

statistics from the effective date of the rulemaking, the amendment appears to have had a *de minimis* effect on the number of filings received and thereby has not impacted PRA burden.

2. Electronic submission of premerger notification filings.<sup>5</sup> Since the effective date of this rulemaking only one electronic submission has been made. FTC staff anticipates that as the business community becomes more familiar with the new submission process more persons will choose to e-file and that such persons will experience a one hour reduction in burden (the estimated time to print or make copies of the documents when filing the traditional way). However, due to the low volume of electronic filings, the availability of the e-filing system currently has a *de minimis* effect on burden and the FTC conservatively declines to reduce its burden estimate at this time.

3. Allowing Internet links to be used for responses to Items 4(a) and (b) of the Notification and Report Form.<sup>6</sup> Staff projects that 50 percent of non-index filings will utilize this alternative method of providing financial data, resulting in a reduction in burden of one hour per non-index filing.

Finally, since staff last obtained OMB approval, the switch of the base year from 1997 to 2002 became effective.<sup>7</sup> Arguably there is some burden involved in changing the revenue numbers from 1997 to 2002 for the base year. However, this data is reported by large companies to the U.S. Census Bureau every five years in the ordinary course of business and, thus, the FTC is not required to account for such burden under the PRA.<sup>8</sup> Furthermore, based on staff's informal consultations with industry, staff anticipates that any increase in burden would be offset by a reduction in burden because recent revenue data is generally more easily retrievable by and readily available to reporting persons than older data. Nonetheless, although it appears a reduction in burden may be warranted, staff conservatively declines to make an adjustment to its previous burden estimate on this basis.

There were 3,510 non-index filings and 48 index filings in fiscal year 2006.

<sup>5</sup> 71 FR 35995 (June 23, 2006).

<sup>6</sup> 70 FR 73369 (December 12, 2005).

<sup>7</sup> The switch of the base year from 1997 to 2002 became effective December 30, 2005. 70 FR 77312 (December 30, 2005).

<sup>8</sup> See 5 CFR 1320.3(b)(2). Staff recognizes that the HSR Rules require companies to report total revenues for a specific NAICS code (whereas, the Census Bureau collects data for a specific NAICS code for each establishment). Nonetheless, staff anticipates that the burden tied to the aggregation of such data as required by the HSR Rules is *de minimis*.

Based on an average increase of 13% in fiscal year 2004—fiscal year 2006 in the number of non-index filings, staff projects a total of 3,966 non-index filings for fiscal year 2007. Likewise based on an average decrease of 34% in index filings over the same time period, staff projects a total of 32 index filings for fiscal year 2007. Retaining the FTC's previous assumptions, staff estimates that non-index filings require approximately 39 burden hours per filing and index filings require an average of 2 hours per filing. Finally, staff continues to estimate that approximately 91 transactions will require an additional 40 hours of burden due to the need for a more precise valuation of transactions that are near a filing fee threshold.<sup>9</sup> Thus, the total estimated hours burden before adjustment is 158,378 hours [(3,966 non-index filings × 39 hours) + (32 index filings × 2 hours) + (91 acquiring person non-index filings requiring more precise valuation × 40 hours)]. Adjusting for the reduced burden due to incorporating Item 4(a) and Item 4(b) documents by reference to an Internet link reduces the total burden by 1,983 hours (3,966 non-index filings × .5 = 1,983 × 1 hour = 1,983 hours), resulting in total burden for fiscal year 2007 of 156,395 hours.

This is a conservative estimate. In estimating PRA burden, staff considered “the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency.” 5 CFR 1320.3(b)(1). This includes “developing, acquiring, installing, and utilizing technology and systems for the purpose of disclosing and providing information.” 5 CFR 1320.3(b)(1)(iv). Although not expressly stated in the OMB regulation implementing the PRA, the definition of burden arguably includes upgrading and maintaining computer and other systems used to comply with a rule's requirements. Conversely, to the extent that these systems are used in the ordinary course of business independent of the Rule, their associated upkeep would fall outside the realm of PRA “burden.”

