Supplementary Information: This request for an extension covers the competitive acquisition of commercial and non-commercial goods or services conducted under the simplified acquisition procedures of FAR Part 13 and VAAR Part 813 that exceed $25,000. The collection of procurement information is an integral part of the Federal acquisition process. VA cannot award contracts, issue purchase orders, or enter into blanket purchase agreements (BPAs) or other contract actions without the collection of information. The Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) contains PRA control numbers for the collection of information under FAR Parts 14, Sealed Bidding, and 15, Contracting by Negotiation. All VA invitations for bids (IFB) (i.e., sealed bids) and requests for proposals (RFPs) (i.e., negotiated) acquisitions exceeding $150,000 (or exceeding $7 million for commercial items) are conducted in accordance with FAR Parts 14 or 15 and are covered by the FAR PRA control numbers. In addition, many of VA’s commercial item acquisitions between $150,000 and $7 million are also conducted in accordance with FAR Parts 14 or 15. Therefore, the OMB PRA control numbers assigned to the FAR already cover VA acquisition activities under FAR Parts 14 and 15 and VAAR Parts 814 and 815. There are no separate collections of information in VAAR Parts 814 and 815 that are over and above those already required by the FAR. However, the FAR does not have an OMB PRA control number for Part 13. Thus, this VAAR PRA number 2900–0393 covers VA’s acquisition activities conducted under FAR Part 13 and under VAAR Part 813, since those activities are not covered by a PRA number assigned to the FAR.

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 at 82 FR 47080 on October 10, 2017, page 47080.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit and not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Annual Burden: VAAR Part 813—20,845 Burden Hours.

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: VAAR Part 813—1 Hour.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: VAAR Part 813—20,845.