communications with applicants, other interested parties, and the general public. In addition to any general comments, the FDIC invites comments in response to the more specific topics and questions presented below. We encourage commenters to be as specific as possible.

1. What steps, if any, can the FDIC take to improve the de novo application process?

2. Are there any specific aspects or components of the application process that particularly discourage potential applicants from initiating or completing the application process?

3. Are there ways the FDIC could or should update or supplement existing resources to clarify expectations and promote a more transparent application process? If so, please provide details and support.

4. Are there any aspects of the pre-filing process, including with respect to the newly announced process regarding draft deposit insurance proposals, that could be modified or enhanced to further clarify expectations or processes for prospective applicants and improve applicants’ ability to submit a substantially complete application?

5. How effective is the application form and its related instructions? Could any elements of the form or instructions be modified or enhanced to improve applicants’ ability to submit a substantially complete application?

6. Are there any aspects of the field investigation process that could be improved to better facilitate completion of the application process?

7. In what ways could or should the FDIC modify the application process for proposed traditional community banks? How would any suggested changes impact the evaluation of the statutory factors?

8. In what ways could or should the FDIC modify the application process for proposed institutions that are not traditional community banks? How would any suggested changes impact the evaluation of the statutory factors?

9. Are there ways the FDIC could or should tailor its evaluation of applications from proposed institutions that are not traditional community banks, consistent with the statutory factors as described in the FDIC Statement of Policy on Applications for Deposit Insurance (SOP)? If so, please explain.

10. Are there ways the FDIC could or should support the continuing evolution of emerging technology and fintech companies in its application review process? Are there particular risks associated with any such proposals, and, if so, are there ways such risks could or should be mitigated?

11. Are the FDIC’s expectations (as provided by the FDIC resources identified in this RFI) regarding capital adequacy and liquidity/funding for prospective applicants sufficiently clear and understandable? If not, what additional information or clarifications could the FDIC provide?

12. Are there legal, regulatory, economic, technological, or other factors separate from the application process that discourage potential applicants from submitting applications for deposit insurance that the FDIC should be aware of? If so, are there steps the FDIC could or should take to mitigate the impact of such factors?

Appendix A—Resources

The following resources are accessible through the FDIC’s public website (https://www.fdic.gov/regulations/applications/resources/). The resources aid organizers and other interested parties in understanding the application process.

- Part 303 of the FDIC Rules and Regulations, which outlines procedures for the submission and review of applications, including applications for deposit insurance.
- The Interagency Charter and Federal Deposit Insurance Application Form, which requests the information the chartering authority and FDIC need to evaluate the application. The application form provides general instructions, specific information fields, supplemental guidelines for business plans, and a template for financial schedules.
- The SOP, which informs the process by which FDIC staff evaluate the statutory factors described above.
- Questions and answers related to the SOP, issued on November 20, 2014, and on April 6, 2016, to help clarify expectations for applicants in developing deposit insurance proposals.
- The Deposit Insurance Applications—A Handbook for Organizers of De Novo Institutions (Handbook), which was issued for public comment on December 22, 2016, and issued in final form on May 1, 2017. The Handbook is designed to help organizers become familiar with the deposit insurance application process and the path to obtaining deposit insurance.
- The Deposit Insurance Applications Procedures Manual (Manual) was issued for public comment on July 10, 2017, and provides guidance for FDIC staff in the review and processing of deposit insurance applications. The Manual was issued in final form on November 1, 2018.

Dated at Washington, DC, on December 6, 2018.
Synopsis: The amendment revises the geographic scope of the Agreement.

Proposed Effective Date: 1/18/2019

Location: https://www2.fmc.gov/AGMC.Agreements.Web/Public/AgreementHistory/20311.


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Secretary.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request

AGENCY: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

ACTION: Notice, request for comment.


DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before February 11, 2019.


• Email: regs.comments@federalreserve.gov. Include OMB number in the subject line of the message.
• Fax: (202) 452–3819 or (202) 452–3102.
• Mail: Ann Misback, Secretary, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, 20th Street and Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20551.

All public comments are available from the Board’s website at http://www.federalreserve.gov/apps/foia/proposedregs.aspx as submitted, unless modified for technical reasons. Accordingly, your comments will not be edited to remove any identifying or contact information. Public comments may also be viewed electronically or in paper form in Room 3515, 1801 K Street (between 18th and 19th Streets NW), Washington, DC 20006, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on weekdays. For security reasons, the Board requires that visitors make an appointment to inspect comments. You may do so by calling (202) 452–3684. Upon arrival, visitors will be required to present valid government-issued photo identification and to submit to security screening in order to inspect and photocopy comments. Additionally, commenters may send a copy of their comments to the OMB Desk Officer—Shagufta Ahmed—Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503, or by fax to (202) 395–6974.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: A copy of the OMB submission, including the proposed reporting form and instructions, supporting statement, and other documentation will be placed into OMB’s public docket files, if approved. These documents will also be made available on the Federal Reserve Board’s public website at http://www.federalreserve.gov/apps/reportforms/review.aspx or may be requested from the agency clearance officer, whose name appears below.

Federal Reserve Board Clearance Officer—Nuha Elmaghrabi—Office of the Chief Data Officer, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Washington, DC 20551. (202) 452–3684. Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) users may contact (202) 263–4861 or by fax to (202) 452–3684.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 15, 1984, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) delegated to the Board authority under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) to approve and assign OMB control numbers to collection of information requests and requirements conducted or sponsored by the Board. In exercising this delegated authority, the Board is directed to take every reasonable step to solicit comment. In determining whether to approve a collection of information, the Board will consider all comments received from the public and other agencies.

Request for Comment on Information Collection Proposal

The Board invites public comment on the following information collection, which is being reviewed under authority delegated by the OMB under the PRA. Comments are invited on the following:

a. Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the Board’s functions; including whether the information has practical utility;

b. The accuracy of the Board’s estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

c. Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;

d. Ways to minimize the burden of information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and

e. Estimates of capital or startup costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

At the end of the comment period, the comments and recommendations received will be analyzed to determine the extent to which the Board should modify the proposal.

Proposal To Approve Under OMB Delegated Authority the Extension for Three Years, With Revision, of the Following Reports


Agency form number: FR Y–9C, FR Y–9LP, FR Y–9ES, FR Y–9CS, and FR Y–9SP.

OMB control number: 7100–0128.

Frequency: Quarterly, semiannually, and annually.

Reporters: Bank holding companies, savings and loan holding companies, securities holding companies, and U.S.