

**DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**

**Internal Revenue Service**

**Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form 5300 and Schedule Q (Form 5300)**

**AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

**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 IRS is soliciting comments concerning Form 5300, Application for Determination for Employee Benefit Plan, and Schedule Q (Form 5300), Elective Determination Requests.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before December 27, 2004 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Joe Durbala, Internal Revenue Service, room 6516, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the forms and instructions should be directed to Allan Hopkins, at (202) 622-6665, or at Internal Revenue Service, room 6516, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224, or through the Internet, at [Allan.M.Hopkins@irs.gov](mailto:Allan.M.Hopkins@irs.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Application for Determination for Employee Benefit Plan (Form 5300), and Elective Determination Requests (Schedule Q (Form 5300)).

*OMB Number:* 1545-0197.

*Form Number:* Form 5300 and Schedule Q (Form 5300).

*Abstract:* Internal Revenue Code sections 401(a) and 501(a) set out requirements for qualification of employee benefit trusts and the tax exempt status of these trusts. Form 5300 is used to request a determination letter from the IRS for the qualification of a defined benefit or a defined contribution plan and the exempt status

of any related trust. The information requested on Schedule Q (Form 5300) relates to the manner in which the plan satisfies certain qualification requirements concerning minimum participation, coverage, and nondiscrimination.

*Current Actions:* There are no changes being made to the forms at this time.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit organizations and individuals.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 185,000.

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:* 43 hours, 6 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 7,972,750.

The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information covered by this notice:

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

*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.

Approved: October 22, 2004.

**Joe Durbala,**

*IRS Reports Clearance Officer.*

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**UNITED STATES INSTITUTE OF PEACE**

**Sunshine Act Meeting**

**DATE/TIME:** Thursday, November 18, 2004, 9:15 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

**LOCATION:** 1200 17th Street, NW., Suite 200—Conference Room, Washington, DC 20036.

**STATUS:** Open Session—Portions may be closed pursuant to subsection (c) of section 552(b) of Title 5, United States Code, as provided in subsection 1706(h)(3) of the United States Institute of Peace Act, Public Law 98-525.

**AGENDA:** November 2004 Board Meeting; Approval of Minutes of the One Hundred Sixteenth Meeting (September 17, 2004) of the Board of Directors; Chairman's Report; President's Report; Program Reports; Organizational Review; Grand Recommendation Approval; Selection of NPEC topic; Other General Issues.

**CONTACT:** Ms. Tessie Higgs, Executive Office, Telephone: (202) 429-3836.

Dated: October 22, 2004.

**Harriet Hentges,**

*Executive Vice President United States Institute of Peace.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

**Joint Biomedical Laboratory Research and Development and Clinical Science Research and Development Services Scientific Merit Review Board; Notice of Meetings**

The Department of Veterans Affairs gives notice under the Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that the subcommittees of the Joint Biomedical Laboratory Research and Development and Clinical Sciences Research and Development Services Scientific Merit Review Board will meet from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. as indicated below

Subcommittee for	Date(s)	Location
Surgery—A .....	Nov 8, 2004 .....	St. Gregory Hotel.
Endocrinology—A .....	Nov 8-9, 2004 .....	Governor's House.
Nephrology .....	Nov 15-16, 2004 .....	Governor's House.

