

necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information has 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 on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and

(e) Estimates of capital or startup costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Dated: December 2, 2005.

Stuart Feldstein,

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury—IRS, in accordance with Title XI, Section 11144 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: a Legacy for Users (SAFETEA—LU) invites the general public and other Federal and state agencies to take this opportunity to comment on and have their comments considered in the studies mandated by this section.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before February 7, 2006 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written correspondence to Thomas P. Colaiezzi, Chief, SB/SE Research—PHL, Internal Revenue Service, 600 Arch Street, Room 7204, Philadelphia, PA 19106.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the SAFETEA—LU sections should be directed to the address listed in the **ADDRESSES** section in this document or via e-mail to Thomas.P.Colaiezzi@irs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Abstract: Title XI, section 11144 of SAFETEA—LU, enacted on August 10, 2005, directs the Secretary of the Treasury (Secretary) to study the use by trucks of highway motor fuel that is not

used in the propulsion of the vehicle. This will include vehicles carrying equipment that is unrelated to the transportation function of the vehicle and also where non-transportation equipment is run by a separate motor. The Secretary is also proposing options for implementing exemptions from tax for fuel used in non-transportation uses, but only if the Secretary determines such exemptions are administratively feasible. In addition, the Secretary is estimating the amount of fuel consumed and pollutants emitted by trucks due to long-term idling of diesel engines, and reporting on the cost of reducing long-term idling through various technologies.

Affected Public: Businesses that use, produce, or distribute diesel fuel or other products referenced in this section. Also affected are state agencies that impose taxes on diesel fuels.

Thomas P. Colaiezzi,

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900—New (28—1903)]

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 (VA), 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, existing collection in use without an OMB control number and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments for information needed to ensure contracts between VA and training facilities and vendors are consistent with the Federal Procurement Regulations.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before February 7, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information to

Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20M35), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail irmnkess@vba.va.gov. Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900—New (28—1903)” in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Nancy J. Kessinger at (202) 273-7079 or FAX (202) 275-5947.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3501-3521), 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: Contract for Training and Employment (Chapter 31, Title 38 U.S. Code), VA Form 28-1903.

OMB Control Number: 2900—New (28-1903).

Type of Review: Existing collection in use without an OMB number.

Abstract: VA Form 28-1903 is used to standardize contracts agreements between VA and training facilities/vendors providing vocational rehabilitation training and employment to veterans. VA uses the data collected to ensure that veterans are receiving the training/employment as agreed in the contract.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit, Not for-profit institutions, Individuals or households, Farms.

Estimated Annual Burden: 1,200 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 60 minutes.

Frequency of Response: One-time.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,200.

Dated: November 29, 2005.