The Order requires CoreLogic to provide RealtyTrac with access to certain information regarding customers and data management, including the information necessary to provide data to customers in the same manner as DataQuick. Moreover, the Order requires that CoreLogic provide RealtyTrac with access to technical support for 18 months to assist its management and provision of the data. Lastly, the Order helps RealtyTrac, at its option, hire and retain former DataQuick employees by requiring CoreLogic to waive certain non-compete and non-disclosure agreements during the first year and prohibiting CoreLogic from attempting to hire DataQuick employees away from RealtyTrac for two years.

The Order also requires CoreLogic to provide certain DataQuick customers with the opportunity to terminate their contracts early and switch to RealtyTrac. These early termination provisions will give RealtyTrac more customers to compete for and will ensure that all DataQuick customers will be able to take advantage of RealtyTrac’s entry during the first three years RealtyTrac is in the market. CoreLogic is required to permit these customers to terminate their agreements only in order to switch to RealtyTrac. Further, CoreLogic can require the customers to provide 180-days’ notice of termination, although the Order requires CoreLogic to allow a customer to revoke or postpone the effective date of its termination notice at any time. CoreLogic must provide written notice to each customer who can terminate an existing contract under the Order and is prohibited from imposing penalties on or retaliating against customers that exercise their early termination rights.

There are three groups of customers that CoreLogic must allow to terminate their license agreements with 180-days’ notice in order to switch to RealtyTrac. The first are DataQuick customers who renewed a DataQuick contract or switched to CoreLogic between July 1, 2013 and the acquisition date. The second are DataQuick customers who entered into or renewed their licenses during the first nine months following the acquisition. The final group of DataQuick customers includes those who, prior to the acquisition, executed licenses with DataQuick that expire on or after March 31, 2017. The Order permits these customers to switch to RealtyTrac on or after March 31, 2016.

To ensure CoreLogic’s compliance with the Order, the Order provides for the appointment of a Monitor as well as a Divestiture Trustee and imposes certain compliance requirements on CoreLogic. The Order appoints Mitchell S. Pettit as Monitor to oversee CoreLogic’s ongoing compliance with their obligations and responsibilities under the Order. The Order also allows the Commission to appoint a Divestiture Trustee to assign, grant, license, divest, transfer, deliver, or otherwise convey the relevant data and information. Further, CoreLogic must submit periodic compliance reports and give the Commission prior notice of certain events that might affect its compliance obligations arising from the Order. Lastly, the Order terminates after 10 years.

The purpose of this analysis is to facilitate public comment on the Consent Agreement, and it is not intended to constitute an official interpretation of the Order or to modify its terms in any way.

By direction of the Commission.

Donald S. Clark,
Secretary.

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
[Notice–PBS–2013–02; Docket No: 2013–0002; Sequence 12]

Federal Management Regulation; Delegations of Lease Acquisition Authority—Notification, Usage, and Reporting Requirements for General Purpose, Categorical, and Special Purpose Space Delegations

AGENCY: Public Buildings Service (PBS), General Services Administration (GSA).

ACTION: Notice of FMR Bulletin C–2 Delegations of Lease Acquisition Authority.

SUMMARY: The U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) recently completed a review of agencies’ lease files for space acquired using a delegation of leasing authority from GSA in accordance with Federal Management Regulation (FMR) Bulletin 2008–B1 (Bulletin 2008–B1). FMR Bulletin C–2 clarifies the conditions, restrictions and reporting requirements specified in the delegation of authority and updates weblinks, the Simplified Lease Threshold and regulation references specified in FMR Bulletin 2008–B1. This bulletin is in keeping with the spirit of Executive Order 13327, “Federal Real Property Asset Management,” to maximize the increased governmentwide emphasis on real property inventory management.

A notice announcing FMR Bulletin C–2 appeared in the Federal Register on March 13, 2014 (79 FR 144251) which stated the bulletin would be posted only on the FMR Web site. However, that decision was reconsidered and for the convenience of the reader, FMR Bulletin C–2 appears in full in today’s Federal Register following this notice. FMR Bulletin C–2 and all FMR bulletins may be accessed at http://www.gsa.gov/fmrbulletins.


FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Contact Ms. Mary Pesina, Director, Center for Lease Delegations, Office of Leasing, Public Buildings Service, at 202–236–1868, or mary.pesina@gsa.gov.


On August 24, 2007, the Government Accountability Office and the GSA Office of Inspector General issued a report recommending that GSA provide centralized management and oversight of all lease delegation activities to ensure that all federal agencies procuring leased space under delegated authority follow the conditions, restrictions and reporting requirements specified in the delegation of authority. In response to the audit recommendations, GSA centralized its management and oversight of all GSA-authorized lease delegations and, on November 19, 2007, published FMR Bulletin 2008–B1 in the Federal Register (72 FR 65026), which limited General Purpose delegations of lease authority to no more than 19,999 rentable square feet of space and implemented management controls commensurate with the risks at that threshold. In addition, FMR Bulletin 2008–B1 established new requirements for agencies requesting authorization to use the General Purpose and Special Purpose delegation authority and established revised reporting
requirements, including the submission of documents to GSA at various points in the lease acquisition process, and required agencies to have in place an organizational structure to support the delegation, ensure compliance with all applicable laws, regulations and GSA directives governing the lease acquisition and administer the lease. FMR Bulletin 2008–B1 also addressed requirements for another longstanding delegation for Categorical space, as provided in 41 CFR part 102–73.

FMR Bulletin C–2 re-emphasizes and updates the conditions, restrictions and reporting requirements applicable to GSA leasing delegations.

Anne E. Rung,
Associate Administrator.

General Services Administration
Washington, DC 20417
Add date signed

GSA Bulletin FMR C–2
Delegations of Lease Acquisition Authority

TO: Heads of Federal Agencies

SUBJECT: Revised Implementation Requirements for Delegations of Lease Acquisition Authority.

1. Purpose

This bulletin re-emphasizes and modifies certain procedures associated with the use of the delegation of General Purpose leasing authority provided by GSA in 1996 as part of the leasing program called “Can’t Beat GSA Leasing,” and two other longstanding delegations for Categorical and agency-specific Special Purpose space as currently provided in 41 CFR part 102–73.

2. Expiration

This bulletin cancels and replaces Federal Management Regulation (FMR) Bulletin 2008–B1, Delegations of Lease Acquisition Authority—Notification, Usage, and Reporting Requirements for General Purpose, Categorical, and Special Purpose Space Delegations, which was published in the Federal Register on November 19, 2007. It contains information of a continuing nature and will remain in effect until canceled.

3. Background

(a) By letter of September 25, 1996, the GSA Administrator delegated authority to the heads of all Federal agencies to perform all functions related to the leasing of General Purpose space for a term of up to 20 years regardless of geographic location. Lease procurements using this delegation must be compatible with the GSA community housing plans for new Federal construction or any suitable space that will become available in GSA-controlled federally owned or leased space. GSA will advise the agency about any limiting factors (e.g., length of term), so that the lease will be consistent with any community housing plans. The 1996 delegation of authority does not alter the space delegation authorities in part 102–73 of the FMR, which pertain to “Categorical Space Delegations” and “Special Purpose Space Delegations.” None of the GSA delegations provide authorization for agencies to conduct procurements on behalf of or to collect rent from other agencies or private entities.


(c) On August 24, 2007, the Government Accountability Office and the GSA Office of Inspector General issued a report recommending that GSA provide centralized management and oversight of all lease delegation activities to ensure that all federal agencies procuring leased space under delegated authority follow the conditions, restrictions and reporting requirements specified in the delegation of authority. In response to the audit recommendations, GSA centralized its management and oversight of all GSA-authorized lease delegations and, on November 20, 2007, issued FMR Bulletin 2008–B1, which limited General Purpose delegations of lease authority to no more than 19,999 rentable square feet of space and implemented management controls commensurate with the risks at that threshold. In addition, FMR Bulletin 2008–B1 established new requirements for agencies requesting authorization to use the General Purpose and Special Purpose delegation authority and established revised reporting requirements for the submission of documents to GSA at various points in the lease acquisition process, and required agencies to have in place an organizational structure to support the delegation, ensure compliance with all applicable laws, regulations and GSA directives governing the lease acquisition and to administer the lease. FMR Bulletin 2008–B1 also addressed requirements for another longstanding delegation for Categorical space, as provided in 41 CFR part 102–73.