Industry has been subject to the basic provisions of the HSR Rules since 1978. Thus, businesses have had several years (and some have had decades) to integrate compliance systems into their

<sup>9</sup> The FTC retains its previous estimate that 4.6% of non-index filings for acquiring persons will require a more precise valuation. Using staff's projections for fiscal year 2007, 91 transactions will undergo a more precise valuation process [(3,966 non-index filings / 2) = 1,983 (number of non-index filings for acquiring persons) × 4.6%].

business procedures. Accordingly, most companies now maintain records and provide updated order information of the kind required by the HSR Rules in their ordinary course of business. Nevertheless, staff conservatively assumes that the time devoted to compliance with the Rule by existing and new companies remains unchanged from its preceding estimate.

*Estimated labor costs:* \$73,506,000 (rounded to the nearest thousand).

Using the burden hours estimated above and applying an estimated average of \$470/hour for executive and attorney wages,<sup>10</sup> staff estimates that the total labor cost associated with the HSR Rules and the Notification and Report Form is approximately \$73,505,650 (156,395 hours × \$470/hour).

*Estimated annual non-labor cost burden:* \$0 or minimal.

The applicable requirements impose minimal start-up costs, as businesses subject to the HSR Rules generally have or obtain necessary equipment for other business purposes. Staff believes that the above requirements necessitate ongoing, regular training so that covered entities stay current and have a clear understanding of federal mandates, but that this would be a small portion of and subsumed within the ordinary training that employees receive apart from that associated with the information collected under the HSR Rules and the corresponding Notification and Report Form.

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## FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

### Granting of Request for Early Termination of the Waiting Period Under the Premerger Notification Rules

Section 7A of the Clayton Act, 15 U.S.C. 18a, as added by Title II of the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, requires persons contemplating certain mergers or acquisitions to give the Federal Trade Commission and the Assistant Attorney General advance notice and to wait designated periods before consummation of such plans. Section 7A(b)(2) of the Act permits the agencies, in individual cases, to terminate this waiting period prior to its expiration

<sup>10</sup> The FTC's previous estimate of \$425 per hour has been increased by the Social Security COLA percentage for fiscal year 2004—fiscal year 2006 (fiscal year 2004 (2.7%), fiscal year 2005 (4.1%), fiscal year 2006 (3.3%)).

and requires that notice of this action be published in the **Federal Register**.

The following transactions were granted early termination of the waiting period provided by law and the

premerger notification rules. The grants were made by the Federal Trade Commission and the Assistant Attorney General for the Antitrust Division of the

Department of Justice. Neither agency intends to take any action with respect to these proposed acquisitions during the applicable waiting period.

