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OMB Seeks Public Comments on Government-Wide Reform

On May 15, 2017, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) issued a unique notice in the *Federal Register* asking citizens to comment and provide input into a "Government-wide Reform Plan":

SUMMARY:

The Executive Office of the President invites the public to suggest improvements to the organization and functioning of the Executive Branch. These suggestions will help inform the development of the proposed Government-wide Reform Plan, designed to create a leaner, more accountable, and more efficient government that works for the American people.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

On March 13, 2017, the President signed Executive Order 13781, Comprehensive Plan for Reorganizing the Executive Branch, which established a public comment requirement for the formulation of a comprehensive plan for reorganizing the Executive Branch. On April 12, 2017, OMB issued Memorandum M-17-22, Comprehensive Plan for Reforming the Federal Government and Reducing the Federal Civilian Workforce, to chart the course for a restrained, effective, and accountable government to better serve the American people. Pursuant to Executive Order 13781 and Memorandum M-17-22, a White House Web site has been created to facilitate the collection of public comments to inform the development of the Government-wide Reform Plan. The American people are encouraged to provide their input on how the Federal government can best work for them.

This is a unique opportunity for those with long withstanding views of agency rule, regulation, or regulatory reform to weigh in. Targets for comment may include:

- > Duplicative agency regulation or rules;
- > Rules or regulations in need of reform and/or modernization;
- > Comments to improve industry regulation or oversight;
- > Modernization of regulations to increase domestic job creation;

The White House has established an e-portal for submission of comments. Comments and suggestions on government reforms and improvements must be submitted electronically by June 12, 2017.

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