nancy M. Morris,
Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Upon Written Request, Copies Available From: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Filings and Information Services, Washington, DC 20549.

Extension: Rule 17i-8; SEC File No. 270-533; OMB Control No. 3235-0591.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995¹ the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget a request for extension of the previously approved collection of information discussed below. The Code of Federal Regulation citation to this collection of information is the following rule: 17 CFR 240.17i-8.

Section 231 of the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act of 1999,² (the "GLBA") amended Section 17 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to create a regulatory framework under which a holding company of a broker-dealer ("investment bank holding company" or "IBHC") may voluntarily be supervised by the Commission as a supervised investment bank holding company (or "SIBHC").³ In 2004, the Commission promulgated rules, including Rule 17i-8, to create a framework for the Commission to supervise SIBHCs.⁴ This framework includes qualification criteria for SIBHCs, as well as recordkeeping and reporting requirements. Among other things, this regulatory framework for SIBHCs is intended to provide a basis for non-U.S. financial regulators to treat the Commission as the principal U.S. consolidated, home-country supervisor for SIBHCs and their affiliated broker-dealers.⁵

Pursuant to Section 17(i)(3)(A) of the Exchange Act, an SIBHC must make and keep records, furnish copies thereof, and make such reports as the

¹ 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

² Pub. L. 106-102, 113 Stat. 1338 (1999).

³ See 15 U.S.C. 78q(i).

⁴ See Exchange Act Release No. 49831 (Jun. 8, 2004), 69 FR 34472 (Jun. 21, 2004).

⁵ See H.R. Conf. Rep. No. 106-434, 165 (1999). See also Exchange Act Release No. 49831, at 6 (Jun. 8, 2004), 69 FR 34472, at 34473 (Jun. 21, 2004).