

Settlement Only .....	100.00 per month.
Facsimile .....	1.75.
Postage .....	At cost.
Photocopy .....	2.25.
Research .....	0.15 plus \$12 per hour.
Over the Counter Items .....	0.03.

*Statement Processing Fees: (all fees per item unless otherwise indicated)*

Truncated Statement .....	\$0.08 per statement.
Imaged Statement .....	0.12 per statement.
Cycled Statement .....	0.20 per statement.
Per Insert .....	0.01 per insert.
Postage .....	At Cost.
Imaged Check Printing .....	0.07 per page.
Statement Data Printing .....	0.07 per page.
Maintenance Fee .....	250.0 per month.

*DDA Processing Fees: (all fees per item unless otherwise indicated)*

Full Cycled .....	\$0.15.
Full Truncated .....	0.12.
Basic Cycled .....	0.11.
Basic Truncated .....	0.08.
Maintenance Fee .....	25.00 per month.
Debit .....	0.15.
Credit .....	0.15.
Large Item Return Notification .....	3.00.
Research .....	0.15 plus \$12 per hour.
Additional Statements .....	2.00.
Photocopy .....	2.25.
Facsimile .....	1.75.
Postage .....	At Cost.

*Lockbox Processing Fees: (all fees per item unless otherwise indicated)*

1-50,000 items per month .....	\$0.110.
50,001-80,000 items per month .....	0.105.
80,001-120,000 items per month .....	0.100.
120,001-160,000 items per month .....	0.095.
160,001-above items per month .....	0.090.
Processing Fee .....	100.00 per month.
Exception Items .....	0.07.
Photocopy .....	2.25.
Facsimile .....	1.75.
Postage .....	At Cost.

## District 11.—Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco (1996 NOW/DDA Services)

(Does not provide item processing services for third party accounts)

## District 12.—Federal Home Loan Bank of Seattle (1996 NOW/DDA Services)

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By the Federal Housing Finance Board.

Rita I. Fair,

Managing Director.

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**FEDERAL MEDICATION AND CONCILIATION SERVICE (FMCS)****Office of the Deputy Director;  
Submission for OMB Review;  
Comment Request**

June 27, 1996.

The Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (FMCS) has submitted four information collection requests to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (P.L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). These

forms are: FMCS' Arbitrator's Personal Data Questionnaire (FMCS For R-22), FMCS' Request for Arbitration Panel (FMCS Form R-43), FMCS' Arbitrator's Report and Fee Statement (FMCS Form R-19), and FMCS' Notice to Mediation Agencies (FMCS Form F-7). Copies of these individual collection requests, with the appropriate agency form number, may be obtained by calling Tammi E. Strozier, Office Manager, Office of the General Counsel at (202) 606-5442, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

**Comments Received**

In response to the 60-day notice, no comments were received for FMCS Forms R-22, R-43, and R-19. For the FMCS Form F-7, there were nine non-opposing comments received basically dealing with the agency's suggested change from a quadruplicate form to a single copy which would require the filing party to provide photocopies to the appropriate state agencies and other parties. Donald G. Russell, Director of Conciliation of the Indian Education Employment Relations Board, wrote that the form looks fine; Melissa McIntosh, Director, Wage and Hour Division of the

Department of Labor of the State of Indiana, commented that the cost-cutting change seems to be a reasonable and efficient idea; Jan Hart DeYoung, Hearing Examiner of the Alaska Labor Relations Agency, Supported FMCS's efforts at cost-cutting and said her agency would not be affected by a change from a quadruplicate form to a single form; Patrick A. Fridell, Assistant Chief UI Legal Section of the Georgia Department of Labor, stated that a photocopy is usually what the agency receives and is adequate; the New Jersey State Board of Mediation has no comments; and Catherine J. Serino, Director of the Connecticut Department of Labor, had no objections to the proposed change but note that, "only experience will tell if parties notice the proper agencies, like our Board, without the multiple copies."