Trans #	Acquiring	Acquired	Entities
<b>TRANSACTIONS GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION—12/18/2006</b>			
20070345 .....	GTCR Fund IX/A, L.P .....	3M Company .....	3M Innovative Properties Company. Riker Laboratories, Inc.
<b>TRANSACTIONS GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION—12/19/2006</b>			
20070341 .....	Cadent Energy Partners I, L.P .....	George W. Mullane, Jr .....	Logan Oil Tools, Inc.
20070371 .....	Green Equity Investors IV, L.P .....	Brickman Group Holdings, Inc .....	Brickman Group Holdings, Inc.
20070378 .....	Cooper Industries, Ltd .....	Wire-Pro, Inc .....	Viking Electronics, Inc., Wire-Pro, Inc., WPI-Boston Division, Inc., WPI-Sarasota Division, Inc., WPI- Viking Division, S.A. de C.V.
20070391 .....	United Technologies Corporation .....	Longville Group Ltd .....	Longville Group Ltd.
20070411 .....	Blum Strategic Partners III, L.P .....	Kinetic Concepts, Inc .....	Kinetic Concepts, Inc.
20070438 .....	Sterling Investment Partner II, L.P .....	Fairway Operating Corp .....	Fairway Operating Corp.
20070441 .....	Deutsche Post AG .....	Atlas Air Worldwide Holdings, Inc .....	Polar Air Cargo Worldwide, Inc.
20070465 .....	Hewlett-Packard Company .....	Knightsbridge Solutions Holdings Corp.	Knightsbridge Solutions Holding Corp.
<b>TRANSACTIONS GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION—12/20/2006</b>			
20070168 .....	H.I.G. TestAmerica, Inc .....	Severn Trent Plc .....	Aerotech Holdings, Inc., En Novative Technologies, Inc., Severn Trent Laboratories, Inc.
20070383 .....	Carylyle Partners IV, L.P .....	Sharon Tube Corporation .....	Sharon Tube Corporation.
20070392 .....	Smith & Wesson Holding Corpora- tion.	Bear Lake Acquisition Corp .....	Bear Lake Acquisition Corp.
20070440 .....	Tullett Prebon plc .....	C&W Corporate Securities LLC .....	Chapdelaine Corporate Securities & Co.
20070442 .....	Oak Hill Capital Partners II, L.P .....	Frank A. Critz, M.D .....	Radiotherapy Clinics of Georgia.
20070443 .....	Lonza Group Limited .....	Cambrex Corporation .....	Cambrex Corporation.
20070448 .....	Lawrence Flinn, Jr .....	Barry O'Callaghan .....	HM Rivergroup, PLC.
20070455 .....	Edward W. Stack .....	Golf Galaxy, Inc .....	Golf Galaxy, Inc.
<b>TRANSACTIONS GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION—12/21/2006</b>			
20070397 .....	Group 1 Automotive, Inc .....	A. Baron Cass III .....	Baron Development Company, LLC, Baron Motorwerks, LLC, Baron Volkswagen, Inc.
20070398 .....	Group 1 Automotive, Inc .....	Barton J. Cohen .....	Baron Development Company, LLC, Baron Motowerks, LLC, Baron Volkswagen, Inc.
20070407 .....	Partners HealthCare System, Inc .....	Martha's Vineyard Hospital, Inc .....	Martha's Vineyard Hospital, Inc.
20070410 .....	Partners HealthCare System, Inc .....	Nantucket Cottage Hospital .....	Nantucket Cottage Hospital.
20070431 .....	Third Point Offshore Fund, Ltd .....	Pogo Producing Company .....	Pogo Producing Company.
<b>TRANSACTIONS GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION—12/22/2006</b>			
20070367 .....	Medstead Luxco S.a.r.l .....	Permira Europe II L.P.2 .....	Ferretti S.p.A.
20070369 .....	Bain Capital (OSI) IX, L.P .....	OSI Restaurant Partners, Inc .....	OSI Restaurant Partners, Inc.
20070400 .....	Sonoco Products Company .....	Snyder Investment Holdings LLC .....	Clear Pack Company.
20070403 .....	Goldstein Group, Inc .....	Velia Samuels Common Stock Trust	Samuels Recycling Company.
20070415 .....	Starwood Capital Hospitality Fund I- 2, L.P.	elevenseven Holdings, L.L.C .....	elevenseven Holdings, L.L.C.
20070425 .....	Freeport-McMoRan Cooper & Gold Inc.	Phelps Dodge Corporation .....	Phelps Dodge Corporation.
20070427 .....	Glide Buy-Out Fund III CV .....	Rockwood Holdings, Inc .....	Grup Novasep SAS.
20070429 .....	ArLight Energy Partners Fund III, L.P.	AltairStrickland Group, Inc .....	AltairStrickland Group, Inc.
20070457 .....	Harbinger Capital Partners Offshore Fund I, Ltd.	Calpine Corporation .....	MEP Pleasant Hill, LLC.
20070460 .....	Mr. Jostein Eikeland .....	Fiat S.p.A .....	Meridian Technologies, Inc.
20070467 .....	Behrman Capital III L.P .....	The Jerry L. Hayden Trust dated April 22, 1994.	Peacock Engineering Company.
20070468 .....	Geodis S.A .....	TNT N.V .....	TNT Freight Management Holdings.
20070474 .....	Marubeni Corporation .....	Mark J. Valley .....	Intragrated Resources Holdings, Inc.

