

September 6, 2018

Ms. Jennifer Jessup
Departmental Paperwork Clearance Office
Department of Commerce, Room 6616
14th and Constitution Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20230

Re: *Federal Register* notice of August 14, 2018, for Form F-10; Quarterly Survey of Public Pensions (OMB Number: 0607-0143)

Dear Ms. Jessup:

The Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) strongly supports the continued collection of data using Form F-10, the Quarterly Survey of Public Pensions. The data collected on this form are potentially very important to key components of BEA's economic statistics.

Currently, we use data collected on annual survey Forms F-11 (Locally Administered Employee-Retirement Systems) and F-12 (State Administered Employee-Retirement Systems) to calculate supplement to wages and salaries, net interest and personal interest income, personal dividend income, and pensions for the national income and product accounts (NIPAs). If it were possible to receive these data from the quarterly survey Form F-10 earlier than currently, then BEA would investigate using them to prepare quarterly NIPA estimates as outlined in the attached table.

Please keep BEA informed about any modifications to this form. We are particularly interested in any modifications proposed during the forms approval process that would substantially affect our use of these data. For additional information, please contact Tiffany Burrell, Source Data Coordinator on 301-278-9618, or by email at Tiffany.Burrell@bea.gov. Should you need assistance in justifying this form to the Office of Management and Budget, please do not hesitate to contact BEA.

Sincerely,



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Chief Economist

Attachment

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Questionnaire Section and Item Name from Quarterly Form F-10	Potential Use of Quarterly Form F-10 to Prepare Estimates for:
Part I. A.1. Employee contributions	NIPA Supplement to Wages and Salaries
Part I. A.4. Earnings on investments	NIPA Net Interest and Personal Interest Income
Part I. A.4.b. Dividends	NIPA Personal Dividend Income
Part I. B.1. Benefits paid	NIPA Pensions