

suggests operational improvements, offers constructive observations regarding current or proposed IRS policies, programs, and procedures, and advises the IRS with respect to issues having substantive effect on federal tax administration.

DATES: Written applications must be postmarked or faxed on or before June 16, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Applications should be sent to Ms. Lorenza Wilds, National Public Liaison, CL:NPL:P, Room 7559 IR, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224, Attn: IRSAC Applications; or by e-mail: [*public_liaison@irs.gov](mailto:public_liaison@irs.gov). Applications may be submitted by mail to the address above or faxed to 202-927-5253. Application packages are available on the Tax Professional's Page, which is located on the IRS Internet Web site at <http://www.irs.gov/taxpros/index.html>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Lorenza Wilds, 202-622-6440 (not a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: IRSAC was authorized under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law No. 92-463., the first Advisory Group to the Commissioner of Internal Revenue—or the Commissioner's Advisory Group ("CAG")—was established in 1953 as a "national policy and/or issue advisory committee." Renamed in 1998, the Internal Revenue Service Advisory Council (IRSAC) reflects the agency-wide scope of its focus as an advisory body to the entire agency. The IRSAC's primary purpose is to provide an organized public forum for senior IRS executives and representatives of the public to discuss relevant tax administration issues.

Conveying the public's perception of IRS activities, the IRSAC is comprised of individuals who bring substantial, disparate experience and diverse backgrounds on the Council's activities. Membership is balanced to include representation from the taxpaying public, the tax professional community, small and large businesses, state tax administration, and the payroll community.

IRSAC members are appointed by the Commissioner of the Internal Revenue Service and serve a term of three years. There are four subcommittees of IRSAC, the (Small Business/Self Employed (SB/SE); Large Mid-Size Business (LMSB); Wage & Investment (W&I); and the Tax Gap Analysis (TGA) subcommittee, which was established last year.

Members are not paid for their services. However, travel expenses for working sessions, public meetings and orientation sessions, such as airfare, per

diem, and transportation to and from airports, train stations, etc., are reimbursed within prescribed federal travel limitations.

Receipt of applications will be acknowledged, these individuals contacted, and immediately thereafter, biographical information must be completed and returned to Ms. Lorenza Wilds in National Public Liaison within fifteen (15) days.

In accordance with Department of Treasury Directive 21-03, a clearance process including, fingerprints, annual tax checks, a Federal Bureau of Investigation criminal and subversive name check, and a practitioner check with the Office of Professional Responsibility will be conducted.

Equal opportunity practices will be followed for all appointments to the IRSAC in accordance with the Department of Treasury and IRS policies. To ensure that the recommendations of the IRSAC have taken into account the needs of the diverse groups served by the IRS, membership shall include individuals who demonstrate the ability to represent minorities, women, and persons with disabilities.

Dated: April 18, 2008.

Candice Cromling,

Director, National Public Liaison.

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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—May 20, 2008, Washington, DC.

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

Name: Larry 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 national security implications and impact of the bilateral trade and economic relationship between the United States and the People's Republic of China."

Pursuant to this mandate, the Commission will hold a public hearing in Washington, DC on May 20, 2008 to address "China's Proliferation Practices and the Development of its Cyber and Space Warfare Capabilities"

Background

This event is the fifth in a series of public hearings the Commission will hold during its 2008 report cycle to collect input from leading academic, industry, and government experts on the impact of the economic and national security implications of the U.S. bilateral trade and economic relationship with China. The May 20 hearing will examine three topics: China's proliferation activities, China's growing cyber space activities and capabilities, and China's growing presence and capabilities in outer space.

The May 20 hearing will address "China's Proliferation Practices and the Development of its Cyber and Space Warfare Capabilities" and will be Co-chaired by Commissioners Peter Brookes and William Reinsch.

Information on hearings, as well as transcripts of past Commission hearings, can be obtained from the USCC Web Site <http://www.uscc.gov>.

Copies of the hearing agenda will be made available on the Commission's Web site <http://www.uscc.gov> as soon as available. Any interested party may file a written statement by May 20, 2008, by mailing to the contact below. On May 20, the hearing will be held in two sessions, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. There will be a question and answer period between the Commissioners and the witnesses.

DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, May 20, 2008, 10 a.m. to 4:15 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 562 Dirksen Senate Office Building located at First Street and Constitution Avenue, NE., Washington, DC 20510. 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.

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: April 22, 2008.

Kathleen J. Michels,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0009]

Agency Information Collection (Disabled Veterans Application for Vocational Rehabilitation) 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. 3501-3521), this notice announces that the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs, will submit 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 May 28, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information through <http://www.Regulations.gov> or 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. 2900-0009" in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Denise McLamb, Records Management Service (005R1B), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 461-7485, FAX (202) 273-0443 or e-mail denise.mclamb@mail.va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0009."

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Disabled Veterans Application for Vocational Rehabilitation (Chapter 31, Title 38 U.S.C.), VA Form 28-1900.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0009.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: Veterans with a combined service-connected disability rating of ten percent or more and are awaiting discharge for such disability use VA Form 28-1900 to apply for vocational rehabilitation benefits. VA provides service and assistance to veterans with

disabilities, who have an entitlement determination, to gain and keep suitable employment. Vocational rehabilitation also provides service to support veterans with disabilities to achieve maximum independence in their daily living activities if employment is not reasonably feasible. VA use the information collected to determine the claimant's eligibility for vocational rehabilitation benefits.

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 February 15, 2008, at pages 8933-8934.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 16,961 hours.

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 15 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Annually.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 67,844.

Dated: April 17, 2008.

By direction of the Secretary.

Denise McLamb,

Program Analyst, Records Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-New (ROSI)]

Proposed Information Collection (Recovery Oriented System Indicator and Mental Health Recovery Measure); Comment Request

AGENCY: Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Veterans Health Administration (VHA), 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 new collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments for information needed to implement a mental health recovery assessment baseline.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before June 27, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information through <http://www.Regulations.gov>; or to Mary Stout, Veterans Health Administration (193E1), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420; or e-mail: mary.stout@va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-New (ROSI)" in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at <http://www.Regulations.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary Stout (202) 461-5867 or FAX (202) 273-9381.

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, 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.

Titles

a. Recovery Oriented System Indicator (ROSI), VA Form 10-21084a.

b. Mental Health Recovery Measure (MHRM), VA Form 10-2184b.

OMB Control Number: 2900-New (ROSI).

Type of Review: New collection.

Abstract: VA Form 10-21084a, Recovery Oriented System Indicator (ROSI), will be employed to assess consumer perceptions of the provision of recovery services at their facility, and the presence of recovery oriented attitudes among staff. It will be used to develop a Performance Measure that would require all sites to have a composite score on the ROSI that is in at least the 85th percentile of all Veterans Integrated Service Networks.