

Review Process

VOA will acknowledge receipt of all proposals and will review them for technical eligibility. Proposals will be deemed ineligible if they do not fully adhere to the guidelines stated herein and in the Solicitation Package. Eligible proposals will be forwarded to the USIA Office of Contracts for review. The VOA Director will have final authority on choice of successful applicant.

Review Criteria

Technically eligible applications will be competitively reviewed according to the criteria stated below. These criteria are not rank ordered and all carry equal weight in the proposal evaluation.

1. Accommodation of VOA objectives: The concept and current application of the VOA Pronunciation Guide are served by the proposal.

2. Institutional Record and Capacity: The proposal should demonstrate an ability by the applicant to provide sufficient hardware and software capacity and expertise to develop and maintain technical integrity of the system, and define the extent of public access available. The proposal should also demonstrate ability to provide support services including marketing, billing, project management and data capacity.

3. Impact: Ability to make the Pronunciation Guide available to potential users outside the United States is demonstrated. VOA seeks the widest possible availability. Ability to provide benefit to VOA in terms of services, exchanges, or cash should be evident.

Notice

The terms and conditions published in the RFP are binding and may not be modified by any VOA representative. Explanatory information provided by VOA that contradicts published language will not be binding. Issuance of RFP does not constitute a commitment on the part of the Government to go forward with the project.

Notification

All applicants will be notified of the results of the review process on or about December 13, 1995.

Dated: July 17, 1995.

Geoffrey Cowan,

Director, Voice of America.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**Information Collections Under OMB Review**

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs, has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) the following proposals for the collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

OMB Number: 2900-0029.

Titles and Form Numbers: Offer to Purchase and Contract of Sale, VA Form 26-6705; Credit Statement of Prospective Purchaser, VA Form 26-6705b; Addendum to Offer to Purchase and Contract of Sale, VA Form 26-6705c; and (Virginia) Addendum to Offer to Purchase and Contract of Sale, VA Form 26-6705d.

Type of Information Collection: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Needs and Uses:

a. VA Form 26-6705 serves as an offer to purchase and contract of sale for submitted purchase offers to VA on properties acquired through operation of the guaranteed and direct loan programs.

b. VA Form 26-6705b is used to collect credit and income information necessary to determine whether an applicant qualifies to purchase a VA-owned property.

c. VA Form 26-6705c is an addendum used to simplify the selection process among competing offers and ensure that the offer selected provides the greatest value to VA.

d. VA Form 26-6705d is a new addendum to VA Form 6705 for use in Virginia. It includes requirements of State law which must be acknowledged by the purchaser at or prior to closing.

Affected Public: Individuals or household.

Estimated Annual Burden: 64,583 total hours.

a. VA Form 26-6705—33,333 hours.

b. VA Form 26-6705b—33,500 hours.

c. VA Form 26-6705c—8,333 hours.

d. VA Form 26-6705d—417 hours.

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 14 minutes average.

a. VA Form 26-6705—20 minutes.

b. VA Form 26-6705b—20 minutes.

c. VA Form 26-6705c—5 minutes.

d. VA Form 26-6705d—5 minutes.

Frequency of Response: One time.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 272,500 total respondents.

a. VA Form 26-6705—100,000 respondents.

b. VA Form 26-6705b—67,500 respondents.

c. VA Form 26-6705c—100,000 respondents.

d. VA Form 26-6705d—5,000 respondents.

OMB Number: 2900-0094.

Titles and Form Numbers: Supplement to VA Forms 21-526, 21-534, and 21-535 (For Philippine Claims), VA Form 21-4169.

Type of Information Collection: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Needs and Uses: The information is used by VA Regional Office in Manila to determine whether eligibility for VA benefits can be established based on service in the Commonwealth Army of the Philippines or recognized guerrilla organization.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 1,000 hours.

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 1 hour.

Frequency of Response: On time.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,000 respondents.

OMB Number: 2900-0496

Title and Form Number: Claim for Veterans Mortgage Life Insurance, VA Form 29-0549.

Type of Information Collection: Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

Needs and Uses: The form is used by the mortgage holder to claim the proceeds of Veterans Mortgage Life Insurance and to provide information needed to authorize payment of the insurance. The information is used by VBA to process the mortgage holder's claim.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 250 hours.

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 60 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 250 respondents.

ADDRESSES: Copies of these submissions may be obtained from Trish Fineran, Veterans Benefits Administration (20M30), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420, (202) 273-6886.

Comments and recommendations concerning the submissions should be directed to VA's OMB Desk Officer, Allison Eydt, OMB Human Resources

and Housing Branch, New Executive
Office Building, Room 10235,
Washington, DC 20503 (202) 395-4650.
Do not send request for benefits to this
address.

DATES: Comments on the information
collections should be directed to the
OMB Desk Officer by no later than
August 17, 1995.

Dated: July 5, 1995.

By direction of the Secretary.

Donald L. Neilson,

Director, Information Management Service.

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