

**Potential Sample Topics for the
Ad Hoc Clearance for Board-Wide Use
(FR 3100; OMB No. 7100-NEW)**

The Board collects several categories of information (described below) via this clearance through a variety of methods, including small discussion groups; focus groups; cognitive laboratory studies, such as those used to refine questions or assess usability of a website; qualitative customer satisfaction surveys (e.g., post-transaction surveys or opt-out web surveys); and other surveys and questionnaires. Individual information collections may be conducted in-person, via telephone or paper, or electronically, through, for example, mobile devices or virtual meetings. The Board collects information electronically and uses online tools to reduce burden where appropriate.

1. **Public Engagement on the Financial System:** The Board uses the FR 3100 to augment its understanding of the financial system and current economic and financial events through outreach to relevant stakeholders. Previously, this has been accomplished through informal outreach. For example, the Board recently gained insights on financial and digital asset technologies and their impacts on banking institutions and the financial system via targeted engagement with specific firms and organizations. This effort has helped the Board support responsible innovation in the financial sector. Under the FR 3100, information may be collected, for example, via web- or email-based surveys, telephone surveys, virtual or in-person interviews, paper-based surveys, or focus groups.
2. **Enhancing Administration of Board Programs:** A core goal of the Board is to optimize its operations and capabilities and, in particular, to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of supervision and regulatory activities. Adapting and improving Board programs requires soliciting feedback from Board-supervised institutions and the general public. The Board uses the FR 3100 to gather the views of interested parties in a variety of ways, including hosting Board-sponsored conferences and conducting focused outreach. Information that is collected may include experiences with Board programs, reasons for wanting to participate in Board programs, and ideas for improving Board programs. The Board may, for example, conduct informal surveys to identify strengths and weaknesses of current Board services and make improvements in service delivery based on feedback, to test response rates for future surveys, or to compare results of small inquiries to the results of larger, more rigorous studies.
3. **Research Projects:** The Board uses the FR 3100 to conduct low-burden, low-impact research projects, such as seeking information from schools, state and local governments or other public institutions, or specific small groups of private citizens. Such projects may involve seeking easily provided information or public records of interest to the Board. Information collected may be used to generate ideas about possible future projects (such as currency design, educational outreach, or public relations campaigns), but is not used to provide sole justification for such initiatives and would not yield data that could be generalized to the overall population. Such data uses would require more rigorous designs that would require a separate PRA clearance with public notice and opportunity for comment.