

protected, please contact the DFO listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** to obtain special instructions before submitting your nomination.

2. *Request for nominations to be considered for ad hoc participation on the FIFRA SAP.* As part of a broader process for developing a pool of experts known as the Food Quality Protection Act (FQPA) Science Review Board (SRB), Office of Science Coordination and Policy (OSCP) staff solicits the public and stakeholder communities nominations of prospective candidates for service as *ad hoc* participants on FIFRA SAP reviews. Any interested person or organization may nominate qualified individuals to be considered as prospective candidates. Individuals may self-nominate. Individuals nominated should have expertise in one or more of the following areas: Biochemistry; chemistry; epidemiology; human health risk assessment; pathology; PBPK modeling; aquatic modeling; pharmacology; ecological risk assessment; environmental exposure and fate; environmental toxicology; occupational, consumer, and general exposure assessment; toxicology; dose response modeling; environmental engineering; statistics; water quality monitoring; hydrologist; GIS specialist; computational toxicology; entomology; veterinary entomology; medical entomology, insect ecology, allergenicity, research veterinarian; inhalation toxicology; volatile organics; endocrinology, alternative testing methods, high throughput testing approaches, adverse outcome pathways, cross species extrapolation, and systematic review. Nominees should be scientists who have sufficient professional qualifications, including training and experience, and can provide expert comments on the pesticide health and safety related issues for a FIFRA SAP meeting. Nominees should be identified by name, occupation, position, address, email address, and telephone number. Nominations should be provided to the DFO listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** on or before November 13, 2018. The Agency will consider all nominations of prospective candidates for service as *ad hoc* participants on the FIFRA SAP that are received on or before that date. However, final selection of *ad hoc* participants is at the discretion of the Agency.

The selection of scientists to serve as *ad hoc* participants of the FIFRA SAP is based on the function of the Panel and the expertise needed to address the Agency's charge to the Panel. No interested scientists shall be ineligible

to serve by reason of their membership on any other advisory committee to a Federal department or agency or their employment by a Federal department or agency, except EPA. Other factors considered during the selection process include availability of the prospective candidate to fully participate in the Panel's reviews, absence of any conflicts of interest or appearance of loss of impartiality, independence with respect to the matters under review, and lack of bias. Although financial conflicts of interest, the appearance of loss of impartiality, lack of independence, and bias may result in disqualification, the absence of such concerns does not assure that a candidate will be selected to serve on FIFRA SAP. Often, numerous available and qualified candidates are identified for *ad hoc* participation. Therefore, selection decisions involve carefully weighing a number of factors including the candidates' areas of expertise and professional qualifications and achieving an overall balance of different scientific perspectives on the Panel.

FIFRA SAP members are subject to the provisions of 5 CFR part 2634—Executive Branch Financial Disclosure, Qualified Trusts, and Certificates of Divestiture, as supplemented by EPA in 5 CFR part 6401. In anticipation of this requirement, prospective candidates for service on FIFRA SAP will be asked to submit confidential financial information which shall fully disclose, among other financial interests, the candidate's employment, stocks and bonds, and where applicable, sources of research support. EPA will evaluate the candidates' financial disclosure forms to assess whether there are financial conflicts of interest, appearance of a loss of impartiality, or any prior involvement with the development of the documents under consideration (including previous scientific peer review) before the candidate is considered further for service on FIFRA SAP. Those who are selected from the pool of prospective candidates will be asked to attend the public meetings and to participate in the discussion of key issues and assumptions at these meetings. In addition, they will be asked to review and to help finalize the meeting minutes. The list of *ad hoc* participants and FIFRA SAP members participating at each meeting will be posted on the FIFRA SAP website at <http://www.epa.gov/sap> or may be obtained from the OPP Docket at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

## II. Background

### A. Purpose of FIFRA SAP

The Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, Scientific Advisory Panel (FIFRA SAP) serves as a primary scientific peer review mechanism of EPA's Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention (OCSPP) and is structured to provide scientific advice, information and recommendations to the EPA Administrator on pesticides and pesticide-related issues as to the impact of regulatory actions on health and the environment. FIFRA SAP is a Federal advisory committee established in 1975 under FIFRA that operates in accordance with requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. Appendix). FIFRA SAP is composed of a permanent panel consisting of seven members who are appointed by the EPA Administrator from nominees provided by the National Institutes of Health and the National Science Foundation. The FIFRA SAP is assisted in their reviews by ad hoc participation from members of the Food Quality Protection Act (FQPA) Science Review Board (SRB). As a scientific peer review mechanism, FIFRA SAP provides comments, evaluations, and recommendations to improve the effectiveness and quality of analyses made by Agency scientists. The FIFRA SAP is not required to reach consensus in its recommendations to the Agency but consensus is a preferred outcome and possible under FACCA.

