Deadline: March 1, 1998.

Resolution.

International peace and conflict.

Dissemination of information on education and training, and the.

Upcoming Deadline for the 1998.

**SUMMARY:**

**ACTION:**

**AGENCY:**

Spring Grant Program

Announcement of the 1998 Unsolicited.

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Donald L. Neilson,

Director, Office of Administration.

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**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

**OMB Control No. 2900±0252**

**Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection;**

**Comment Request**

**AGENCY:**

Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:**

Notice.

**SUMMARY:**

The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs, is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the Federal Register concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on the application for authority to close loans on an automatic basis for nonsupervised lenders.

**DATES:**

Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before April 13, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:**

Submit written comments on the collection of information to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20522), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420. Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900±0252” in any correspondence.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Nancy J. Kessinger at (202) 273±5079 or FAX (202) 275±5146.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Under the PRA of 1995 (Pub. L. 104±13; 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. This request for comment is being made pursuant to Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA.

With respect to the following collection of information, VBA invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VBA’s functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VBA’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (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 or the use of other forms of information technology.

Title: Application for Authority to Close Loans on an Automatic Basis—Nonsupervised Lenders, VA Form 26±8736.

OMB Control Number: 2900±0252.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: Title 38 U.S.C. 3702(d)(3) provides for nonsupervised lenders to make automatically guaranteed loans if the Secretary of Veterans Affairs approves them for such purposes. Automatic lending privileges eliminate the requirement for submission of loans to VA for prior approval. Lending institutions with automatic loan privileges may process and disburse such loans and subsequently report the loan to VA for issuance of guaranty. VA Form 26±8736 is used by nonsupervised lenders to request approval to close loans on an automatic basis. The form requests information considered crucial for VA to make acceptability determinations as to lenders who shall be approved for this privilege.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Annual Burden: 50 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 25 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Generally one time.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 120.


By direction of the Secretary.

Donald L. Neilson,

Director Information Management Service.

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**UNITED STATES INSTITUTE OF PEACE**

Announcement of the 1998 Unsolicited Spring Grant Program

**AGENCY:**

United States Institute of Peace.

**ACTION:**

Notice.

**SUMMARY:**

The Agency Announces its Upcoming Deadline for the 1998 Unsolicited Grant Spring Competition, which offers support for research, education and training, and the dissemination of information on international peace and conflict resolution.

Deadline: March 1, 1998.

**DATES:**

Receipt Date for Return of Application: March 1, 1998

(applications will be accepted on March 2.)


**ADDRESSES:**

For Application Package: United States Institute of Peace Grant Program, 1550 M Street, NW • Suite 700, Washington, DC 20005±1708, (phone) (202) 429±3842, (fax) (202) 429±6063, (TTY) (202) 457±1719, Email: grant±_program@usip.org.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

The Grant Program, Phone (202) 429±3842 www.usip.org.


Bernice J. Carney,

Director, Office of Administration.

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