Mark A. Lamont, Director of the Pennsylvania Bureau of Mediation, Department of Labor and Industry, suggested the insertion of "Copies to: Appropriate State or Territorial Agency, Opposite Party, and copy to be Retained by Party Filing Notice should be in BOLD print as found in the current format." He also noted that in Pennsylvania, at least, 85 percent of the notices were from the quadruplicate form. Bethanie Jensen, Administrative Assistant, North Dakota Department of Labor, suggested that the form contain more information, e.g. "actual active union members covered by the contract, percent of union members at a site location, and actual total active union members at the location affected." FMCS believes that since the Taft-Hartley Act only requires notification of contract expiration or modification by the filing party, this additional information collection request may prove too burdensome for the filer, whether it be the union or employer, to complete in a timely fashion.

Parker Denaco of the New Hampshire Public Employee Relations Board, saw no problems with his agency receiving photocopies that though that, "from a recipient agency standpoint," the receipt of photocopies instead of pressure-sensitive copies would assure clearer copies" and "that it might cause users to give more consideration as to when it is actually necessary to send the state a copy in the first place." Also, he suggested, "from an efficiency standpoint, could you offer an even more technologically advanced solution, namely to scan the new and improved Form 7 into your computer and offer any entity using the form to send a blank disc on which you would transfer the form in one of the common formats." This "would allow users/filers

to upload the form into their computer, fill in the blanks on the screen and then print the completed form." The user could have the "opportunity to fill out, proof, and print a form all in one process." FMCS will look into the feasibility and cost of that approach.

#### Submission of Comments

Comments about this request should be submitted to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn.: OMB Desk Officer for (FMCS), Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503. For more information call (202) 395-7316, within 30 days from the date of this publication in the Federal Register.

The OMB is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

*Agency:* Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service.

*Title:* Arbitrator's Personal Data Questionnaire.

*OMB Number:* 3076-0001.

*Agency Number:* Form R-22.

*Frequency:* Once per application and once per year for updating the biographical sketch.

*Affected Entities:* The individuals who apply for admission to the FMCS Roster of Arbitrators.

*Number of Respondents:* 250.

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:* 1½ hour.

*Total Burden Hours:* 375.

*Total Annualized capital/startup costs:* \$0.

*Total annual costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services):* \$0.

*Description:* The Form R-22 is used to select highly qualified candidates for the arbitrator roster. The respondents are private citizens who make application for appointment to the FMCS roster.

*Agency:* Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service.

*Title:* Request for Arbitration Panel.

*OMB Number:* 3076-0002.

*Agency Number:* Form R-43.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Affected Entities:* Employers and their representatives, employees, labor unions and their representatives who request arbitration services.

*Number of Respondents:* 27,000.

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:* 10 minutes.

*Total Burden Hours:* 4,500.

*Total Annualized capital/startup costs:* \$0.

*Total annual costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services):* \$0.

*Description:* The Form R-43 is used for FMCS to offer panels of arbitrators for selection by labor and management to resolve grievances and disagreements arising under their collective bargaining agreements (CBAs) and to deal with fact-finding and interest arbitration issues as well. The need for this form is to obtain information, such as name, address, type of assistance desired, so that FMCS can provide various arbitration services effectively and efficiently (e.g., furnishing a standard list of seven arbitrators to both labor and management). This information collection facilitates the processing of the parties request for arbitration assistance.

*Agency:* Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service.

*Title:* Arbitrator's Report and Fee Statement.

*OMB Number:* 3076-0003.

*Agency Number:* Form R-19.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Affected Entities:* Individual arbitrators who render awards under appointment by the FMCS procedures.

*Number of Respondents:* 5,000.

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:* 10 minutes.

*Total Burden Hours:* 417 hours.

*Total Annualized capital/startup costs:* \$0.

*Total annual costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services):* \$0.

*Description:* The Form R-19 is used by FMCS to monitor the work of the arbitrators who serve on its roster. This is satisfied through the required completion of a report and fee statement which indicates when the arbitration award was rendered, the file number, the company and union, the issues, whether briefs were filed and transcripts taken, and fees charged to the parties for days the arbitrators' services were utilized. This information is then

contained in the agency's annual report to indicate the types of arbitration issues, the average or median arbitration fees and days spent on cases, and the timeliness of the awards rendered.

*Agency:* Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service.

*Title:* Notice to Mediation Agencies.

*OMB Number:* 3076-0004.

*Agency Number:* Form F-7.

*Frequency:* Once per collective bargaining contract.

*Affected Entities:* Private sector employers and labor unions involved in interstate commerce who file notices for mediation services to the FMCS and state, local, and territorial agencies, who receive copies of these notices filed.