At this time, EPA is seeking nominations to augment the FQPA SRB, a pool of experts who can be available to the SAP on an ad hoc basis to assist in peer reviews conducted by the Panel. EPA anticipates selecting experts from this pool, as needed, to assist the SAP in their peer review of EPA's issues related to the health and safety of pesticides.

**Authority:** 15 U.S.C. 2625 *et seq.*; 5 U.S.C. Appendix 2 *et seq.*

Dated: September 19, 2018.

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## FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

### Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

**ACTION:** Notice; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** The Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Board) invites comment on a proposal to extend for three years, with revision, the Procurement Solicitation Package (FR 1400; OMB No. 7100–0180).

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before November 27, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by *FR 1400*, by any of the following methods:

- *Agency website:* <http://www.federalreserve.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments at <https://www.federalreserve.gov/apps/foia/proposedregs.aspx>.

- *Email:* [regs.comments@federalreserve.gov](mailto:regs.comments@federalreserve.gov). Include OMB number in the subject line of the message.

- *Fax:* (202) 452–3819 or (202) 452–3102.

- *Mail:* Ann E. Misback, Secretary, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, 20th Street and Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20551.

All public comments are available from the Board's website at <https://www.federalreserve.gov/apps/foia/proposedregs.aspx> as submitted, unless modified for technical reasons or to remove sensitive PII (personally identifiable information) at the commenter's request. Public comments may also be viewed electronically or in paper form in Room 3515, 1801 K Street NW (between 18th and 19th Streets NW), Washington, DC 20006 between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on weekdays. For security reasons, the Board requires that visitors make an appointment to inspect comments. You may do so by calling (202) 452–3684. Upon arrival, visitors will be required to present valid government-issued photo identification and to submit to security screening in order to inspect and photocopy comments.

Additionally, commenters may send a copy of their comments to the OMB Desk Officer—Shagufta Ahmed—Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503 or by fax to (202) 395–6974.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** A copy of the PRA OMB submission, including the proposed reporting form and instructions, supporting statement, and other documentation will be placed into OMB's public docket files, once approved. These documents will also be made available on the Board's public website at: <http://>

[www.federalreserve.gov/apps/reportforms/review.aspx](http://www.federalreserve.gov/apps/reportforms/review.aspx) or may be requested from the agency clearance officer, whose name appears below.

Federal Reserve Board Clearance Officer—Nuha Elmaghribi—Office of the Chief Data Officer, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Washington, DC 20551 (202) 452–3829. Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) users may contact (202) 263–4869, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Washington, DC 20551.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On June 15, 1984, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) delegated to the Board authority under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) to approve of and assign OMB control numbers to collection of information requests and requirements conducted or sponsored by the Board. In exercising this delegated authority, the Board is directed to take every reasonable step to solicit comment. In determining whether to approve a collection of information, the Board will consider all comments received from the public and other agencies.

#### Request for Comment on Information Collection Proposal

The Board invites public comment on the following information collection, which is being reviewed under authority delegated by the OMB under the PRA. Comments are invited on the following:

a. Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the Board's functions; including whether the information has practical utility;

b. The accuracy of the Board's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

c. Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;

d. Ways to minimize the burden of information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and

e. Estimates of capital or startup costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

At the end of the comment period, the comments and recommendations received will be analyzed to determine the extent to which the Board should modify the proposal prior to giving final approval.

#### Proposal To Approve Under OMB Delegated Authority the Extension for Three Years, With Revision, of the Following Reports

*Report title:* Vendor Database.

*Agency form number:* FR 1400A.

*OMB control number:* 7100–0180.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Respondents:* Businesses.

*Estimated number of respondents:* 250.

*Estimated average hours per response:*

1.

*Estimated annual burden hours:* 250.

*Report title:* Solicitation Package.

*Agency form number:* FR 1400B.

*OMB control number:* 7100–0180.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Respondents:* Businesses.

*Estimated number of respondents:*

300.

*Estimated average hours per response:*

81.

*Estimated annual burden hours:*

24,300.

*Report title:* Vendor Risk Management Offeror Questionnaire.

*Agency form number:* FR 1400C.

*OMB control number:* 7100–0180.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Respondents:* Businesses.

*Estimated number of respondents:* 20.

*Estimated average hours per response:*

12.

*Estimated annual burden hours:* 240.

*Report title:* Subcontracting Report.

*Agency form number:* FR 1400D.

*OMB control number:* 7100–0180.

*Frequency:* Quarterly.

*Respondents:* Businesses.

*Estimated number of respondents:* 75.

*Estimated average hours per response:*

0.5.

*Estimated annual burden hours:* 150.

