

Commission's Web site <http://www.uscc.gov> in the near future.

**ADDRESSES:** The hearing will be held on Capitol Hill in Room 385 Russell Senate Office Building. Public seating is limited to about 50 people on a first come, first served basis. Advance reservations are not required.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Any member of the public wishing further information concerning the hearing should contact Kathy Michels, Associate Director for the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission, 444 North Capitol Street, NW., Suite 602, Washington, DC 20001; phone: 202-624-1409, or via E-mail at [kmichels@uscc.gov](mailto:kmichels@uscc.gov).

**Authority:** Congress created the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission in 2000 in the National Defense Authorization Act (Pub. L. 106-398), as amended by Division P of the Consolidated Appropriations Resolution, 2003 (Pub. L. 108-7), as amended by Public Law 109-108 (November 22, 2005).

Dated: August 9, 2006.

**Kathleen J. Michels,**

*Associate Director, U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission.*

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## U.S.-CHINA ECONOMIC AND SECURITY REVIEW COMMISSION

### Notice of Open Public Hearing

**AGENCY:** U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of open public hearing—September 14, 2006, Washington, DC.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of the following hearing of the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission.

*Name:* Larry M. Wortzel, Chairman of the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission.

The Commission is mandated by Congress to investigate, assess, evaluate and report to Congress annually on the U.S.-China economic and security relationship. The mandate specifically charges the Commission to "analyze and assess the Chinese role in the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction (WMD) and other weapons (including dual-use technologies) to terrorist-sponsoring states, and suggest possible steps which the United States might take, including economic sanctions, to encourage the Chinese to stop such practices." Pursuant to this mandate, the Commission will hold a public hearing in Washington, DC on September 14, 2006.

### Background

This event is the eighth and final hearing in a series of public hearings the Commission will hold during its 2006 report cycle to collect input from leading experts in academia, business, industry, government and the public on the impact of the economic and national security implications of the U.S. growing bilateral relationship with China. The September 14, 2006, hearing is being conducted to obtain commentary about the economic and national security implications of Chinese proliferation practices and its role in the North Korean and Iranian nuclear program, and the impact of these issues on U.S. security interests. In particular, the hearing will examine China's involvement in the North Korean and Iranian nuclear situations and the role it is, or should be, playing to resolve the current crises. Information on hearings, as well as transcripts of past Commission hearings, can be obtained from the USCC Web site <http://www.uscc.gov>.

This hearing will address "China's Proliferation to North Korea and Iran, and Its Role in Addressing the Nuclear and Missile Situations in Both Nations" and will be co-chaired by Commissioners Daniel Blumenthal and William Reinsch.

### Purpose of Hearing

The hearing is designed to assist the Commission in fulfilling its mandate by examining China's proliferation activities, transfers of WMD technology by Chinese entities to Iran, North Korea and other states of concern, and developments in connection with China's role in the Six-Party Talks with North Korea.

Copies of the hearing agenda will be made available on the Commission's Web site <http://www.uscc.gov>. Any interested party may file a written statement by September 14, 2006, by mailing to the contact below. The hearing will be held in two sessions, one in the morning and one in the afternoon, where Commissioners will take testimony from invited witnesses. There will be a question and answer period between the Commissioners and the witnesses.

**DATE AND TIME:** Thursday, September 14, 2006, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. A detailed agenda for the hearing will be posted to the Commission's Web site at <http://www.uscc.gov> in the near future.

**ADDRESSES:** The hearing will be held on Capitol Hill in Room 385 Russell Senate Office Building. Public seating is limited to about 50 people on a first

come, first served basis. Advance reservations are not required.

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Dated: August 9, 2006.

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0319]

### 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. 3501-21), 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 and includes the actual data collection instrument.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before September 14, 2006.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY OF THE SUBMISSION CONTACT:** Denise McLamb, Records Management Service (005G2), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 565-8374, fax (202) 565-7045 or e-mail: [denise.mclamb@mail.va.gov](mailto:denise.mclamb@mail.va.gov). Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0319."

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. 2900-0319" in any correspondence.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Fiduciary Agreement, VA Form 21-4703.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0319.

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

*Abstract:* VA Form 21-4703 is a legal binding contract between VA and Federally appointed fiduciaries receiving VA funds on behalf of beneficiaries who were determined to be incompetent or under legal disability by reason of minority or court action. The form outlines the fiduciary's responsibility regarding the use of VA funds.

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 April 06, 2006 at page 17563.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households, Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions, and State, local or tribal government.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 1,467 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden per Respondent:* 5 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* One time.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 17,600.

Dated: August 7, 2006.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Denise McLamb,**

*Program Analyst, Records Management Service.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

[OMB Control No. 2900-0090]

**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. 3501-21), 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 and includes the actual data collection instrument.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before September 14, 2006.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY OF THE SUBMISSION CONTACT:** Denise McLamb, Records Management Service (005G2), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 565-8374, FAX (202) 565-70458 or E-mail to: *denise.mclamb@mail.va.gov*. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0090."

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. 2900-0090" in any correspondence.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Application for Voluntary Service, VA Form 10-7055.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0090.

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

*Abstract:* Individuals expressing interest in volunteering at a VA medical center complete VA Form 10-7055 to request placement in the nationwide VA Voluntary Service Program. VA will use the data collected to place applicants in assignments most suitable to their special skills and abilities.

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 April 6, 2006 at pages 17562-17563.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households, not-for-profit institutions.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden:* 8,000 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:* 15 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* One-time.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 32,000.

Dated: August 7, 2006.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Denise McLamb,**

*Program Analyst, Records Management Service.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

[OMB Control No. 2900-0518]

**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, including each proposed extension of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments for information needed to determine a claimant's entitlement to income-dependent benefits.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before October 16, 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. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0518" 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