(d) Executive Order No. 13327, “Federal Real Property Asset Management” (69 FR 5897), dated February 4, 2004, promotes the efficient and economical use of Federal real property resources. Among other things, the Executive Order requires Federal agencies to establish performance measures addressing the cost, value, and efficiency of all acquisitions, within the scope of an overall agency asset management plan. Agencies using any of the three GSA lease delegations ((1) General Purpose, (2) Categorical [41 CFR 102–73.145] and

(3) Special Purpose [41 CFR 102–73.160]) are expected to apply these measures to their acquisitions.

(e) Executive Order No. 13576, “Delivering Efficient, Effective, and Accountable Government,” dated June 13, 2011, directs agencies to identify areas of program overlap and duplication within and across agencies, and propose consolidations and reductions to address those inefficiencies. All agencies performing lease acquisition tasks within a data system under a delegated lease must use the GSA lease procurement data system if it is made available to the delegated agencies.

4. General Conditions for the Use of All Leasing Delegations

(a) Relocation of Government employees from GSA-controlled federally owned or leased space may not take place unless prior written confirmation has been received from the GSA Assistant Commissioner for the Office of Leasing, Public Buildings Service, or his or her successor or designee, that suitable Government-controlled owned or vacant leased space cannot be provided for them. See 41 CFR 102–73.10. Federal agencies will not be granted a delegation of leasing authority if suitable Government-controlled owned or vacant leased space is available.

(b) The average net annual rent (gross annual rent excluding services and utilities) of any lease action executed under a delegation must be below the threshold applicable to GSA’s submission of lease prospectuses to its Congressional oversight committees under 40 U.S.C. 3307. The prospectus...
threshold may be adjusted annually in accordance with 40 U.S.C. 3307(h). The current threshold for each fiscal year can be accessed by entering GSA’s Web site at http://gsa.gov/portal/content/101522.

(c) The authority to lease granted by a delegation may only be exercised by a warranted realty contracting officer fully meeting the experience and training requirements of the Contracting Officer Warrant Program, as specified in section 501.603 of the General Services Administration Acquisition Manual (GSAM) and further revised by GSA Acquisition Letter V–06–06, Supplement Number 1, dated September 3, 2008, and Supplement Number 3, dated May 30, 2013, as these requirements may be revised from time to time.

(d) Agencies using the GSA leasing delegations are responsible for compliance with all laws, executive orders, regulations, and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circulars governing warranted GSA realty contracting officers. GSA retains the right to assess, at any time, both the integrity of each individual lease action as well as the capability of an agency to perform all aspects of the delegated leasing activities, and, if necessary, to revoke an agency’s delegation in whole or in part. Improper use of any delegation may result in revocation of the delegation and denial of future delegation requests.

(e) Federal agencies must acquire and use the space in accordance with all applicable laws, executive orders, regulations, and OMB Circulars that apply to Federal space acquisition activities. Attachment 1 is a non-exhaustive list of laws, regulations, executive orders, and OMB Circulars governing the space acquisition process. This list may be revised from time to time. As discussed in greater detail in OMB Circular A–11, all leases must be scored prior to execution and must be budgeted in accordance with OMB’s scorekeeping rules.

(f) Agencies are responsible for maintaining the capacity to support all delegated leasing activities, including a warranted realty contracting officer, legal review and oversight, construction and inspection management, cost estimation, lease management and administration, and program oversight. All supporting positions must possess the education and experience required for their respective fields of expertise as described on the U.S. Office of Personnel Management Web site for Professional/Scientific Positions at http://www.opm.gov/qualifications/standards/group-stds/GS-PROF.asp.

GSA may request copies of professional licenses, certifications and designations at any time to verify the organizational structure is staffed with qualified personnel to support all leasing functions.

(g) Prior to submitting a lease delegation application to GSA, the requesting agency must conduct an assessment of its needs to establish technical requirements and the amount of space necessary to meet mission requirements. Additionally, agencies must conduct an analysis of current market trends and acquire space at charges consistent with prevailing market rates for comparable facilities in the community. Accountability for all leasing activities must be coordinated through the requesting agency’s Senior Real Property Officer and Chief Financial Officer.

(h) As a condition for the use of GSA leasing delegations, agencies must make their pre-award and post-award lease files available for audit by GSA Office of Inspector General personnel or other GSA personnel or authorized agents as determined by the GSA Assistant Commissioner, Office of Leasing, or his or her successor or designee. An agency’s delegation of leasing authority may be suspended until the agency has either made its lease files available for inspection or responded, to GSA’s satisfaction, to all audit report recommendations and suggested corrective actions, or both.

(i) Agencies using the General Purpose delegation must submit a lease delegation request through the GSA Delegation Data System no less than 18 months in advance of lease expiration if there is a continuing need for the space and the agency wishes to obtain a new delegation to satisfy its space requirement. GSA will evaluate available vacant space and long-term housing plans and notify the agency, in writing, if compatible vacant space is available, and, if so, the delegation request will be denied.

(j) Agencies must manage their delegated lease inventory to avoid occupancy beyond the approved delegated lease term. A lease in holdover is in violation of the lease delegation authority and improper use of any delegation may result in revocation of the delegation and denial of future delegation requests.

(k) The GSA Pricing Desk Guide, Backfill Occupancies, section 2.2.3, applies to an agency moving from a delegated lease to GSA vacant space. An agency is responsible for funding its own physical move and telecommunication costs at the beginning and end of its occupancy term.

(l) An agency that does not wish to obtain a new delegation of leasing authority must give GSA at least 18 months notice in advance of the lease expiration date. The agency notice must include a complete Agency Space Requirements package to enable GSA to develop a procurement schedule and, if necessary, recommend a lease extension term, if an extension of the delegated lease will be necessary to afford GSA adequate time to procure a long-term replacement lease. The agency with delegated authority will be responsible for extending the lease after receiving a new delegation of leasing authority from GSA. The delegation of leasing authority for the lease extension must be approved by the GSA Assistant Commissioner for the Office of Leasing, Public Buildings Service, or his or her successor or designee, prior to the execution of any such extension.

(m) Agencies are not authorized to use the General Purpose delegation to enter into leases in excess of 19,999 usable square feet of space. In addition, agencies are prohibited from using the General Purpose leasing delegation to enter into a Supplemental Lease Agreement to expand the amount of space currently under lease, if such an expansion will cause the agency to lease a total of more than 19,999 usable square feet of General Purpose space at the leased premises.

5. Additional Delegation Requirements

(a) Pre-authorization submittal requirements from requesting agency for all General Purpose lease delegations and for Special Purpose lease delegation involving 2,500 or more square feet of such special purpose space. Prior to instituting any new, succeeding, superseding, replacement, extension, or expansion lease action under the General Purpose delegation or the Special Purpose delegation involving 2,500 or more square feet of such space, the head of the Federal agency, or his or her designee, must electronically submit a request to the GSA Delegation Data System for authorization to use the General Purpose or Special Purpose lease delegation authority. To obtain access to the GSA Delegation Data System, the Federal agency must electronically transmit a completed GSA Delegation Data System access approval form (available from the “Lease Delegations” Web page at www.gsa.gov) to delegate@gsa.gov. After obtaining system access, the requesting agency must electronically submit the following information to the GSA Delegation Data System:
1. A detailed narrative, including cost estimates, explaining why the granting of the request is in the best interests of the Government and how the agency’s use of the delegated authority is cost-effective for the Government;
2. The name of the warranted realty contracting officer who will be conducting the procurement, along with a copy of the Lease Contracting Warrant, a certification of experience and copies of the lease training certificates of completion. The Contracting Officer must fully meet the experience and training requirements of the Contracting Officer Warrant Program, as specified in GSAM section 501.603 and further revised by GSA Acquisition Letter V–06–06, Supplement Number 1, dated September 3, 2008, and Supplement Number 5, dated May 30, 2013 as these requirements may be revised from time to time;
3. An acquisition plan for the procurement in accordance with the requirements specified in GSAM subpart 507.1—Acquisition Plans;
4. Justification for the delineated area in accordance with applicable laws and executive orders, including the Rural Development Act of 1972, as amended (7 U.S.C. 2204b–1), Executive Order 12072, Executive Order 13006, and Executive Order 13514;
5. A floodplain check in accordance with Executive Order 11988, “Floodplain Management;”
6. An organizational structure and staffing plan to support the delegation that identifies trained and experienced warranted contracting staff, post-occupancy lease administration staff, real estate legal support, and technical staff to ensure compliance with all applicable laws, regulations and GSA directives governing lease acquisitions and administration of lease contracts;
7. A plan for meeting or exceeding GSA’s performance measure for the cost of leased space relative to industry market rates. GSA’s performance measures can be found on OMB’s Web site at http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/egov/directives/detail/10001157.2005.html;
8. The total amount of required space, any special requirements and any associated parking requirements; and
9. A certification that the proposed space action is consistent with the OMB “Freeze the Footprint” policy.

GSA will decide whether the requesting agency’s exercise of the delegation is in the Government’s best interest. Prior to granting the agency’s request for a leasing delegation, GSA will consider the following factors:

1. A detailed narrative, including cost estimates, explaining why the granting of the request is in the best interests of the Government and how the agency’s use of the delegated authority is cost-effective for the Government;
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consider the negotiated rental rate in comparison to the prevailing market rental rate for a similar class of building and other factors as GSA deems appropriate, including overhead costs, personnel costs, support contract costs, travel costs, accounting costs, and reporting costs. The agency must provide, upon request by GSA, detailed acquisition costs.

6. Federal Real Property Profile Reporting Requirements for General Purpose, Categorical and Special Purpose Leasing Delegations

(a) In accordance with Executive Order 13327, Federal agencies are required to submit data for assets in their real property inventory to the Federal Real Property Profile (FRPP). Agencies are required to report data on all leased assets acquired under a delegation from GSA.

The FRPP data elements that must be submitted for each leased asset include, but not limited to:

1. Agency/Bureau Name;
2. Size;
3. Location; and
4. Type of Space.

Agencies also will have to indicate whether the leased asset was acquired through a General Purpose (Provider of Choice), Categorical or Special Purpose space delegation. A complete list of the FRPP data elements and definitions can be found in the Federal Real Property Council’s Guidance for Real Property Inventory Reporting, a copy of which can be obtained at http://www.gsa.gov/dictionary. FRPP data concerning GSA lease delegation actions may be provided to the GSA Public Buildings Service upon prior approval of the Federal Real Property Council.

(b) GSA also reserves the right to request additional information on agencies’ delegated lease activities based on the data submitted to the FRPP. For each location reported in the FRPP data system as General Purpose (Provider of Choice), Categorical or Special Purpose FRPP data concerning the negotiated rental rate in comparison to the prevailing market rental rate for a similar class of building and other factors as GSA deems appropriate, including overhead costs, personnel costs, support contract costs, travel costs, accounting costs, and reporting costs. The agency must provide, upon request by GSA, detailed acquisition costs.

Attachment 1

The listing below of laws, regulations, executive orders, and OMB Circulars affecting the individual applicability thresholds or other factors that impact applicability, and agency Contracting Officers must determine the individual applicability of each. These laws, executive orders, regulations, and OMB Circulars, each as may be amended from time to time, include the following:

1. Anti-Kickback Act of 1986 (41 U.S.C. 8701-8704);
2. Assignment of Claims Act of 1940 (31 U.S.C. 3727);
8. Covenant Against Contingent Fees (41 U.S.C. 3901(a));
9. Davis-Bacon Act of 1931 (40 U.S.C. 3141–3148);
11. Earthquake Hazards Reduction Act of 1977 (42 U.S.C. 7701–7706);
14. Examination of Records (41 U.S.C. 4706);
15. Leasing Authority (40 U.S.C. 585(a));
17. Intergovernmental Cooperation Act of 1968 (40 U.S.C. 901–905);
20. Officials Not to Benefit (41 U.S.C. 6306);
21. Prohibitions on Use of Appropriated Funds to Influence Federal Contracting (31 U.S.C. 1352);
22. Prompt Payment Act (31 U.S.C. 3901–3907);
23. Prospectus Authority (40 U.S.C. 3307);
28. Rural Development Act of 1972, as amended (7 U.S.C. 2204b–1);
29. Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. 4651–4655);
32. Executive Order No. 11988, “Floodplain Management” (May 24, 1977, 42 FR 26951);
33. Executive Order No. 11990, “Protection of Wetlands” (May 24, 1977, 42 FR 26961);
34. Executive Order No. 12072, “Federal Space Management” (Aug. 16, 1978, 43 FR 36869);
36. Executive Order No. 13006, “Locating Federal Facilities on Historic Properties in Our Nation’s Central Cities” (May 1, 1996, 61 FR 26071);
38. Executive Order No. 13327, “Federal Real Property Asset Management” (Feb. 4, 2004, 69 FR 5897);
40. Executive Order No. 13576, “Delivering Efficient, Effective, and Accountable Government” (Jun. 13, 2011, 76 FR 35297);
41. Executive Order No. 12941, “Seismic Safety of Existing Federally Owned or Leased Buildings” (Dec. 5, 1994, 59 FR 62545);
42. Comprehensive Procurement Guideline For Products Containing Recovered Materials (40 CFR chapter I, part 247);
43. OMB Circular A–11 (Capital Lease Scoring);
44. OMB Memorandum M–12–12, “Promoting Efficient Spending to Support Agency Operations” (May 11, 2012), and OMB Management Procedures Memorandum No. 2013–02, “Implementation of OMB Memorandum M–12–12 Section 3: Freeze the Footprint” (March 14, 2013);
45. Federal Management Regulation (41 CFR chapter 102);
46. General Services Administration Acquisition Manual, including the General Services Administration Acquisition Regulation (48 CFR chapter 5); and
47. The General Services Administration, Public Buildings Service, Leasing Desk Guide.

By delegation of the Administrator of General Services.
Anne E. Rung,
Associate Administrator.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520), Federal Agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. “Collection of information” is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3(c) and includes Agency requests or requirements that members of the public submit reports, keep records, or provide information to a third party. Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)) requires Federal Agencies to provide a 60-day notice in the Federal Register concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information, before submitting the collection to OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, FDA is publishing notice of the proposed collection of information set forth in this document.

With respect to the following collection of information, FDA invites comments on these topics: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of FDA’s functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of FDA’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques, when appropriate, and other forms of information technology.

Section 409(a) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (the FD&C Act) (21 U.S.C. 348(a)) provides that a food additive shall be deemed to be unsafe, unless: (1) The additive and its use, or intended use, are in conformity with a regulation issued under section 409 of the FD&C Act that describes the condition(s) under which the additive may be safely used; (2) the additive and its use, or intended use, conform to the terms of an exemption for investigational use; or (3) a food contact notification submitted under section 409(h) of the FD&C Act is effective.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[DOCKET NO. FDA–2010–N–0258]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Submission of Petitions; Food Additive, Color Additive (Including Labeling), and Generally Recognized as Safe (GRAS) Affirmation; Submission of Information to a Master File in Support of Petitions; Electronic Submission

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the Agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (the PRA), Federal Agencies are required to publish notice in the Federal Register concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information, and to allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on the information collection provisions of FDA’s regulations for submission of petitions, including food and color additive petitions (including labeling) and Generally Recognized as Safe (GRAS) affirmations, submission of information to a master file in support of petitions, and electronic submission using FDA Form 3503.

DATES: Submit either electronic or written comments on the collection of information by June 16, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Submit electronic comments on the collection of information to http://www.regulations.gov. Submit written comments on the collection of information to the Division of Dockets Management (HFA–305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, Rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852. All comments should be identified with the docket number found in brackets in the heading of this document.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: FDA PRA Staff, Office of Operations, Food and Drug Administration, 1350 Piccard Dr., P550–400B, Rockville, MD 20850, PRAStaff@fda.hhs.gov.