

*Estimated Time per Response:* 7 hours.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion reporting requirements.

*Obligation to Respond:* Required to obtain or retain benefits. Statutory authority for this information collection is contained in 47 U.S.C. 154(i), 214, 254, and 303(r).

*Total Annual Burden:* 3,500 hours.

*Total Annual Cost:* No Cost.

*Nature and Extent of Confidentiality:* Although most information collected in FCC Form 183 will be made available for public inspection, the Commission will withhold certain information collected in FCC Form 183 from routine public inspection. Specifically, the Commission will treat certain technical information submitted in FCC Form 183 as confidential and as though the applicant has requested that this information be treated as confidential trade secrets and/or commercial information. In addition, an applicant may use the abbreviated process under 47 CFR 0.459(a)(4) to request confidential treatment of certain financial information contained in its FCC Form 183 application. However, if a request for public inspection for this technical or financial information is made under 47 CFR 0.461, and the applicant has any objections to disclosure, the applicant will be notified and will be required to justify continued confidential treatment of its request. To the extent that a respondent seeks to have other information collected in FCC Form 183 withheld from public inspection, the respondent may request confidential treatment pursuant to 47 CFR 0.459.

*Privacy Act Impact Assessment:* No impact(s).

*Needs and Uses:* The Commission will use the information collected to determine whether applicants are eligible to participate in the CAF-II auction. In its *USF/ICC Transformation Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*, 76 FR 78385 (Dec. 16, 2011), WC Docket No. 10–90 et al., FCC 11–161, the Commission comprehensively reformed and modernized the high-cost program within the universal service fund to focus support on networks capable of providing voice and broadband services. The Commission created the Connect America Fund and concluded that support in price cap areas would be provided through a combination of “a new forward-looking model of the cost of constructing modern multi-purpose networks” and a competitive bidding process (the CAF-II auction). The

Commission also sought comment on proposed rules governing the CAF-II auction, including options regarding basic auction design and the application process.

In the CAF-II auction, service providers will compete to receive support of up to \$1.98 billion over 10 years to offer voice and broadband service in unserved high-cost areas. To implement reform and conduct the CAF-II auction, the Commission adopted new rules for the CAF-II auction which include new information collections. In its *April 2014 Connect America Order*, WC Docket No. 10–90 et al., FCC 14–54, the Commission adopted certain rules regarding participation in the CAF-II auction, the term of support, and the ETC designation process. In its *Phase II Auction Order*, WC Docket No. 10–90 et al., FCC 16–64, the Commission adopted rules to implement the CAF-II auction, including the adoption of a two-stage application process. Based on the Commission’s experience with auctions and consistent with the record, this two-stage collection of information balances the need to collect information essential to conduct a successful auction with administrative efficiency.

Under this information collection, the Commission will collect information that will be used to determine whether an applicant is legally qualified to participate in an auction for Connect America Fund Phase II support. To aid in collecting this information, the Commission has created FCC Form 183, which the public will use to provide the necessary information and certifications. Commission staff will review the information collected on FCC Form 183 as part of the pre-auction process, prior to the start of the auction, and determine whether each applicant satisfies the Commission’s requirements to participate in an auction for CAF-II support. Without the information collected on FCC Form 183, the Commission will not be able to determine if an applicant is legally qualified to participate in the auction and has complied with the various applicable regulatory and statutory auction requirements for such participation. This approach provides an appropriate screen to ensure serious participation without being unduly burdensome.

Federal Communications Commission.

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### 48 CFR Part 828

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#### Revise and Streamline VA Acquisition Regulation To Adhere to Federal Acquisition Regulation Principles (VAAR Case 2014–V002); Correction

**AGENCY:** Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Final rule; correction.

**SUMMARY:** On February 21, 2018, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) published a final rule prescribing five new Economic Price Adjustment clauses for firm-fixed-price contracts, identifying VA’s task-order and delivery-order ombudsman, clarifying the nature and use of consignment agreements, adding policy coverage on bond premium adjustments and insurance under fixed-price contracts, and providing for indemnification of contractors for medical research or development contracts. It contained an erroneous amendatory instruction citing the wrong CFR section. This document corrects that error.

**DATES:** This correction is effective on March 23, 2018.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In the final rule published February 21, 2018, at 83 FR 7401, effective March 23, 2018, an amendatory instruction intended for 48 CFR 828.306 cited incorrectly 38 CFR 816.306.

Therefore, in FR Rule Doc. No. 2018–03164, on page 7404, at the top of the third column, correct amendatory instruction 12 to read as follows:

■ 12. Section 828.306 is amended by revising paragraph (a) to read as follows:

Dated: March 8, 2018.

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