Subcommittee for	Date(s)	Location
Neurobiology—E .....	Nov 18, 2004 .....	Topaz Hotel.
Gastroenterology .....	Nov 18–19, 2004 .....	Hotel Helix.
Cardiovascular Studies—B .....	Nov 19, 2004 .....	Washington Marriott.
General Medical Science .....	Nov 19, 2004 .....	Washington Marriott.
Neurobiology—D .....	Nov 19, 2004 .....	Hotel Washington.
Infectious Diseases—A .....	Nov 22, 2004 .....	Hotel Lombardy.
Surgery—B .....	Nov 22, 2004 .....	Hotel Lombardy.
Neurobiology—B .....	Nov 29, 2004 .....	Washington Marriott.
Immunology—A .....	Nov 30, 2004 .....	Hotel Lombardy.
Mental Hlth & Behav Sciences—A .....	Dec 1, 2004 .....	Residence Inn.
Mental Hlth & Behav Sciences—B .....	Dec 2, 2004 .....	Hotel Lombardy.
Neurobiology—C .....	Dec 2–3, 2004 .....	Washington Marriott.
Oncology—B .....	Dec 2–3, 2004 .....	Hotel Washington.
Clinical Research Program .....	Dec 3, 2004 .....	Washington Marriott.
Endocrinology—B .....	Dec 3, 2004 .....	Governor's House.
Cardiovascular Studies—A .....	Dec 6–7, 2004 .....	St. Gregory Hotel.
Immunology—B .....	Dec 6–7, 2004 .....	Hotel Rouge.
Neurobiology—A .....	Dec 9–10, 2004 .....	Holiday Inn Central.
Aging and Clinical Geriatrics .....	Dec 10, 2004 .....	Hotel Lombardy.
Oncology—A .....	Dec 13–14, 2004 .....	Residence Inn.
Respiration .....	Dec 13–14, 2004 .....	Governor's House.
Hematology .....	Dec 16, 2004 .....	Hotel Lombardy.
Infectious Diseases—B .....	Dec 16–17, 2004 .....	Washington Marriott.

The addresses of the hotels are:

Governor's House, 1615 Rhode Island Avenue, NW., Washington, DC;  
 Holiday Inn Central, 1501 Rhode Island Avenue, NW., Washington, DC;  
 Hotel Helix, 1430 Rhode Island Avenue, NW., Washington, DC;  
 Hotel Lombardy, 2019 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC;  
 Hotel Rouge, 1315—16th Street, NW., Washington, DC;  
 Hotel Washington, 515—15th Street, NW., Washington, DC;  
 Residence Inn (Thomas Circle), 1199 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC;  
 St. Gregory Hotel & Suites, 2033 M Street, NW., Washington, DC;  
 Topaz Hotel, 1733 N Street, NW., Washington, DC;  
 Washington Marriott, 1221—22nd Street, NW., Washington, DC.

These subcommittee meetings are for the purpose of evaluating the scientific merit of research conducted in each speciality by Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) investigations working in VA Medical Centers and Clinics.

The subcommittee meetings will be open to the public for approximately one hour at the start of each meeting to discuss the general status of the program. The remaining portion of each subcommittee meeting will be closed to the public for the review, discussion, and evaluation of initial and renewal projects.

The closed portion of the meetings involves discussion, examination, reference to staff and consultant critiques of research protocols. During this portion of the subcommittee meetings, discussion and recommendations will deal with qualifications of personnel conducting the studies, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, as well as research information, the premature disclosure of which could significantly frustrate implementation of proposed agency action regarding such research projects.

As provided by subsection 10(d) of Public Law 92–463, as amended, closing portions of these subcommittee

meetings is in accordance with 5 U.S.C., 552b(c)(6) and (9)(B). Those who plan to attend or would like to obtain a copy of minutes of the subcommittee meetings and rosters of the members of the subcommittees should contact LeRoy G. Frey, Ph.D., Chief, Program Review (121F), Department of Veterans Affairs, Washington, DC, (202) 254–0288.

Dated: October 14, 2004.

By Direction of the Secretary.

**E. Philip Riggan,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Privacy Act of 1974

**AGENCY:** Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

**ACTION:** Notice of new system of records—VA VetBiz Assistance Program Pages—VA.

**SUMMARY:** The Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. 522a(e), requires that all agencies publish in the **Federal Register** a notice of the existence and character of their systems of records. Notice is hereby given that the Department of Veterans

Affairs (VA) is establishing a new system of records entitled “VA VetBiz Assistance Program Pages—VA” (132VA00VE).

**DATES:** Comments on the establishment of this new system of records must be received no later than November 29, 2004. If no public comment is received, the new system will become effective November 29, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments concerning the proposed new system of records may be submitted by: mail or hand-delivery to Director, Regulations Management (00REG1), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Room 1068, Washington, DC 20420; fax to (202) 273–9026; or e-mail to [VAregulations@mail.va.gov](mailto:VAregulations@mail.va.gov). All comments received will be available for public inspection in the Office of Regulation Policy and Management, Room 1063B, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (except holidays). Please call (202) 273–9515 for an appointment.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Gail Wegner (00VE), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, telephone number (202) 303–3260.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Center for Veterans Enterprise (CVE)