

integration of law enforcement, drug treatment and drug abuse prevention programs.

Seven new HDTAs were designated in 1997. They are: the Detroit, Michigan HDTA, the Gulf Coast HDTA (includes parts of Alabama, Louisiana, and Mississippi); the Lake County, Indiana HDTA, the Midwest HDTA (includes parts of Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, and South Dakota, with focus on methamphetamine); the Northwest HDTA (includes seven counties of Washington State); the Rocky Mountain HDTA (includes parts of Colorado, Utah, and Wyoming) and the San Francisco Bay Area HDTA.

The states and counties included in the three new HDTAs are:

(1) Milwaukee, Wisconsin—The Milwaukee HDTA currently consists of the county of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

(2) The Appalachia HDTA—The Appalachia HDTA currently consists of the following twenty-six (26) Kentucky counties: Adair, Bell, Breathitt, Clay, Clinton, Cumberland, Floyd, Harlan, Jackson, Knott, Knox, Laurel, Lee, Leslie, McCreary, Magoffin, Marion, Monroe, Owsley, Perry, Pike, Pulaski, Rockcastle, Taylor, Wayne, Whitley; the following eleven (11) West Virginia counties: Boone, Braxton, Cabell, Gilmer, Lewis, Lincoln, Logan, Mason, McDowell, Mingo and Wayne; and the following twenty-eight (28) Tennessee counties: Bledsoe, Campbell, Claiborne, Clay, Cocke, Cumberland, Fentress, Franklin, Grainger, Greene, Grundy, Hamblen, Hancock, Hawkins, Jackson, Jefferson, Macon, Marion, Overton, Pickett, Putnam, Rhea, Scott, Sequatchie, Sevier, Unicoi, Van Buren and White.

(3) Central Florida HDTA—The Central Florida HDTA consists of seven (7) Florida counties: Hillsborough, Orange, Osceola, Pinellas, Polk, Seminole, Volusia.

Signed at Washington, D.C. this 27th day of February, 1998.

Barry R. McCaffrey,
Director.

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY: Federal Election Commission
DATE & TIME: Tuesday, April 14, 1998 at 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: 999 E Street, N.W., Washington, DC.

STATUS: This meeting will be closed to the public.

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

Compliance matters pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 437g.

Audits conducted pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 437g, § 438(b), and Title 26, U.S.C.

Matters concerning participation in civil actions or proceedings or arbitration.

Internal personnel rules and procedures or matters affecting a particular employee.

DATE & TIME: Thursday, April 16, 1998 at 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: 999 E Street, N.W., Washington, DC (ninth floor).

STATUS: This meeting will be open to the public.

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

Correction and Approval of Minutes.
Future Meeting Dates.

Advisory Opinion 1997-21: (Reconsideration). Firebaugh for Congress Committee by counsel, Judith Corley.

Advisory Opinion 1997-24: The Corporation for the Advancement of Psychiatry and CAP Political Action Committee, by the CAPPAC treasurer, Gerald H. Flamm, M.D. (continued from meeting of March 12, 1998).

Advisory Opinion 1998-04: White Oak Technologies, Inc. by Alan J. Broder, President.

Audit: San Diego Host Committee/Sail to Victory '96 (continued from meeting of March 5, 1998).

Audit: Committee on Arrangements for the 1996 Republican National Convention (continued from meeting of March 5, 1998).

Administrative Matters.

PERSON TO CONTACT FOR INFORMATION:
Mr. Ron Harris, Press Officer,
Telephone: (202) 219-4155.

Marjorie W. Emmons,

Secretary of the Commission.

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FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

Ocean Freight Forwarder License; Applicants

Notice is hereby given that the following applicants have filed with the Federal Maritime Commission applications for licenses as ocean freight forwarders pursuant to section 19 of the Shipping Act of 1984 (46 U.S.C. app. 1718 and 46 CFR 510).

Persons knowing of any reason why any of the following applicants should not receive a license are requested to contact the Office of Freight Forwarders, Federal Maritime Commission,

Washington, D.C. 20573. Puget Sound International, Inc., 3205 Port of Tacoma Road, Tacoma, WA 98421, Officers: Gina Lyons, President, William L. Lageman, Vice President.

Dated: April 3, 1998.

