OFFICE OF SPECIAL COUNSEL

Agency Information Collection Activities; Request for Comment

AGENCY: Office of Special Counsel.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), and implementing regulations at 5 CFR part 1320, the U.S. Office of Special Counsel (OSC), plans to request approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for use of a previously approved information collection consisting of a customer survey form.

OSC is required by law to conduct an annual survey of those who seek its assistance. The information collection is used to carry out that mandate. The current OMB approval for this collection of information expired on March 31, 2009. Current and former Federal employees, employee representatives, other Federal agencies, state and local government employees, and the general public are invited to comment on this information collection for the second time.

Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of OSC functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of OSC’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collections of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Comments should be received by March 22, 2010.


FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Roderick Anderson, Chief Financial Officer, at the address shown above; by facsimile at (202) 254–3715. The survey form for the collection of information is available for review by calling OSC, or on OSC’s Web site, at http://www.osc.gov/readingroom.htm.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: OSC is an independent agency responsible for among other things, (1) investigation of allegations of prohibited personnel practices defined by law at 5 U.S.C. 2302(b), protection of whistleblowers, and certain other illegal employment practices under titles 5 and 38 of the U.S. Code, affecting current or former Federal employees or applicants for employment, and covered state and local government employees; and (2) the interpretation and enforcement of Hatch Act provisions on political activity in chapters 15 and 73 of title 5 of the U.S. Code. OSC is required to conduct an annual survey of individuals who seek its assistance. Section 13 of Public Law 103–424 (1994), codified at 5 U.S.C. 1212 note, states, in part: “[T]he survey shall:—(1) determine if the individual seeking assistance was fully apprised of their rights; (2) determine whether the individual was successful either at the Office of Special Counsel or the Merit Systems Protection Board; and (3) determine if the individual, whether successful or not, was satisfied with the treatment received from the Office of Special Counsel.” The same section also provides that survey results are to be published in OSC’s annual report to Congress. Copies of prior years’ annual reports are available on OSC’s Web site, at http://www.osc.gov/RR_annualReportsToCongress.htm or by calling OSC at (202) 254–3600.

OSC has enhanced the effectiveness of this survey by having revised the questions asked, and continues to use the online survey, due to its effectiveness in reducing response time. Title of Collection: OSC Survey—Prohibited Personnel Practice or Other Prohibited Activity (Agency Form Number OSC–48a; OMB Control Number 3255–0003)

Type of Information Collection Request: Approval of a previously approved collection of information that expired on March 31, 2009, with revisions.


Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 250.

Estimated Average Amount of Time for a Person to Respond: 12 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 109 hours
OVERSEAS PRIVATE INVESTMENT CORPORATION

Sunshine Act; Board of Directors Meeting

TIME AND DATE: Wednesday, March 31, 2010, 9:30 a.m. (OPEN Portion); 9:45 a.m. (CLOSED Portion).

PLACE: Offices of the Corporation, Twelfth Floor Board Room, 1100 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC.

STATUS: Meeting OPEN to the Public from 9:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. Closed portion will commence at 9:45 a.m. (approx.)

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:
1. President’s Report.
2. Approval of November 19, 2009 Minutes (Open Session).

FURTHER MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: (Closed to the Public 9:45 a.m.)
1. Finance Project—Turkey.
3. Finance Project—Panama.
4. Finance Project—Russia.
5. Finance Project—Jordan.
10. Finance Project—Africa.
11. Finance Project—India and other OPIC-eligible Asian countries.

OVERSEAS PRIVATE INVESTMENT CORPORATION

Sunshine Act; Notice of Meeting

TIME AND DATE: 3 p.m., Wednesday, March 17, 2010.

PLACE: Offices of the Corporation, Twelfth Floor Board Room, 1100 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC.

STATUS: Hearing open to the Public at 3 p.m.

PURPOSE: Public Hearing in conjunction with each meeting of OPIC’s Board of Directors, to afford an opportunity for any person to present views regarding the activities of the Corporation.

PROCEDURES:
Individuals wishing to address the hearing orally must provide advance notice to OPIC’s Corporate Secretary no later than 5 p.m. Wednesday, March 10, 2010. The notice must include the individual’s name, title, organization, address, and telephone number, and a concise summary of the subject matter to be presented.

Oral presentations may not exceed ten (10) minutes. The time for individual presentations may be reduced proportionately, if necessary, to afford all participants who have submitted a timely request an opportunity to be heard.

Participants wishing to submit a written statement for the record must submit a copy of such statement to OPIC’s Corporate Secretary no later than 5 p.m. Wednesday, March 10, 2010. Such statements must be typewritten, double-spaced, and may not exceed twenty-five (25) pages.

Upon receipt of the required notice, OPIC will prepare an agenda, which will be available at the hearing, that identifies speakers, the subject on which each participant will speak, and the time allotted for each presentation.

A written summary of the hearing will be compiled, and such summary will be made available, upon written request to OPIC’s Corporate Secretary, at the cost of reproduction.

Written summaries of the projects to be presented at the March 31, 2010 Board meeting will be posted on OPIC’s web site on or about February 24, 2010.

CONTACT PERSON FOR INFORMATION:
Information on the hearing may be obtained from Connie M. Downs at (202) 336–8438.

February 24, 2010.

Connie M. Downs,
Corporate Secretary, Overseas Private Investment Corporation.

OVERSEAS PRIVATE INVESTMENT CORPORATION

Sunshine Act; Notice of Meeting

TIME AND DATE: March 17, 2010, 2 p.m.

PLACE: Offices of the Corporation, Twelfth Floor Board Room, 1100 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC.

STATUS: Hearing OPEN to the Public at 2 p.m.

PURPOSE: Annual Public Hearing to afford an opportunity for any person to present views regarding the activities of the Corporation.

PROCEDURES: Individuals wishing to address the hearing orally must provide advance notice to OPIC’s Corporate Secretary no later than 5 p.m., Wednesday, March 10, 2010. The notice must include the individual’s name, organization, address and telephone number, and a concise summary of the subject matter to be presented.

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