

protective of the rights of participants and beneficiaries of the plan;

(3) The proposed exemptions, if granted, will be supplemental to, and not in derogation of, any other provisions of the Act and/or the Code, including statutory or administrative exemptions and transitional rules. Furthermore, the fact that a transaction is subject to an administrative or statutory exemption is not dispositive of whether the transaction is in fact a prohibited transaction; and

(4) The proposed exemptions, if granted, will be subject to the express condition that the material facts and representations contained in each application are true and complete and accurately describe all material terms of the transaction which is the subject of the exemption. In the case of continuing exemption transactions, if any of the material facts or representations described in the application change after the exemption is granted, the exemption will cease to apply as of the date of such change. In the event of any such change, application for a new exemption may be made to the Department.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 2nd day of August, 1999.

**Ivan Strasfeld,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration

#### Working Group on the Benefit Implications Due to the Growth of a Contingent Workforce Advisory Council on Employee Welfare and Pension Benefits Plans; Meeting

Pursuant to the authority contained in section 512 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), 29 U.S.C. 1142, the Working Group assigned by the Advisory Council on Employee Welfare and Pension Benefit Plans to study what the benefit implications are due to the growth of a contingent workforce will hold an open public meeting on Wednesday, September 8, 1999, in Room N3437 A-B, U.S. Department of Labor Building, Second and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20210.

The purpose of the open meeting, which will run from 9:30 a.m. to approximately noon, is for Working Group members to receive testimony

from additional witnesses on the most recently available contingent, flexible and non-traditional employment relationships as well as an analysis on the policy implications that flow from the data.

Members of the public are encouraged to file a written statement pertaining to the topic by submitting 20 copies on or before September 1, 1999, to Sharon Morrissey, Executive Secretary, ERISA Advisory Council, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-5677, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20210. Individuals or representatives of organizations wishing to address the Working Group should forward their request to the Executive Secretary or telephone (202) 219-8753. Oral presentations will be limited to 10 minutes, but an extended statement may be submitted for the record. Individuals with disabilities, who need special accommodations, should contact Sharon Morrissey by September 1, at the address indicated in this notice.

Organizations or individuals may also submit statements for the record without testifying. Twenty (20) copies of such statements should be sent to the Executive Secretary of the Advisory Council at the above address. Papers will be accepted and included in the record of the meeting if received on or before September 1.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 4th day of August, 1999.

**Richard McGahey,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration

#### Working Group Exploring the Possibility of Using Surplus Pension Assets To Secure Retiree Health Benefits Advisory Council on Employee Welfare and Pension Benefits Plans; Meeting

Pursuant to the authority contained in section 512 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), 29 U.S.C. 1142, a public meeting will be held Wednesday, September 8, 1999, of the Advisory Council on Employee Welfare and Pension Benefit Plans Working Group assigned to explore the possibility of using surplus pension assets to secure retiree health benefits.

The session will take place in Room N-3437 A-B, U.S. Department of Labor Building, Second and Constitution

Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20210. The purpose of the open meeting, which will run from 1 p.m. to approximately 3:30 p.m., is for working group members to discuss the first draft of the committee's report, due to be completed by mid-November, to begin formulating recommendations for the report and to hear additional actuarial testimony on levels deemed to be adequate regarding pension plan assets.

Members of the public are encouraged to file a written statement pertaining to the topic by submitting 20 copies on or before September 1, 1999, to Sharon Morrissey, Executive Secretary ERISA Advisory Council, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-5677, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington DC 20210. Individuals or representatives of organizations wishing to address the Working Group should forward their request to the Executive Secretary or telephone (202) 219-8753. Oral presentations will be limited to 10 minutes, but an extended statement may be submitted for the record. Individuals with disabilities, who need special accommodations, should contact Sharon Morrissey by September 1, at the address indicated in this notice.

Organizations or individuals may also submit statements for the record without testifying. Twenty (20) copies of such statements should be sent to the Executive Secretary of the Advisory Council at the above address. Papers will be accepted and included in the record of the meeting if received on or before September 1.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 4th day of August 1999.

