

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**[OMB Control No. 2900-NEW]****Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

AGENCY: Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Veterans Health Administration (VHA) 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 new collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on the information needed to guarantee loans for construction or rehabilitation of multifamily transitional housing for homeless veterans.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before March 18, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information to Ann Bickoff, Veterans Health Administration (193B1), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail:

ann.bickoff@mail.va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-NEW" in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ann Bickoff at (202) 273-8310.

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, VHA invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VHA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VHA'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: VA Multifamily Transitional Housing Loan Guaranty Application, VA Form 10-0365.

OMB Control Number: 2900-NEW.

Type of Review: New collection.

Abstract: VA is authorized to guarantee loans for construction or rehabilitation of multifamily transitional housing for homeless veterans. Loans may include amounts to acquire land, refinance existing loans, finance acquisition of furniture, equipment, supplies and materials and to supply working capital for the organization. The information collected is used to determine financial and program service provider eligibility and apply criteria to rate each application; and to obtain information necessary to ensure minimal defaults and delinquencies, interest subsidies, or other payments.

Affected Public: Not for Profit Institutions, and State, Local or Tribal Government.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 200 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 40 hours.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 5.

Dated: December 20, 2001.

By direction of the Secretary.

Donald L. Neilson,

Director, Information Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**[OMB Control No. 2900-0620]****Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review**

AGENCY: Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C., 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Veterans Health Administration (VHA), Department of Veterans Affairs, has submitted the collection of information abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The PRA submission describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden; it includes the actual data collection instrument.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before February 14, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY OF THE SUBMISSION CONTACT: Denise McLamb, Information Management Service (045A4), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420, (202) 273-8030, FAX (202) 273-5981 or e-mail to: *denise.mclamb@mail.va.gov*. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0620."

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:

Title: Payment or Reimbursement for Emergency Services for Nonservice-Connected Conditions in Non-VA Facilities.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0620.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: VA has established provisions regarding payment of or reimbursement for reasonable value of non-VA emergency services provided for nonservice-connected conditions of certain veterans who have no medical insurance and no other recourse for payment. VA will make payment or reimbursement only for emergency services provided in a hospital emergency department or a similar facility held out as providing emergency care to the public. Health care providers furnishing emergency treatment who believe they may have a basis for filing a claim with VA for payment should contact VA within 48 hours after the veteran begins receiving emergency treatment for emergency services other than emergency transportation. Such contact is not a condition of VA payment. However, the contact will assist the provider in understanding the condition for payment and assist the provider in planning for transfer of the veteran after stabilization. VA would use the information and certifications submitted to process claims for such reimbursement or payment.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on October 26, 2001, at pages 54340-54341.

Affected Public: Individuals or households, business or other for-profit and not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Annual Burden: 120,729 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 30 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 241,457.

Send comments and recommendations concerning any aspect of the information collection to

VA's OMB Desk Officer, OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, (202) 395-7316. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0620" in any correspondence.

Dated: December 27, 2001.

By direction of the Secretary.

Mary Granito,

Management Analyst, Information Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0103]

Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C., 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs, has submitted the collection of information abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The PRA submission describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden; it includes the actual data collection instrument.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before February 14, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY OF THE SUBMISSION CONTACT: Denise McLamb, Information Management Service (045A4), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420, (202) 273-8015, FAX (202) 273-5981 or e-mail: denise.mclamb@mail.va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0103."

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:

Title: Application for Dependency and Indemnity Compensation by Child, VA Form 21-4183.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0103.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: VA Form 21-4183 is used by a child under age 18 to apply for dependency and indemnity compensation where the surviving spouse was not entitled or is no longer entitled to receive benefits or by a child age 18 or over regardless of the surviving spouse's entitlement. The form is used in lieu of VA Form 21-534, Application for Dependency and

Indemnity Compensation or Death Pension by Widow(er) or Child, in order to help reduce the reporting burden of a child under 18 when information about the deceased veteran's spouse is not required.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on July 6, 2001, at pages 35700-35701.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 1,975 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 15 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 7,900.

Send comments and recommendations concerning any aspect of the information collection to VA's OMB Desk Officer, OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 (202) 395-7316. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0103" in any correspondence.

Dated: December 17, 2001.

By direction of the Secretary.

Donald L. Neilson,

Director, Information Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0590]

Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Office of Acquisition and Materiel Management, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C., 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Office of Acquisition and Materiel Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, has submitted the collection of information abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The PRA submission describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden; it includes the actual data collection instrument.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before February 14, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY OF THE SUBMISSION CONTACT: Denise McLamb, Information Management Service (045A4), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420, (202) 273-8030 or FAX (202) 273-5981 or e-mail to: denise.mclamb@mail.va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0590" in any correspondence.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:

Titles:

a. Veterans Affairs Acquisition Regulation (VAAR) Clause 852.237-7, Indemnification and Medical Liability Insurance.

b. Veterans Affairs Acquisition Regulation (VAAR) Clause 852.237-71, Indemnification and Insurance.

c. Veterans Affairs Acquisition Regulation (VAAR) Clause 852.207-70, Report of Employment Under Commercial Activities.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0590.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Abstract:

a. Veterans Affairs Acquisition Regulation Clause 852.237-7, Indemnification and Medical Liability Insurance is used in lieu of Federal Acquisition Regulation clause 52.237-7, Indemnification and Medical Liability Insurance, in solicitations and contracts for the acquisition of non-personal health care services. VAAR 852.237-7 clause requires the apparent successful bidder/offeror, upon the request of the contracting officer, prior to contract award, to furnish evidence of insurability of the offeror and/or all health-care providers who will perform under the contract. Failure to collect the information would have a negative impact on VA's ability to ensure that VA will not be held liable for any negligent acts of the contractor or its employees and ensure that VA and VA beneficiaries are protected by adequate insurance coverage.

b. Veterans Affairs Acquisition Regulation Clause 852.237-71, Indemnification and Insurance, is used in solicitations for vehicle or aircraft services. To protect VA, VAAR 852.237-71 clause requires the apparent successful bidder/offeror, prior to contract award, to furnish evidence that the firm possesses the types and amounts of insurance required by the solicitation. The information will ensure that VA will not be held liable for any negligent acts of the contractor and ensures that VA beneficiaries and the public are protected by adequate insurance coverage.

c. Veterans Affairs Acquisition Regulation (VAAR) Clause 852.207-70,