

and 109,500 fact sheets prepared,¹ at an average cost of seven cents for each label or fact sheet, the total (rounded) labeling cost is \$3,125,000.

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

Governmentwide Policy Advisory Board

AGENCY: General Services
Administration.

ACTION: Advisory Committee Renewal
Notice.

Renewal of Advisory Board. This notice is published in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), and advises of the renewal of the GSA Governmentwide Policy Advisory Board. The Administrator of the General Services Administration has determined that the renewal of the Board is in the public interest.

Purpose of the Advisory Board. The Board provides advice and recommendations on a broad range of policy issues dealing with the acquisition, management and disposal of Governmentwide assets within GSA's areas of responsibility. Such assets include motor vehicles, aircraft, real property, and personal property. The Board also provides advice regarding policies and guidance on such issues as the deployment of smart card technologies, electronic commerce, information technology, public participation, and intergovernmental coordination.

In addition, the Board will provide advice and recommendation on such other matters as may be assigned or delegated to GSA or the Office of Governmentwide Policy.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Office of Governmentwide Policy is the

organization within GSA that is sponsoring this board. For additional information, contact Michael Neff, Committee Management Secretariat (MC), 1800 F Street, NW., Washington, DC 20405. The telephone number is (202) 273-3564.

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Administrator.

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OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT ETHICS

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request: Proposed Slightly Revised OGE Form 450 Executive Branch Confidential Financial Disclosure Report

AGENCY: Office of Government Ethics
(OGE).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Office of Government Ethics has submitted a slightly revised version of its OGE Form 450 for confidential financial disclosure reporting under its existing executive branch regulations for review and three-year approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act.

DATES: Comments by the agencies and the public on this proposal are invited and should be received by April 1, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to Mr. Joseph F. Lackey, Jr., Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. William E. Gressman at the Office of Government Ethics, telephone: 202-208-8000, ext. 1110; TDD: 202-208-8025; FAX: 202-208-8037. A copy of the proposed slightly revised OGE Form 450 and the rest of the OGE submission package to OMB may be obtained, without charge, by contacting Mr. Gressman.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Government Ethics has submitted a proposed slightly revised version of the OGE Form 450 Executive Branch Confidential Financial Disclosure Report for three-year approval (reclearance) by OMB under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. chapter 35. The OGE Form 450 (OMB control # 3209-0006) collects information from covered department and agency officials as required under OGE's executive branchwide regulatory provisions in subpart I of 5 CFR part 2634, which underlying provisions are

also the subject of this request for paperwork approval (reclearance). The revised OGE Form 450 will serve as the uniform report form for collection, on a confidential basis, of financial information required by the OGE regulation from certain new entrant and incumbent regular and special Government employees of the Federal Government executive branch departments and agencies in order to allow ethics officials to conduct conflict of interest reviews and to resolve any actual or potential conflicts found.

The basis for the OGE regulation and the report form is two-fold. First, section 201(d) of Executive Order 12674 of April 12, 1989 (as modified by Executive Order 12731 of October 17, 1990) makes OGE responsible for the establishment of a system of nonpublic (confidential) financial disclosure by executive branch employees to complement the system of public financial disclosure under the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 (the "Ethics Act"), as amended, 5 U.S.C. appendix. Second, section 107(a) of the Ethics Act, 5 U.S.C. appendix, § 107(a), further provides authority for OGE as the supervising ethics office for the executive branch of the Federal Government to require that appropriate executive agency employees file confidential financial disclosure reports, "in such form as the supervising ethics office may prescribe." The current OGE Form 450, adopted in early 1996, together with the underlying OGE 5 CFR part 2634 regulation issued in 1992 and modified since, constitute the basic format OGE has prescribed for such confidential financial disclosure in the executive branch.

The relatively minor updating revisions OGE now proposes to make to the OGE Form 450 will bring it up-to-date and will not require any rule changes to accomplish. First, OGE proposes to make a couple of revisions to the Privacy Act and public burden information statements on page 3 of the instructions to the form. The proposed revisions include addition to the Privacy Act statement of a reference to the underlying executive branchwide Privacy Act system of records, OGE/GOVT-2, for confidential disclosure reports that OGE issued in 1990 upon its separation from the Office of Personnel Management. See 55 FR 6327-6331 (February 22, 1990). Also, the indication of routine use six for such reports in judicial or administrative proceedings would be revised to more closely track the wording of the underlying routine use "f" in the OGE/GOVT-2 records system notice. Under the public burden information statement, OGE proposes to

¹ The units shipped total is based on combined actual or estimated industry figures for 1997 across all of the product categories, except for fluorescent lamp ballasts, lamp products, and plumbing fixtures. Staff has determined that, for those product categories, there are little or no costs associated with the labeling requirements. The fact sheet estimation is based on the previously noted assumption that five percent of HVAC manufacturers produce fact sheets on their own. Based on total HVAC units shipped (8,759,907), five percent amounts to 437,995 HVAC units. Because manufacturers generally list more than one unit on a fact sheet, staff have estimated that manufacturers independently preparing them will use one sheet for every four of these 437,995 units. Thus, staff estimate that HVAC manufacturers produce approximately 109,500 fact sheets.