

**OFFICE OF PERSONNEL
MANAGEMENT****Submission for OMB Review;
Comment Request for Review of a New
Generic Clearance Plan****AGENCY:** Office of Personnel
Management.**ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, May 22, 1995), this notice announces that the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget a request for review of a new Generic Clearance Plan to measure customer satisfaction with the Retirement and Insurance Service's (RIS) programs and services. This Plan satisfies the requirements of Executive Order 12862 and the guidelines set forth in OMB's "Resource Manual for Customer Surveys". RIS is requesting approval for conducting these voluntary customer satisfaction surveys in fiscal years 1998, 1999, and 2000.

For RIS survey questionnaires, we estimate surveying approximately 464,975 customers per year for an annual burden of 109,101 hours for FY 1998 and 94,517 hours each for fiscal years 1999 and 2000. For our telephone surveys, including Interactive Voice Response (IVR) technology, we estimate surveying 264,080 customers per year for an annual burden of 22,072 hours. For Internet surveys, we estimate surveying 1,000 Internet readers for an annual burden of 167 hours. For Focus Groups, we estimate that we may have 10-20 focus groups consisting of 10-15 participants (300 total per year), lasting up to about two hours each for an annual burden of 600 hours. For Comment Card/Postcard surveys that the RIS Washington, DC, Retirement Information Office may use, we estimate that it would take about 7 minutes to complete and 3,000 customers may respond for an annual burden of 350 hours. *The total annual estimated burden is 133,000 hours in FY 1998 and 118,000 hours each for fiscal years 1999 and 2000.*

For copies of this proposal, contact Mary Beth Smith-Toomey on (202) 606-8358, or E-mail to mbtoomey@opm.gov.

DATES: Comments on this proposal should be received on or before September 16, 1998.

ADDRESS: Send or deliver comments to—

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and

Joseph Lackey, OPM Desk Officer,
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Budget, New Executive Office
Building, NW, Room 10235,
Washington, DC 20503.

FOR INFORMATION REGARDING

ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATION—CONTACT:
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U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

Janice R. Lachance,

Director.

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE
COMMISSION****Requests Under Review by Office of
Management and Budget**

Upon written request, copies available from: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Filings and Information Services, Washington, DC 20549.

Extensions:

Reg. 12B, SEC File No. 270-70, OMB Control No. 3235-0062.

Form 15, SEC File No. 270-170, OMB Control No. 3235-0167.

Form S-4, SEC File No. 270-287, OMB Control No. 3235-0324.

Form F-4, SEC File No. 270-288, OMB Control No. 3235-0325.

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 requests for approval of extension on the following:

Regulation 12B governs all registration statements filed pursuant to Sections 12(b) and 12(g) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Exchange Act") and all reports filed pursuant to Sections 13 and 15(d) of the Exchange Act, including amendments thereto. The information is needed to provide guidance on how to prepare these filings. Public companies are the likely respondents. Regulation 12B does not directly impose any information collection burdens on respondents and is assigned one burden hour for administrative convenience.

Form 15 is filed by public companies subject to the Exchange Act reporting requirements to certify termination of registration of a class of security under Section 12(g) or notice of suspension of

a duty to file reports pursuant to Sections 13 and 15(d) of the Exchange Act. Approximately 1,644 respondents file Form 15 annually for a total annual burden of 1,644 hours.

Forms S-4 and F-4 are filed by companies to register securities issued in business combination and exchange transactions under the Securities Act. Approximately 505 registrants file Form S-4 annually for a total annual burden of 622,665 hours. Approximately 2 respondents file Form F-4 annually for a total annual burden of 2,616 hours.

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.

Written comments regarding the above information should be directed to the following persons: (i) Desk Officer for the Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20503; and (ii) Michael E. Bartell, Associate Executive Director, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549. Comments must be submitted to OMB within 30 days of this notice.

Dated: August 10, 1998.

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE
COMMISSION**

[Rel. No. IC-23383; 812-11164]

**Countrywide Investment Trust, et al.;
Notice of Application**

August 11, 1998.

AGENCY: Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC").

ACTION: Notice of application under sections 6(c) and 17(b) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "Act") for an exemption from sections 17(a)(1) and (2) and 17(e) of the Act.

SUMMARY OF APPLICATION: Applicants seek an order to permit Countrywide Investment Trust, Countrywide Tax-Free Trust, and Countrywide Strategic Trust (collectively, the "Trusts" and individually, a "Trust") to engage in certain securities transactions with banks, bank holding companies, and their affiliates that are "affiliates" of a Trust solely because they own, hold, or