

Questions concerning this notice should be directed to the Surety Bond Branch, Financial Accounting and Services Division, Financial Management Service, Department of the Treasury, Hyattsville, MD 20782, Telephone (202) 874-6850.

Dated: December 15, 1999.

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Assistant Commissioner, Financial Operations, Financial Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Fiscal Service

Surety Companies Acceptable on Federal Bonds: The Service Insurance Company, Inc.

AGENCY: Financial Management Service, Fiscal Service, Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is Supplement No. 6 to the Treasury Department Circular 570; 1999 Revision, published July 1, 1999, at 64 FR 35864.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Surety Bond Branch at (202) 874-6905.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A Certificate of Authority as an acceptable surety on Federal bonds is hereby issued to the following Company under 3 U.S.C. 9304 to 9308. Federal bond-approving officers should annotate their reference copies of the Treasury Circular 570, 1999 Revision, on page 35888 to reflect this addition *The Service Insurance Company, Inc.* Business Address: 80 Main Street, West Orange, New Jersey 07052. Phone: (973) 731-7650. Underwriting Limitation b/: \$122,000. Surety Licenses c/: NJ. Incorporated In: New Jersey.

Certificates of Authority expire on June 30 each year, unless revoked prior to that date. The Certificates are subject to subsequent annual renewal as long as the companies remain qualified (31 CFR Part 223). A list of qualified companies is published annually as of July 1 in Treasury Department Circular 570, with details as to underwriting limitations, areas in which licensed to transact surety business and other information.

The Circular may be viewed and downloaded through the Internet at <http://www.fms.treas.gov/c570/index.html>. A hard copy may be purchased from the Government Printing Office (GPO) Subscription Service, Washington, DC, Telephone (202) 512-1800. When ordering the

circular from GPO, use the following stock number: 048-000-00527-6.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0045]

Proposed Information Collection

Activity: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice

SUMMARY: The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) 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 for which approval has expired, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments for information needed to determine the reasonable value of properties proposed as security for guaranteed or direct home loans.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before February 22, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20S52), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0045" in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy J. Kessinger at (202) 273-8310 or FAX (202) 275-4884.

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 and Form Number: VA Request for Determination of Reasonable Value, VA Form 26-1805.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0045.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: VA Form 26-1805 is used to collect data necessary for VA compliance with the requirements of Title 38, U.S.C. 3710 (b)(4), (5), and (6). These requirements prohibit the VA guaranty or making of any loan unless the suitability of the security property for dwelling purposes is determined, the loan amount does not exceed the reasonable value, and if the loan is for purposes of alteration, repair, or improvements, the work substantially improves the basic livability of the property. The data supplied by persons and firms completing VA Form 26-1805 is used by VA personnel to identify and locate properties for appraisal and to make assignments to appraisers. VA is required to notify potential veteran-purchasers of such properties of the VA-established reasonable value. VA will also use VA Form 26-1843, Certificate of Reasonable Value, (included in the VA Form 1805 Package) as a notice to requesters of the reasonable (appraised) value or an authorized lender will issue a notice of value in connection with the Lender Appraisal Processing Program.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 60,000 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 12 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 300,000.

Dated: December 3, 1999.