

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:* Bereaved Family Member Satisfaction Survey.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0701.

*Type of Review:* Revision.

*Abstract:* The death rate for Veterans will continue to grow as the number of Veterans 85 years of age and older is projected to increase by 32 percent between 2009 and 2018. Given this trend, the VA will face substantial challenges in providing care to Veterans near the end of life. For example, extensive data from non-VA health care systems demonstrates that physical symptoms like pain, dyspnea and nausea are common in advanced illness, but are under-recognized and inadequately managed. Other studies have found that providers often lack the time and communication skills to discuss goals of care and treatment preferences with patients and families; there is strong evidence that when providers fail to discuss goals of care with patients and families, patients often receive unwanted, aggressive life-sustaining treatment that is not consistent with their preferences. A related problem has been the high incidence of deaths in an acute care setting. As many Veterans approaching end of life may prefer a more quiet and comfortable setting than can be provided in acute care, with improved communications and availability of services much of this end of life care could be shifted to a VA hospice unit or to hospice in the Veteran's home. The VA has been and continues to be a leader among healthcare systems in the provision of hospice and palliative care. National VA initiatives have been implemented and continue to support the development and expertise of palliative care consult teams.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or Households.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 1,833 burden hours.

*Estimated Average Burden per Respondent:* 10 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* Annually.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 11,000

Dated: November 20, 2014.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Crystal Rennie,**

*Department Clearance Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-CVE Verification]

### Agency Information Collection—Center for Verification and Evaluation (CVE) Verification Under OMB Review

**AGENCY:** Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU), 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 OSDBU, 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; it includes the actual data collection instrument.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before December 26, 2014.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information through [www.Regulations.gov](http://www.Regulations.gov), or to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attn: VA Desk Officer; 725 17th St. NW., Washington, DC 20503 or sent through electronic mail to [oira\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oira_submission@omb.eop.gov). Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-CVE Verification" in any correspondence.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Crystal Rennie, Enterprise Records Service (005R1B), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 632-7492 or email [crystal.rennie@va.gov](mailto:crystal.rennie@va.gov). Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-CVE Verification."

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* CVE Verification.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-NEW.

*Type of Review:* New collection.

*Abstract:* The Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU) CVE is required to measure the effectiveness of different stages of the afore-mentioned verification process and how it fulfills Veterans' needs. The

stages to be measured are the pre-application, post-determination, and exit. To collect this processing information, CVE will solicit voluntary opinions of verification applicants. The results will be used to improve different areas of this program.

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 24, 2014, (79 FR 51397).

*Affected Public:* Service-disabled Veteran-owned small business (SDVOSB) owners and Veteran-owned small business (VOSB) owners that have gone through the verification process (pre-application, post-determination, or exit stages).

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 150 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden per*

*Respondent:* 3 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* Every other year (the verification status lasts for 2 years).

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 250 per month (3,000 per year).

Dated: November 20, 2014.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Crystal Rennie,**

*Department Clearance Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-(Center for Verification and Evaluation [CVE] Site Inspection)]

### Agency Information Collection—(CVE Site Inspection) Under OMB Review

**AGENCY:** Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU), 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 OSDBU, 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; it includes the actual data collection instrument.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed