OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

Acquisition Advisory Panel; Notification of Upcoming Meetings of the Acquisition Advisory Panel

AGENCY: Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President.

ACTION: Notice of Federal Advisory Committee meetings.

SUMMARY: The Office of Management and Budget announces a meeting of the Acquisition Advisory Panel (AAP or “Panel”) established in accordance with the Services Acquisition Reform Act of 2003.

DATES: A public meeting of the Panel will be held on June 14, 2005 beginning at 9 a.m. eastern time and ending no later than 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The June 14, 2005 meeting will be held at the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), Basement Auditorium, 801 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20434. The public is asked to pre-register one week in advance for the meeting due to security and seating limitations (see below for information on pre-registration).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Members of the public wishing further information concerning this meeting, the Acquisition Advisory Panel, or to pre-register for the meeting, should contact Ms. Laura Aulettta, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), at: laure.aulettta@gsa.gov, phone/voice mail (202) 208–7279, or mail at: General Services Administration, 1800 F Street, NW., Room 4006, Washington, DC 20405. Members of the public wishing to reserve speaking time must contact Ms. Anne Terry, AAP Staff Analyst, in writing at: anne.terry@gsa.gov. By FAX at 202–501–3341, or mail at the address given above for the DFO, no later than one week prior to the meeting.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

(a) Background: The purpose of the Panel is to provide independent advice and recommendations to the Office of Federal Procurement Policy and Congress pursuant to Section 1423 of the Services Acquisition Reform Act of 2003. The Panel’s statutory charter is to review Federal contracting laws, regulations, and governmentwide policies, including the use of commercial practices, performance-based contracting, performance of acquisition functions across agency lines of responsibility, and governmentwide contracts. Interested parties are invited to attend the meeting. The Panel working groups, established at the February 28, 2005 public meeting of the AAP (see http://www.acqnet.gov/aap for a list of working groups), will report on the scope of their review during this meeting, which may include any follow-up recommendations for additional working groups or other issues to be examined. The Panel also expects to hear from additional invited speakers from the public and private sectors who will address issues related to the Panel’s statutory charter. In addition to working group scope reports and invited speakers, the Panel also invites oral public comments at this meeting and has reserved an estimated one hour for this purpose. Members of the public wishing to address the Panel during the meeting must contact Ms. Anne Terry, in writing, as soon as possible to reserve time (see contact information above). Additional time for oral public comments is expected at future public meetings to be announced in the Federal Register.

(b) Availability of Materials for the Meetings: Please see the Acquisition Advisory Panel Web site for any available materials, including draft agendas, for this meeting (http://www.acqnet.gov/aap). Questions/issues of particular interest to the Panel are also available to the public on this Web site. The Panel asks that the public focus on these questions/issues when presenting oral public comments or submitting written statements to the Panel. The public may also obtain copies of Initial Working Group Reports presented at the March 30, 2005 public meeting and public presentations made to the Panel at its Web site under “Meeting Materials” at http://www.acqnet.gov/aap.

(c) Procedures for Providing Public Comments: It is the policy of the Acquisition Advisory Panel to accept written public statements of any length, and to accommodate oral public comments whenever possible. To facilitate Panel discussions at its meetings, the Panel may not accept oral comments at all meetings. The Panel Staff expects that public statements presented at Panel meetings will be focused on the Panel’s statutory charter, working group topics, and posted questions/issues, and not be repetitive of previously submitted oral or written statements, and that comments will be relevant to the issues under discussion.

Oral Comments: Speaking times will be confirmed by Panel staff on a “first-come/first-served” basis. To accommodate as many speakers as possible, oral public comments must be no longer than 10 minutes in duration. Interested parties are invited to attend the meeting. The Panel working groups, established at the February 28, 2005 public meeting of the AAP (see http://www.acqnet.gov/aap for a list of working groups), will report on the scope of their review during this meeting, which may include any follow-up recommendations for additional working groups or other issues to be examined. The Panel also expects to hear from additional invited speakers from the public and private sectors who will address issues related to the Panel’s statutory charter. In addition to working group scope reports and invited speakers, the Panel also invites oral public comments at this meeting and has reserved an estimated one hour for this purpose. Members of the public wishing to address the Panel during the meeting must contact Ms. Anne Terry, in writing, as soon as possible to reserve time (see contact information above). Additional time for oral public comments is expected at future public meetings to be announced in the Federal Register.

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Written Statements: Although written statements are accepted until the date of the meeting (unless otherwise stated), written statements should be received by the Panel Staff at least one week prior to the meeting date so that they may be made available to the Panel for their consideration prior to the meeting. Written statements should be supplied to the DFO at the address/contact information given in this Federal Register Notice in one of the following formats (Adobe Acrobat, WordPerfect, Word, or Rich Text files, in IBM-PC/ Windows 98/2000/XP format). Please note: Since the Panel operates under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, all public presentations or written statements will be treated as public documents and will be made available for public inspection, up to and including being posted on the Panel’s Web site.

(d) Meeting Accommodations: Individuals requiring special accommodation to access the public meetings listed above should contact Ms. Auletta at least five business days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Laura Auletta,
Designated Federal Officer (Executive Director), Acquisition Advisory Panel.

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RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

Proposed Collections; 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) publishes periodic summaries of proposed data collections. The information collections numbered below are pending at RRB and will be submitted to OMB within 60 days from the date of this notice.

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.

1. Title and Purpose of Information Collection

Application for Benefits Due but Unpaid at Death; OMB 3220–0055. Under section 2(g) of the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act (RUIA), benefits under that Act that accrued but were not paid because of the death of an employee shall be paid to the same individual(s) to whom benefits are payable under section 6(a)(1) of the Railroad Retirement Act. The provisions relating to the payment of such benefits are prescribed in 20 CFR 325.5 and 20 CFR 335.5. The RRB provides Form UI–63 for use in applying for the accrued sickness or unemployment benefits unpaid at the death of the employee and for securing the information needed by the RRB to identify the proper payee. Completion is required to obtain a benefit. One response is requested of each respondent.

The RRB proposes minor editorial and formatting changes to the UI–63. The RRB also proposes to make minor editorial and formatting changes to Form G–346. The RRB estimates that 7,610 G–346 will be completed annually at an estimated completion time of five minutes per response. Total respondent burden is estimated at 634 hours.

Additional Information or Comments: To request more information regarding any of the information collections listed above or to obtain copies of the information collection justifications, forms, and/or supporting material, please call the RRB Clearance Officer at (312) 751–3363 or send an e-mail request to Charles.Mierzwia@RRB.GOV. Comments regarding the information collections should be addressed to Ronald J. Hodapp, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611–2092 or send an e-mail to Ronald.Hodapp@RRB.GOV. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

Charles Mierzwia,
Clearance Officer.

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