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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Bureau of the Public Debt

Proposed Collection: Comment Request

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently the Bureau of the Public Debt within the Department of the Treasury is soliciting comments concerning the Certificate by Legal Representative(s) of Decedent's Estate, During Administration, of Authority to Act and of Distribution Where Estate Holds No More Than \$1000 (face amount) United States Savings and Retirement Securities, Excluding Checks Representing Interest.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before April 11, 2000, to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Bureau of the Public Debt, Vicki S. Thorpe, 200 Third Street, Parkersburg, WV 26106-1328.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the form and instructions should be directed to Vicki S. Thorpe, Bureau of the Public Debt, 200 Third Street, Parkersburg, WV 26106-1328, (304) 480-6553.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Certificate By legal Representative(s) of Decedent's Estate, During Administration, Of Authority To Act and Of Distribution Where Estate Holds No More Than \$1000 (face amount) United States Savings and Retirement Securities, Excluding Checks Representing Interest.

OMB Number: 1535-0060.

Form Number: PD F 2488-1.

Abstract: The information is requested to establish legal representative of a decedent's estate authority to act and request disposition of securities.

Current Actions: None.

Type of Review: Extension.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 6,300.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 15 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,575.

Request for Comments

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Fund Availability Under the VA Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Veterans Affairs is announcing the availability of funds of operational assistance under the per diem component of VA's Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program. Specifically, programs or components or programs that have not previously applied for or received per diem in connection with a grant under VA's Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program are eligible. This Notice contains information concerning the program, application process, and amount of funding available.

DATES: An original completed and collated per diem application (plus two

completed collated copies) for assistance under the VA Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program must be received in Mental Health Strategic Healthcare Group, Washington, DC, by 4:00 PM Eastern Time on March 29, 2000. Applications may not be sent by facsimile (FAX). In the interest of fairness to all competing applicants, this deadline is firm as to date and hour, and VA will treat as ineligible for consideration any application that is received after the deadline. Applicants should take this practice into account and make early submission of their material to avoid any risk of loss of eligibility brought about by unanticipated delays or other delivery-related problems.

FOR A COPY OF THE APPLICATION PACKAGE,

CONTACT: The Grant and Per Diem Program at (toll-free) 1-877-332-0334. For a document relating to the VA Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program, see the final rule codified at 38 CFR Part 17.700.

SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION: An original completed and collated *per diem application* (plus two copies) must be submitted to the following address: Mental Health Strategic Healthcare Group (116E), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420. Applications must be received in the Mental Health Strategic Healthcare Group by the application deadline.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Roger Casey, VA Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program, Mental Health Strategic Healthcare Group (116E), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420; (toll-free) 1-877-332-0334.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

This Notice announces the availability of funds for assistance under VA's Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program for eligible programs, established after November 10, 1992, or expanded after November 30, 1999, that have not previously applied for or received per diem in connection with a grant (see 38 CFR 17.716). This program is authorized by Public Law 102-590, the Homeless Veterans Comprehensive Service Programs Act of 1992, as amended. Funding applied for under this Notice may be used for aid for service centers and supportive housing. Funding will be in the form of per diem payments issued to eligible entities for an expected period not to exceed 24 months, subject to availability of funds. For eligibility criteria please refer to 38 CFR Part 17.716.

Authority: VA's Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program is authorized by

sections 3 and 4 of Public Law 102-590, the Homeless Veterans Comprehensive Service Programs Act of 1992 (38 U.S.C 7721 note) and has been extended through fiscal year 2003 by Public Law 106-117. The program is implemented by the final rule codified at 38 CFR Part 17.700. The final rule was published in the **Federal Register** on June 1, 1994, and February 27, 1995, and revised February 11, 1997. The regulations can be found in their entirety in 38 CFR, Volume 1, Sec. 17.700 through 17.731. Funds made available under this Notice are subject to the requirements of those regulations.

Allocation

Approximately \$5.0 million is available for the per diem component of this program. This funding is expected to be available for a maximum of 24 months, subject to the availability of funds. Nationally, this funding should

create approximately 1,500 additional community-based beds for homeless veterans. In later years, continued payment is subject to availability of funds.

Application Requirements

The specific per diem application requirements will be specified in the application package. The package includes all required forms and certifications. Conditional selections will be made based on criteria described in the application. Applicants who are conditionally selected will be notified of the additional information needed to confirm or clarify information provided in the application. Applicants will then have approximately one month to submit such information. If an applicant is unable to meet any conditions for per

diem award within the specified time frame, VA reserves the right to not award funds and to use the funds available for other applicants. Grant recipients need not reapply for per diem for programs covered by the grant. Per Diem for these programs is requested in the grant application and paid at the time of grant project completion. However, if such entities desire per diem for programs not funded by a grant award under VA's Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program, an application responding to this NOFA is required.

Dated: January 31, 2000.

Togo D. West, Jr.,

Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

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