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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900–New (eBenefits)]

Agency Information Collection: Emergency Submission for OMB (eBenefits) Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of Information and Technology, 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 United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) the following emergency proposal for the collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3507(j)(1)). The reason for the emergency clearance is to allow VA to allow claimants to find information about benefits and other services online.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before August 6, 2009.

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–New (eBenefits)" in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: eBenefits Portal.

OMB Control Number: 2900–New (eBenefits).

Type of Review: New collection.

Abstract: The eBenefits portal, a joint project between the VA and DoD, is intended to serve as a single point of entry for benefits information. Users include members of the armed forces, veterans, wounded warriors, and family members. Users wishing to access the full functionality of the eBenefits portal

will register for a single sign-on credential that will ultimately be shared by other VA and DoD portals. The eBenefits portal will allow these authenticated users to create profiles for themselves so they can see a customized view of their homepage, receive personalized alerts, view a calendar of appointments, view content related to their benefits, and opt into other individualized features. Profiles will initially be populated with data from the existing Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting (DEERS) database, but will also offer users the option to indicate preferences and individual details that will enable the portal to deliver personalized information.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 225,000 hours.

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 5 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 225,000.

Dated: July 27, 2009.

By direction of the Secretary.

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