

factors should not be viewed as estimates of expected inflation rates for major long-term procurement items or as an estimate of inflation for any particular agency's non-pay purchases mix.

Federal pay raise assumptions	Military/civilian (percent)
<b>Effective Date:</b>	
January 2000 .....	4.8
January 2001 .....	3.7
January 2002 .....	3.6
January 2003 .....	3.9
January 2004 .....	3.9
January 2005 .....	3.9
January 2006 .....	3.9
<b>Non-Pay Categories (Supplies and Equipment, etc.):</b>	
FY 2000 .....	1.9
FY 2001 .....	2.1
FY 2002 .....	2.1
FY 2003 .....	2.1
FY 2004 .....	2.1
FY 2005 .....	2.1
FY 2006 .....	2.1

The pay rate (including geographic pay differentials) that are in effect for 2001 shall be included for the development of in-house personnel costs. The pay raise factors provided for 2002 and beyond shall be applied to all employees, with no assumption being made as to how they will be distributed between possible locality and ECI-based increases.

Agencies are reminded that OMB Circular No. A-76, Transmittal Memoranda 1 through Transmittal Memorandum 14 are canceled. Transmittal Memorandum No. 15 provides the Revised Supplemental Handbook, and is dated March 27, 1996 (**Federal Register**, April 1, 1996, pages 14338-14346). Transmittal Memoranda No. 16, 17, 18, and 19 (to the extent it provided Circular A-76 Federal pay raise and inflation factors) are canceled. Transmittal Memorandum No. 20 provided changes to the Revised Supplemental Handbook to implement the Federal Activities Inventory Reform Act of 1998 (P.L. 105.270). Transmittal Memorandum No. 21, which provided last year's Circular A-76 Federal pay raise and inflation factor assumptions is hereby canceled. Transmittal Memorandum No. 22 made additional technical changes to the Revised Supplemental Handbook regarding the implementation of the FAIR Act, A-76 administrative appeals, and the participation of directly affected employees on A-76 Source Selection Boards and their evaluation teams.

**Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr.,**

*Director.*

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**RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD**

**Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 which provides opportunity for public comment on new or revised data collections, the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) will publish periodic summaries of proposed data collections.

*Comments are Invited On:* (a) whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information has practical utility; (B) the accuracy of the RRB's estimate of the burden of the collection of the information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden related to the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

*Title and Purpose of Information Collection:* Withholding Certificate for Railroad Retirement Monthly Annuity Payments; OMB 3220-0149.

The Internal Revenue Code requires all payers of tax liable private pensions to U.S. citizens to: (1) Notify each recipient at least concurrent with initial withholding that the payer is, in fact, withholding benefits for tax liability and that the recipient has the option of electing not to have the payer withhold, or to withhold at a specific rate; (2) withhold benefits for tax purposes (in the absence of the recipient's election not to withhold benefits); and (3) notify all beneficiaries, at least annually, that they have the option of changing their withholding status or elect not to have benefits withheld.

The Railroad Retirement Board provides Form RRB-W4P, Withholding Certificate for Railroad Retirement Payments, to its annuitants to exercise their withholding options. Completion of the form is required to obtain or retain a benefit. One response is requested of each respondent.

No changes are being proposed to the current version of Form RRB W-4P used by the RRB. The RRB estimates that 25,000 annuitants utilize Form RRB W-4P annually. The completion time for Form RRB W-4P varies depending on individual circumstances. The average completion time for Form RRB W-4P is estimated at 40 minutes for recordkeeping, 20 minutes for learning about the law or the form, and 49 minutes for preparing the form.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request more information or to obtain a copy of the information collection justification, forms, and/or supporting material, please call the RRB Clearance Officer at (312) 751-3363. Comments regarding the information collection should be addressed to Ronald J. Hodapp, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 N. Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611-2092. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

**Chuck Mierzwa,**

*Clearance Officer.*

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**RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD**

**Sunshine Act Meeting; Notice of Public Meeting**

Notice is hereby given that the Railroad Retirement Board will hold a meeting on March 20, 2001, 10:00 a.m., at the Board's meeting room on the 8th floor of its headquarters building, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois, 60611. The agenda for this meeting follows:

(1) Director of Administration Position.

The entire meeting will be closed to the public. The person to contact for more information is Beatrice Ezerski, Secretary to the Board, Phone No. 312-751-4920.

Dated: March 9, 2001.

**Beatrice Ezerski,**

*Secretary to the Board.*

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

[Release No. IC-24888; 812-12450]

**Harris & Harris Group, Inc.; Notice of Application**

March 8, 2001.

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

**ACTION:** Issuance of certification pursuant to section 851(e) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended ("Code").

**SUMMARY OF APPLICATION:** The SEC is issuing a certification pursuant to section 851(e) of the Code that applicant Harris & Harris Group, Inc. ("Harris") was, for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2000, principally engaged in the furnishing of capital to other