*General description of report:* The Board is continuously seeking vendors who are interested in doing business with the Board through various outreach events, minority/diversity conferences, meetings, and events targeted to either a specific industry classification of vendors or an upcoming acquisition. Vendors are encouraged during these efforts to register in the Board's database of interested vendors (FR 1400A). In announcing an acquisition, Board staff contacts vendors registered in the Board database via electronic mail or by telephone, and provides the Solicitation Package (FR 1400B) and applicable attachments. The Solicitation, Offer, and Award form (SOA) (Attachment A of FR 1400B) is required with proposals offered in response to a solicitation issued by the Board. The Supplier Information Form (Attachment N of FR 1400B) is required for the entry of a

vendor into the Board's contract writing and invoice payment system. As a result of the criteria used by the Board to evaluate proposals, the Solicitation Package may also include the Past Performance Data Sheet and Past Performance Questionnaire (Attachment I of FR 1400B) if past performance is an evaluation factor. Typically, if past performance is considered an evaluation factor, the vendor is asked to submit information on up to three previous contracts whose effort is recent and relevant to the effort required by the solicitation.

Solicitations that require the vendor to process, store, or transmit data from the Board will contain the Vendor Risk Management Offeror Questionnaire (FR 1400C). The questionnaire will be specific to the security controls surrounding the vendor's proposed application that will be used to process, store, or transmit the data. Security controls will be defined and prioritized based on the Federal Information Security Modernization Act of 2014 (FISMA) and the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Special Publication 800-53 (Security Controls and Assessment Procedures for Federal Information Systems and Organizations). In addition, for solicitations that have subcontracting opportunities and are expected to exceed \$100,000 (\$300,000 for construction), a non-covered company vendor is required to submit a subcontracting plan in its own format, with its proposal. Then, if the vendor is the chosen vendor and awarded a contract, the vendor is required to provide the quarterly Subcontracting Reports (FR 1400D) to the Board, which shall document the vendor's participation achievement on a cumulative basis. Information from the Subcontracting Report is used to assist the Board in fulfilling the requirement in Section 342(e) of the Dodd-Frank Act that requires the Board to submit to Congress an annual report regarding the fair inclusion of minorities and women in contracting.

*Proposed revisions:* To assist the Board's competitive vendor solicitation process, the Board is proposing to revise the FR 1400 by (1) reformatting and updating the Solicitation Package, including the Solicitation, Offer, and Award Form (SOA), Supplier Information Form, Past Performance Data Sheet, and Past Performance Questionnaire (FR 1400B); (2) adding the Vendor Risk Management Offeror Questionnaire (FR 1400C); and (3) revising the Subcontracting Report (FR 1400D) to improve clarity and gather specific information in accordance with

the Board's subcontracting goals. Lastly, the Board proposes to discontinue the use of the Request for Price Quotation Form (RFP/RFPQ). The purpose of the RFPQ form will be absorbed into the FR 1400B.

*Legal authorization and confidentiality:* The FR 1400A is voluntary. For prospective vendors that decide to submit proposals to the Board, the FR 1400B, 1400C, and 1400D are required to obtain a benefit, in order to be eligible for the award of a contract.

The FR 1400 is authorized pursuant to sections 10 and 11 of the Federal Reserve Act ("FRA"), and section 342(c) of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act ("Dodd-Frank"). Sections 10(3) and 11 of the FRA (12 U.S.C. 243 and 248(l)) grant the Board full authority to manage its buildings and its staff. Section 10(4) of the FRA (12 U.S.C. 244) authorizes the Board to determine and prescribe the manner in which its obligations shall be incurred and its disbursements and expenses allowed and paid. Therefore, the Board can solicit proposals and seek the information in FR 1400 from prospective vendors.

Additionally, the FR 1400 is authorized by section 342(c) of Dodd-Frank (12 U.S.C. 5452(c)), which requires the Board to develop and implement standards and procedures for the review and evaluation of contract proposals and for hiring service providers that include a component that gives consideration to the diversity of a prospective vendor and the fair inclusion of women and minorities in the workforce of such vendor and any subcontractor.

A vendor generally may request confidential treatment for information submitted during the solicitation process, and the Board will review the request to determine if the data may be kept confidential under exemption 4 of the Freedom of Information Act, which protects from disclosure trade secrets and commercial or financial information (5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4)).

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, September 24, 2018.

**Michele Taylor Fennell,**

*Assistant Secretary of the Board.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

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#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is announcing an opportunity for the public to comment on CMS' intention to collect information from the public. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (the PRA), federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information (including each proposed extension or reinstatement of an existing collection of information) and to allow 60 days for public comment on the proposed action. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding our burden estimates or any other aspect of this collection of information, including the necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions, the accuracy of the estimated burden, ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected, and the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

**DATES:** Comments must be received by November 27, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** When commenting, please reference the document identifier or OMB control number. To be assured consideration, comments and recommendations must be submitted in any one of the following ways:

1. *Electronically.* You may send your comments electronically to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for "Comment or Submission" or "More Search Options" to find the information collection document(s) that are accepting comments.

2. *By regular mail.* You may mail written comments to the following address: CMS, Office of Strategic Operations and Regulatory Affairs, Division of Regulations Development, Attention: Document Identifier/OMB Control Number \_\_\_\_, Room C4-26-05, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

To obtain copies of a supporting statement and any related forms for the