Joseph C. Polking,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System

ACTION: Notice

BACKGROUND: On June 15, 1984, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) delegated to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Board) its approval authority under the Paperwork Reduction Act, as per 5 CFR 1320.16, to approve of and assign OMB control numbers to collection of information requests and requirements conducted or sponsored by the Board under conditions set forth in 5 CFR 1320 Appendix A.1. The Federal Reserve may not conduct or sponsor, and the respondent is not required to respond to, an information collection that has been extended, revised, or implemented on or after October 1, 1995, unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. Board-approved collections of information will be incorporated into the official OMB inventory of currently approved collections of information. A copy of the OMB 83-I and supporting statement and the approved collection of information instrument will be placed into OMB's public docket files. The following information collection, which is being handled under this delegated authority, has received initial Board approval and is hereby published for comment. At the end of the comment period, the proposed information collection, along with an analysis of comments and recommendations received, will be submitted to the Board for final approval under OMB delegated authority. Comments are invited on the following:

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

b. The accuracy of the Federal Reserve'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; and

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.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before June 8, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments, which should refer to the OMB control number or agency form number, should be addressed to William W. Wiles, Secretary, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, 20th and C Streets, N.W., Washington, DC 20551, or delivered to the Board's mail room between 8:45 a.m. and 5:15 p.m., and to the security control room outside of those hours. Both the mail room and the security control room are accessible from the courtyard entrance on 20th Street between Constitution Avenue and C Street, N.W. Comments received may be inspected in room M-P-500 between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., except as provided in section 261.14 of the Board's Rules Regarding Availability of Information, 12 CFR 261.14(a).

A copy of the comments may also be submitted to the OMB desk officer for the Board: Alexander T. Hunt, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 3208, Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: A copy of the proposed form and instructions, the Paperwork Reduction Act Submission (OMB 83-I), supporting statement, and other documents that will be placed into OMB's public docket files once approved may be requested from the agency clearance officer, whose name appears below.

Mary M. McLaughlin, Chief, Financial Reports Section (202-452-3829), Division of Research and Statistics, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Washington, DC 20551. Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) users may contact Diane Jenkins (202-452-3544), Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Washington, DC 20551.

Proposal to approve under OMB delegated authority the implementation of the following report:

1. *Report title:* Survey of Small Business Finances

Agency form number: FR 3044

OMB control number: 7100-0262

Frequency: one-time

Reporters: small businesses

Annual reporting hours: 6,100

Estimated average hours per response: 1

Number of respondents: 6,100

Small businesses are affected.

General description of report: This information collection would be voluntary (12 U.S.C. 252, 1817(j), 1828(c), and 1841 et seq.). Individual respondent data would be provided in a public-use file. However, any information that could identify respondent firms, or the financial institutions that they use, would be excluded from the public data set pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act [5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(4)].

Abstract: The FR 3044 would be similar to the 1987 and 1993 National Surveys of Small Business Finances (OMB Nos. 7100-0234 and 7100-0262, respectively). In part, this survey is being conducted to collect information needed to satisfy the requirements of Section 2227 of the Economic Growth and Regulatory Paperwork Reduction Act of 1996. This law requires the Board to conduct a study and submit a report to the Congress every five years "...detailing the extent of small business lending by all creditors...."

The FR 3044 would gather data from small businesses on their financial relationships, credit experiences, lending terms and conditions, income and balance sheet information, the location and types of financial institutions used, and other firm characteristics. The survey would be conducted by a private survey firm to be chosen in a competitive bidding process. In conjunction with Board staff, the survey firm would conduct small focus groups to investigate emerging issues in small business finance and update the 1993 questionnaire. The survey firm would then conduct two pretests with a minimum of fifty small business firms in each pretest. Following revisions to the questionnaire, the survey would be conducted by means of computer-assisted telephone interviews with approximately 6,000 randomly selected small business firms. Interviewing would likely commence in early 1999.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, April 3, 1998.

William W. Wiles,

Secretary of the Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[CRADA EPO-98-001]

Cooperative Research and Development Agreement

AGENCY: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Epidemiology Program Office (EPO), Division of Applied Public Health Training (DAPHT), announces the opportunity for potential collaborators to enter into a Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA) for development of an interactive computer game based on principles of epidemiology and public health practice.

The science of epidemiology is a critical element to achieving CDC's mission, "To promote health and quality of life by preventing and controlling disease, injury, and disability." Through interaction with this computer game, players will have an opportunity to apply epidemiology in simulated public health situations. Through this activity, players will acquire knowledge and develop skills enabling them to promote CDC's public health prevention mission.

It is anticipated that all inventions which may arise from the CRADA will be jointly owned. The collaborator with whom the CRADA is made will have an option to negotiate an exclusive royalty-bearing license.

Because CRADAs are designed to facilitate the development of scientific and technological knowledge into useful, marketable products, a great deal of freedom is given to Federal agencies in implementing collaborative research. The CDC may accept staff, facilities, equipment, supplies, and money from the other participants in a CRADA; CDC may provide staff, facilities, equipment, and supplies to the project. There is a single restriction in this exchange: CDC MAY NOT PROVIDE FUNDS to the other participants in a CRADA. This opportunity is available until May 26, 1998. Respondents may be provided a longer period of time to furnish additional information if CDC finds this necessary.

DATES: Comments must be received by May 26, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: