

pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10502(b). A final decision will be issued by April 4, 2014.

Any offer of financial assistance (OFA) under 49 CFR 1152.27(b)(2) will be due no later than 10 days after service of a decision granting the petition for exemption. Each OFA must be accompanied by a \$1,600 filing fee. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

All interested persons should be aware that, following abandonment of rail service and salvage of the line, the line may be suitable for other public use, including interim trail use. Any request for a public use condition under 49 CFR 1152.28 or for trail use/rail banking under 49 CFR 1152.29 will be due no later than January 23, 2014. Each trail use request must be accompanied by a \$250 filing fee. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(27). However, NSR states that, because it seeks abandonment to allow expansion of Roanoke's facilities, NSR is unwilling to negotiate interim trail use.

All filings in response to this notice must refer to Docket No. AB 290 (Sub-No. 351X) and must be sent to: (1) Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001; and (2) Robert A. Wimbish, Baker & Miller PLLC, 2401 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Suite 300, Washington, DC 20037. Replies to the petition are due on or before January 23, 2014.

Persons seeking further information concerning abandonment procedures may contact the Board's Office of Public Assistance, Governmental Affairs and Compliance at (202) 245-0238 or refer to the full abandonment or discontinuance regulations at 49 CFR pt. 1152. Questions concerning environmental issues may be directed to the Board's Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) at (202) 245-0305. Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

An environmental assessment (EA) (or environmental impact statement (EIS), if necessary) prepared by OEA will be served upon all parties of record and upon any agencies or other persons who comment during its presentation. Other interested persons may contact OEA to obtain a copy of the EA (or EIS). EAs in these abandonment proceedings normally will be made available within 60 days of the filing of the petition. The deadline for submission of comments on the EA generally will be within 30 days of its service.

Board decisions and notices are available on our Web site at [www.stb.dot.gov](http://www.stb.dot.gov).

Decided: December 30, 2013.

By the Board, Rachel D. Campbell, Director, Office of Proceedings.

**Derrick Gardner,**

*Clerk*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Fiscal Service

#### Prompt Payment Interest Rate; Contract Disputes Act

**AGENCY:** Bureau of the Fiscal Service, Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** For the period beginning January 1, 2014, and ending on June 30, 2014, the prompt payment interest rate is 2 $\frac{1}{8}$  per centum per annum.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments or inquiries may be mailed to: Sam Doak, Reporting Team Lead Accountant, Bureau of the Fiscal Service, Federal Borrowings Branch, Room 119, Parkersburg Warehouse & Operations Center Dock 1, 257 Bosley Industrial Park Drive, Parkersburg, West Virginia 26101. Comments or inquiries may also be emailed to [borrowings@bpd.treas.gov](mailto:borrowings@bpd.treas.gov). A copy of this notice is available at <http://www.treasurydirect.gov>.

**DATES:** Effective January 1, 2014, to June 30, 2014.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Adam Charlton, Manager, Fiscal Accounting Operations, Federal Borrowings Branch, (304) 480-5248; Sam Doak, Reporting Team Lead Accountant, Fiscal Accounting Operations, Federal Borrowings Branch, (304) 480-5117; or Elisha S. Garvey, Attorney-Advisor, Office of the Chief Counsel, (202) 504-3715.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** An agency that has acquired property or service from a business concern and has failed to pay for the complete delivery of property or service by the required payment date shall pay the business concern an interest penalty. 31 U.S.C. 3902(a). The Contract Disputes Act of 1978, Sec. 12, Public Law 95-563, 92 Stat. 2389, and the Prompt Payment Act, 31 U.S.C. 3902(a), provide for the calculation of interest due on claims at the rate established by the Secretary of the Treasury.

The Secretary of the Treasury has the authority to specify the rate by which the interest shall be computed for interest payments under section 12 of the Contract Disputes Act of 1978 and under the Prompt Payment Act. Under the Prompt Payment Act, if an interest

penalty is owed to a business concern, the penalty shall be paid regardless of whether the business concern requested payment of such penalty. 31 U.S.C. 3902(c)(1). Agencies must pay the interest penalty calculated with the interest rate, which is in effect at the time the agency accrues the obligation to pay a late payment interest penalty. 31 U.S.C. 3902(a). "The interest penalty shall be paid for the period beginning on the day after the required payment date and ending on the date on which payment is made." 31 U.S.C. 3902(b).

Therefore, notice is given that the Secretary of the Treasury has determined that the rate of interest applicable for the period beginning January 1, 2014, and ending on June 30, 2014, is 2 $\frac{1}{8}$  per centum per annum.

**Mark Reger,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Accounting Policy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0001]

#### Proposed Information Collection (Veteran's Application for Compensation and/or Pension) Activity: 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 revision 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 determine a veteran's eligibility, dependency, and income, as applicable, for compensation and/or pension benefit sought.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before March 4, 2014.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information through [www.Regulations.gov](http://www.Regulations.gov); or to Nancy J.

Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20M35), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420 or email: [nancy.kessinger@va.gov](mailto:nancy.kessinger@va.gov). Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0001" in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at [www.Regulations.gov](http://www.Regulations.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Nancy J. Kessinger at (202) 632-8924 or FAX (202) 632-8925.

**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.

**Titles**

a. Veteran's Application for Compensation and/or Pension, VA Form 21-526.

b. Veteran's Supplemental Claim Application, VA Form 21-526b.

c. Authorization and Consent Release Information to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), VA Form 21-4142.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0001.

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

**Abstracts**

a. Veterans complete VA Form 21-526 to initially apply for compensation and/or pension benefits.

b. Veterans who previously filed a claim using VA Form 21-526, and who wish to request an increase in a service connected condition, reopen their claim for a previously denied claim, and/or file a claim for a new service-connected condition must complete VA Form 21-526b. VA Form 21-526b will be used for supplemental disability or ancillary benefit claims.

c. Veterans who need VA's assistance in obtaining non-VA medical records must complete VA Form 21-4142.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

**Estimated Annual Burden**

a. VA Form 21-526—391,708.

b. VA Form 21-526b—50,000.

c. VA Form 21-4142—274.

**Estimated Average Burden per Respondent**

a. VA Form 21-526—1 hour.

b. VA Form 21-526b—15 minutes.

b. VA Form 21-4142—5 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

**Estimated Number of Respondents**

a. VA Form 21-526—391,708.

b. VA Form 21-526b—200,000.

c. VA Form 21-4142—3,292.

Dated: December 30, 2013.

By direction of the Secretary:

**Crystal Rennie,**

*VA Clearance Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

[OMB Control No. 2900-0215]

**Proposed Information Collection (Request for Information To Make Direct Payment to Child Reaching Majority); 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 revision 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 determine a schoolchild's eligibility to VA death benefits.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before March 4, 2014.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information through

Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at [www.Regulations.gov](http://www.Regulations.gov) or to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20M33), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420 or email to [nancy.kessinger@va.gov](mailto:nancy.kessinger@va.gov). Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0215" in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through FDMS.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Nancy J. Kessinger at (202) 632-8924 or FAX (202) 632-8925.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the PRA of 1995 (Public Law 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:* Request for Information to Make Direct Payment to Child Reaching Majority, VA Form Letter 21-863.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0215.

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

*Abstract:* VA Form Letter 21-863 is used to determine a schoolchild's continued eligibility to death benefits and eligibility to receive direct payment at the age of majority. Death pension or dependency and indemnity compensation is paid to an eligible Veteran's child when there is not an eligible surviving spouse and the child is between the ages of 18 and 23 is attending school. Until the child reaches the age of majority, payment is made to a custodian or fiduciary on behalf of the child. An unmarried schoolchild, who is not incompetent, is entitled to begin receiving direct payment on the age of majority.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 3 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden per Respondent:* 10 minutes.