Trans #	Acquiring	Acquired	Entities
20070475 .....	Colam Entrepreneure S.A .....	Crawford Electric Supply Company, Ltd.	Crawford Electric Supply Company, Ltd.
20070477 .....	Standex International Corporation ....	Associated American Industries, Inc	Associated American Industries, Inc.
20070480 .....	General Motors Corporation .....	Con-way Inc .....	Vector SCM, LLC.
20070482 .....	GS Capital Partners V, L.P .....	McJunkin Corporation .....	McJunkin Corporation.
20070483 .....	General Electric Company .....	Moseley Associates, Inc .....	Microwave Data Systems, Inc.
20070484 .....	Graeme Hart .....	International Paper Company .....	International Paper Company.
20070485 .....	Veritas Capital Fund III, L.P .....	Pearson plc .....	NCS Pearson Venezuela, NCS Services de Mexico, S.A. de C.V., Pearson Analytic Solutions, Inc., Pearson Canada Solutions Limited, Pearson Government Solution, Inc., Pearson Soluciones S.A., Soluciones Pearson Mexico, S.A. de C.V.
20070489 .....	Cardiovascular Hospitals of America, LLC.	St. Francis Health Care System of Hawaii.	Hawaii Health Ventures, LLC, SFMC Joint Ventures, LLC, St. Francis Imaging, LLC, St. Francis Medical Center, St. Francis Medical Center—West.
<b>TRANSACTIONS GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION—12/26/2006</b>			
20070478 .....	Scott Sheridan .....	INVESTools, Inc .....	INVESTools Inc.
20070479 .....	Tom Sosnoff .....	INVESTools Inc .....	INVESTools Inc.
20070488 .....	Motorola, Inc .....	Netopia, Inc .....	Netopia, Inc.
<b>TRANSACTIONS GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION—12/28/2006</b>			
20060776 .....	General Dynamics Corporation .....	SNC-Lavalin Group Inc .....	SNC Technologies Corp., SNC Technologies Inc.
<b>TRANSACTIONS GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION—12/29/2006</b>			
20061812 .....	The TriZetto Group, Inc .....	Quality Care Solutions, Inc .....	Quality Care Solutions, Inc.

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By Direction of the Commission.

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## GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

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### Federal Acquisition Institute/Defense Acquisition University Vendor Meeting

**AGENCY:** Office of the Chief Acquisition Officer, GSA

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Acquisition Institute (FAI) and the Defense Acquisition University (DAU) will hold a vendor meeting to provide information on shared initiatives and activities. FAI will describe plans and requirements for

training related services under the Acquisition Workforce Training Fund (AWTF).

FAI and DAU work together to address many of the acquisition workforce training needs of the Federal government. Partnering with DAU enables FAI to build upon existing DAU training, develop governmentwide curriculum, and promote a cohesive and agile workforce. At the vendor meeting, DAU will present information on recent contracting curriculum changes. FAI will discuss how the curriculum changes impact the federal acquisition workforce.

**WHO SHOULD ATTEND?** Training developers, vendors with Commercial-Off-The-Shelf (COTS) training products, vendors with capabilities related to the full Instructional System Design (ISD) methodologies, and acquisition training experts.

The meeting will be held January 24, 2007 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., GSA Auditorium located at 1800 F Street, NW, Washington, D.C. Register by e-mail: [maria\\_hernandez@sra.com](mailto:maria_hernandez@sra.com), or telephone (703) 284-6988.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics: Meeting

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announces the following advisory committee meeting.

*Name:* National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics (NCVHS), Subcommittee on Privacy and Confidentiality.

*Time and Date:* January 23, 2007 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

*Place:* National Center for Health Statistics, 3311 Toledo Road, Hyattsville, MD 20787.

*Status:* Open.

*Purpose:* The purpose of this working session will be to discuss privacy issue around personal health records (PHR) and non-covered health care providers (such as cash-only operations).

*Contact Person for More Information:* Substantive program information as well as