**Richard McGahey,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration

#### Working Group Studying Issues Surrounding the Trend in the Defined Benefit Plan Market With a Focus on Employer-Sponsored Hybrid Plans Advisory Council on Employee Welfare and Pension Benefits Plans; Meeting

Pursuant to the authority contained in Section 512 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), 29 U.S.C. 1142, a public meeting will be held on Thursday, September 9, 1999, of the Advisory Council on Employee Welfare and Pension Benefit Plans Working Group assigned to study issues

surrounding trends in the defined benefit market with a focus on employer-sponsored hybrid plans.

The purpose of the open meeting, which will run from 9 a.m. to approximately 1 p.m. in Room N-3427 A-B, U.S. Department of Labor Building, Second and Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20210, is for working group members to continue taking testimony on additional perspectives as well as additional factual input on account balance plans.

Members of the public are encouraged to file a written statement pertaining to the topic by submitting 20 copies on or before September 1, 1999, to Sharon Morrissey, Executive Secretary, ERISA Advisory Council, US Department of Labor, Room N-5677, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20210. Individuals or representatives of organizations wishing to address the Working Group should forward their request to the Executive Secretary or telephone (202) 219-8753. Oral presentations will be limited to 10 minutes, but an extended statement may be submitted for the record. Individuals with disabilities, who need special accommodations, should contact Sharon Morrissey by September 1, at the address indicated in this notice.

Organizations or individuals also may submit statements for the record without testifying. Twenty (20) copies of such statements should be sent to the Executive Secretary of the Advisory Council at the above address. Papers will be accepted and included in the record of the meeting if received on or before September 1.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 4th day of August 1999.

**Richard McGahey,**  
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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration

107th Meeting of the Advisory Council on Employee Welfare and Pension Benefits Plans; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to the authority contained in Section 512 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), 29 U.S.C. 1142, the 107th public meeting of the Advisory Council on Employee Welfare and Pension Benefit Plans will be held on Thursday, September 9, 1999.

The purpose of the open meeting, which will run from 2 p.m. to approximately 3:30 p.m. in Room N-3437 A-B, U.S. Department of Labor Building, Second and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20210, is for members to receive progress reports from the three working groups established for 1999 and a status report on the activities of the Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, which staffs the Advisory Council for the Secretary of Labor.

- Working Group topics and the chairs of those working groups are:
- Benefit Implications of a Contingent Workforce, Michael Fanning;
  - Exploring the Possibility of Using Pension Surplus to Fund Retiree Health Benefits, Michael J. Gulotta, and
  - The Trend in the Defined Benefit Plan Market with a Focus on Hybrid Plans, including Cash Balance Plans, Judith F. Mazo.

Members of the public are encouraged to file a written statement pertaining to any of these topics by submitting 20 copies on or before September 1, 1999, to Sharon Morrissey, Executive Secretary, ERISA Advisory Council, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-5677, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210. Individuals or representatives of organizations wishing to address the full Advisory Council should forward their request to the Executive Secretary or telephone (202) 219-8753. Oral presentations will be limited to 10 minutes, but an extended statement may be submitted for the

record. Individuals with disabilities, who need special accommodations, should contact Sharon Morrissey by September 1, at the address indicated in this notice.

Organizations or individuals also may submit statements for the record without testifying. Twenty (20) copies of such statements should be sent to the Executive Secretary of the Advisory Council at the above address. Papers will be accepted and included in the record of the meeting if received on or before September 1.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 4th day of August 1999.

**Richard McGahey,**  
*Assistant Secretary, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration.*  
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MERIT SYSTEMS PROTECTION BOARD

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection

AGENCY: Merit Systems Protection Board.

ACTION: Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board (MSPB) is requesting a three year reinstatement of its expired Generic Clearance Request for Voluntary Customer Surveys Under Executive Order 12862 "Setting Customer Service Standards" from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, OMB Control Number: 3124-0012.

In this regard, we are soliciting comments on the public reporting burden. The reporting burden for the collection of information on this form is estimated to vary from 10 minutes to 30 minutes per response, with an average of 15 minutes, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

ESTIMATED ANNUAL REPORTING BURDEN

5 CFR section	Annual number of respondents	Frequency per response	Total annual responses	Hours per response (average)	Total hours
1201 and 1209 .....	5,000	1	3,750	.25	937.5

In addition, the MSPB invites comments on (1) Whether the proposed

collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of MSPB's

functions, including whether the information will have practical utility;