

*Form:* 23; 23-EP.

*Description:* Form 23 must be completed by those who desire to be enrolled to practice before the Internal Revenue Service. The information on the form will be used by the Director of Practice to determine the qualifications and eligibility of applicants for enrollment. Form 23-EP is the application form for Enrolled Retirement Plan Agents (ERPAs).

*Respondents:* Individuals or Households.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 1,200 hours.

*OMB Number:* 1545-1844.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Agreement to Mediate.

*Form:* 13369.

*Description:* Fast Track Mediation is a dispute resolution process designed to expedite case resolution. In order to avail themselves of this process, taxpayers and Compliance must complete the Agreement to Mediate once an examination or collection determination is made. Once signed by both parties, the Agreement to Mediate will be forwarded to Appeals to schedule a mediation session.

*Respondents:* Individuals or Households.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 15 hours.

*OMB Number:* 1545-1816.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* REG-103320-00 (TD 9054—Final) Disclosure of Returns and Return Information to Designee of Taxpayer.

*Description:* Regulation section 301.6103(c)-1 generally authorizes the IRS and its agents to disclose returns and return information to such person or persons as the taxpayer may designate in a written request for or consent to disclosure, or to any other person at the taxpayer's written or nonwritten request to the extent necessary to comply with a request for information or assistance made by the taxpayer to such other person. The regulation requires a taxpayer who wishes to authorize disclosure of his or her returns or return information to provide the IRS or its agents with certain information, such as information identifying.

*Respondents:* Individuals or Households.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 800 hours.

*OMB Number:* 1545-2007.

*Type of Review:* Revision.

*Title:* Employer's Annual Employment Tax Return.

*Form:* 944; 944-SP; 944-X.

*Description:* The information on Form 944 will be collected to ensure the

smallest nonagricultural and non-household employers are paying the correct amount of social security tax, Medicare tax, and withheld federal Income tax. Information on line 13 will be used to determine if employers made any required deposits of these taxes.

*Respondents:* Businesses or other for-profits.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 14,019,000 hours.

*OMB Number:* 1545-1826.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Excise Tax on Structured Settlement Factoring Transactions.

*Form:* 8876.

*Description:* Form 8876 is used to report structured settlement transactions and pay the applicable excise tax.

*Respondents:* Businesses or other for-profits.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 560 hours.

*OMB Number:* 1545-1190.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Like-Kind Exchanges.

*Form:* 8824.

*Description:* Form 8824 is used by individuals, partnerships, and other entities to report the exchange of business or investment property, and the deferral of gains from such transactions under section 1031. It is also used to report the deferral of gain under section 1043 by members of the executive branch of the Federal government.

*Respondents:* Individuals or Households.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 834,979 hours.

*OMB Number:* 1545-1060.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Application for Withholding Certificate for Dispositions by Foreign Persons of U.S. Real Property Interests.

*Form:* 8288-B.

*Description:* Form 8288-B is used to apply for a withholding certification from IRS to reduce or eliminate the withholding required by section 1445.

*Respondents:* Businesses or other for-profits.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 29,256 hours.

*OMB Number:* 1545-1835.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Form 637 Questionnaires.

*Form:* 637.

*Description:* Form 637 Questionnaires will be used to collect information about persons who are registered with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) in accordance with Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Sec. 4104 or 4222. The information will be used to make an informed decision on whether the applicant/registrant qualifies for registration.

*Respondents:* Businesses or other for-profits.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 3,479 hours.

*OMB Number:* 1545-0991.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Application to Participate in the IRS e-file Program.

*Form:* 8633.

*Description:* Form 8633 is used by tax preparers, electronic return collectors, software firms, service bureaus and electronic transmitters, as an application to participate in the electronic filing program covering individual income tax returns.

*Respondents:* Businesses or other for-profits.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 50,000 hours.

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-New (VA Form 0913)]

### Agency Information Collection (Applicant Background Survey) Activities Under OMB Review

**AGENCY:** Human Resources and 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 Human Resources and Administration, 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 and includes the actual data collection instrument.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before November 23, 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 (VA Form 0913)" in any correspondence.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Denise McLamb, Enterprise Records 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](mailto:denise.mclamb@mail.va.gov). Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-New (VA Form 0913)."

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Titles:* Applicant Background Survey, VA Form 0913.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-New (0913).

*Type of Review:* New collection.

*Abstract:* VA Form 0913 will be used to collect data needed for planning and assessing affirmative employment program initiatives. The data will be used to report in an aggregated manner to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and to conduct aggregated adverse impact analysis to ensure VA's employment and selection decisions are fair and equitable.

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 August 13, 2009, at page 40868.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden:* 1,250.

*Estimated Average Burden per Respondent:* 5 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* Annually.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 15,000.

Dated: October 18, 2009.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Denise McLamb,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

[OMB Control No. 2900-0737]

**Proposed Information Collection (eBenefits Portal) Activity: Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Office of Information and Technology, Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Information and Technology (OI&T), 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 on information needed to access the eBenefits portal.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before December 22, 2009.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Aiden Barr (0050P4F), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, (443) 450-4411, FAX (443) 450-4411 or e-mail [aiden.barr@va.gov](mailto:aiden.barr@va.gov). Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0737."

**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, OI&T invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of OI&T's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of OI&T'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:* eBenefits Portal.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0737.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved 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, family members, delegates, and caregivers. 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 allows 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 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: October 18, 2009.

By direction of the Secretary.

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**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

**Research Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses; Notice of Meeting**

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that the Research Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses will meet on November 2-3, 2009, in Room 230 at the Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC. The sessions will start at 8 a.m. each day and end at 5:15 p.m. on November 2 and at 1 p.m. on November 3. The meeting is open to the public.