*Number of Respondents:* 70,000.

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:* 10 minutes.

*Total Burden Hours:* 4,167

*Total Annualized capital/startup costs:* \$0.

*Total annual costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services):* \$0.

*Description:* The F-7 form was created to establish conformity throughout interstate commerce and to allow FMCS to gather desired information in a uniform manner. The collection of such information, including the name of employer or employer association, address and phone number, official contact, bargaining unit and establishment size, location of affected establishment and negotiations, industry or type of business, principal product or service, union address, phone number, and official contact, contract expiration date or renewal date, whether the notice is filed on behalf of the union or employer, and whether this is health care industry notice for initial contracts or existing contracts, is critical for reporting and mediation purposes.

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Wilma B. Liebman,

*Deputy Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Science Foundation

#### Frequently Asked Questions Concerning the Department of Health and Human Services Objectivity in Research Regulations and the National Science Foundation Investigator Financial Disclosure Policy

**AGENCIES:** Public Health Service, and Office of the Secretary, HHS; National Science Foundation.

**ACTION:** Responses to questions.

**SUMMARY:** This document responds to frequently asked questions regarding PHS' and NSF's recently-issued rules on investigator conflicts of interest. This guidance document is intended to help institutions implement conflict of interest policies that comply with both PHS and NSF requirements.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** *For PHS:* Geoffrey Grant, Acting Director, Office of Policy for Extramural Research Administration, National Institutes of Health, Room 2192, 6701 Rockledge Drive, MSC 7730, Bethesda MD 20817, (301) 435-0949. *For NSF:* Christopher L. Ashley, Assistant General Counsel, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 1265, Arlington, VA 22230, (703) 306-1060.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On July 11, 1995, the Public Health Service (PHS) and the Office of the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the National Science Foundation (NSF) issued rules regarding investigator conflict of interest. As explained in the preambles to those rules, PHS and NSF have been working together to ensure that the rules impose consistent obligations on institutions receiving PHS and NSF funding. To that end, PHS and NSF announced that the agencies would be developing a set of questions and answers (Q&As) to help institutions implement conflict of interest policies that comply with both PHS and NSF requirements. This set of Q&As provides answers to frequently asked questions received by both agencies. Where there are minor differences between the PHS and NSF rules, they are clearly noted.

**Q1:** Does NSF or PHS have a suggested format for investigator disclosures?

**A1:** No. The rules are designed to defer to the expertise of grantee institutions in developing policies and supporting documentation.

**Q2:** May an institution have different conflict of interest policies that vary

among departments or professional schools?

**A2:** Yes, as long as all policies meet the minimum requirements of the NSF and PHS rules.

**Q3:** Which offices within an institution should be involved in administering the conflict of interest rules?

**A3:** An institution is free to administer its policy through whatever office or structure it wishes, as long as the policy reaches all investigators on NSF- and PHS-funded projects and the requirements of the PHS and NSF rules are met.

**Q4:** Must institutions routinely require financial disclosures from graduate students working on NSF- or PHS-sponsored research?

**A4:** The term "investigator" is defined to encompass individuals "responsible for the design, conduct or reporting" of NSF- or PHS-funded research. It is up to the institution to decide whether graduate student co-authors are "responsible for reporting" the research.

**Q5:** Will a proposal be processed if it does not contain the new certification required by the NSF and PHS rules?

**A5:** NSF will not process a proposal in the absence of the new certification, but in most cases the institution will not be required to re-submit the entire proposal. An addendum page to the *Cover Sheet to the National Science Foundation* (NSF Form 1207) has been developed that contains the required certification. The NSF administrative officer typically will forward a new certification page to the institution, and will process the proposal upon receipt of a completed and executed new page. The PHS would process the application without the proper certification but no award would be made until the awarding component received the certification in the form of a signed, revised application face page.

**Q6:** Do the PHS and NSF conflict of interest rules apply to all researchers and faculty members at institutions that receive NSF or PHS support?

**A6:** No. The NSF policy applies only to grantee institutions that employ more than fifty persons and the PHS rule exempts Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) Phase I applications. In those institutions subject to the NSF policy and/or the PHS rule, only persons involved in PHS- or NSF-funded research are subject to the rules. However, institutions may choose to cover other researchers or faculty members under their policies for institution-specific reasons.