

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Bureau of Engraving and Printing Features of Interest Survey for Banknote Equipment Manufacturers**

AGENCY: Bureau of Engraving and Printing, Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other federal agencies to comment on the proposed information collections listed below, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before August 26, 2022.

ADDRESSES: Send comments regarding the burden estimate, or any other aspect of the information collection, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to Crystal Johnson at Bureau of Engraving and Printing, BEP and CRM Customer Support, 14th and C Streets SW, Washington, DC 20228 or by emailing BEM_and_CRM_Customer_Support@bep.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Copies of the submissions may be obtained from Crystal Johnson by emailing BEM_and_CRM_Customer_Support@bep.gov, calling (202) 664-3466, or viewing the entire information collection request at www.reginfo.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Bureau of Engraving and Printing Features of Interest Survey for Banknote Equipment Manufacturers.

OMB Control Number: 1520-NEW.

Type of Review: Request for a new OMB Control Number.

Description: The Bureau of Engraving and Printing Feature of Interest Survey for Banknote Equipment Manufacturers (BEMs) is voluntarily completed by BEM companies to inform BEP's efforts to develop features to be included in future Federal Reserve Note (FRN) redesigns. The survey gives BEM companies the opportunity to comment whether proposed features and/or FRN redesigns (a.k.a. Features of Interest) can be detected, validated, transported, and stored by their products. Banknote Equipment Manufacturers (BEMs) are companies that produce any type of equipment that handles banknotes for commercial purposes involving accept/reject decisions for FRNs.

Form: None.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for profits.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 50.

Frequency of Response: 3 per year.

Estimated Total Number of Annual Responses: 150.

Estimated Time per Response: 1 hour.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 150.

Request for Comments: Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services required to provide information.

Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

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BEP PRA Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

[Docket No. TREAS-DO-2022-0012]

Notice Seeking Public Comment on Additional Transparency for Secondary Market Transactions of Treasury Securities

AGENCY: Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for information.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury (Treasury) is seeking public comment on additional post-trade transparency of data regarding secondary market transactions of Treasury securities, including potential benefits and risks of several examples of potential ways to build on existing public transparency.

DATES: Comments are due by August 26, 2022.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments using any of the following methods:

Federal eRulemaking Portal: www.regulations.gov. Follow the instructions on the website for submitting comments.

Email: govsecreg@fiscal.treasury.gov. Include docket number TREAS-DO-2022-0012 in the subject line of the message.

All submissions should refer to docket number TREAS-DO-2022-0012. Please submit your comments using only one method, along with your full name and mailing address. We will post comments on www.regulations.gov and www.treasurydirect.gov. In general, comments received, including attachments and other supporting materials, are part of the public record and are available to the public. Do not submit any information in your comments or supporting materials that you consider confidential or inappropriate for public disclosure.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Fred Pietrangeli, Director, Office of Debt Management, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Financial Markets, at debtmanagement@treasury.gov or Fredrick.Pietrangeli@treasury.gov. Questions about submitting comments should be directed to Lori Santamorena, Government Securities Regulations Staff, at (202) 504-3632 or govsecreg@fiscal.treasury.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Background**

Treasury, in consultation with other members of the Inter-Agency Working Group on Treasury Market Surveillance (IAWG),¹ is exploring the possibility of additional post-trade transparency of data for secondary market cash transactions of Treasury securities (which we refer to as the "Treasury securities market" in this request for information).² Providing additional insight into these transactions may enhance liquidity by fostering a greater understanding of market activity across market segments and supporting the smooth functioning of the Treasury securities market. Additional transparency may also promote greater competition in the Treasury securities

¹ The IAWG members are Treasury, the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Federal Reserve Board), the Federal Reserve Bank of New York (FRB NY), the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), and the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC).

² In addition, at the November 2021 U.S. Treasury Market Conference, Treasury Under Secretary for Domestic Finance Nellie Liang highlighted past improvements in data quality and transparency and noted Treasury "will consider ways to improve transparency about transactions, such as providing data at a higher frequency, building on lessons learned from the recent expanded reporting of weekly volumes and recognizing investors' needs to be able to transact quickly in large quantities." Remarks by Under Secretary for Domestic Finance Nellie Liang at the 2021 Treasury Market Conference" (Nov. 17, 2021), available at <https://home.treasury.gov/news/press-releases/jy0491>.