

Before OMB decides whether to approve these proposed collections of information, it must provide 30 days for public comment. Federal law requires OMB to approve or disapprove paperwork packages between 30 and 60 days after the 30-day notice is published. 44 U.S.C. 3507(b)–(c); 5 CFR 1320.10(b); *see also* 60 FR 44978, 44983, Aug. 29, 1995. OMB believes the 30-day notice informs the regulated community to file relevant comments and affords the agency adequate time to digest public comments before it renders a decision. 60 FR 44983, Aug. 29, 1995. Therefore, respondents should submit their respective comments to OMB within 30 days of publication to best ensure having their full effect.

*Comments are invited on the following ICR regarding:* (1) whether the information collection activities are necessary for FRA to properly execute its functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of FRA's estimates of the burden of the information collection activities, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used to determine the estimates; (3) ways for FRA to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information being collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of information collection activities on the public, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

The summary below describes the ICR that FRA will submit for OMB clearance as the PRA requires:

*Title:* Grant Management Requirements for the Federal Railroad Administration Grant Awards Activities and Cooperative Agreements (“Awards”).

*OMB Control Number:* 2130–0615.

*Abstract:* FRA is an Operating Administration of the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT). FRA solicits grant applications for projects including, but not limited to, preconstruction planning activities, safety improvements, congestion relief, improvement of grade crossings, rail line relocation, as well as projects that encourage development, expansion, and upgrades to passenger and freight rail infrastructure and services. FRA funds projects that meet FRA- and government-wide evaluation standards and align with the DOT Strategic Plan.

FRA administers award agreements for both construction and non-construction projects that will result in benefits or other tangible improvements in rail corridors, service, safety, and technology. These projects include completion of preliminary engineering,

environmental, research and development, final design, and construction.

FRA requires systematic and uniform collection and submission of information, as approved by OMB, to ensure accountability of Federal assistance provided by FRA. Through this information collection, FRA will measure Federal award recipients' performance and results, including expenditures in support of agreed-upon activities and allowable costs outlined in a FRA Notice of Grant Award (NGA). This information collection includes OMB-required reports and documentation, as well as additional forms and submissions to compile evidence relevant to addressing FRA's important policy challenges, promoting cost-effectiveness in FRA programs, and providing effective oversight of programmatic and financial performance. FRA issues and manages awards in compliance with 2 CFR part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards. The forms for which FRA is seeking renewal of its current approval in this information collection are listed below. All non-research awards are subject to the application, reporting, closeout, and other processes described in this justification.

*Form(s):* FRA forms: 30 (FRA Assurances and Certifications Regarding Lobbying; Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters and Drug-Free Workplace Requirements), 31 (Grant Adjustment Request Form), 32 (Service Outcome Agreement Annual Reporting), 33 (Final Performance Report), 34 (Quarterly Progress Report), 35 (Application Form), 217 (Categorical Exclusion Worksheet), and 229 (NIST Manufacturing Extension Partnership Supplier Scouting—FRA—Item Opportunity Synopsis) may be located at FRA's public website. Standard Forms (SF) 270 (Request for Advance or Reimbursement), 424 (Application for Federal Assistance), 424A (Budget Information for Non-Construction Programs), 424B (Assurances for Non-Construction Programs), 424C (Budget Information for Construction Programs), 424D (Assurances for Construction Programs), 425 (Federal Financial Report), and LLL (Disclosure of Lobbying Activities) may be located at [Grants.gov](http://Grants.gov).

*Respondent Universe:* Generally, includes State and local governments and railroads.

*Frequency of Submission:* On occasion.

*Total Estimated Annual Responses:* 3,477.

*Total Estimated Annual Burden:* 174,423.88 hours.

Under 44 U.S.C. 3507(a) and 5 CFR 1320.5(b) and 1320.8(b)(3)(vi), FRA informs all interested parties that it may not conduct or sponsor, and a respondent is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

**Authority:** 44 U.S.C. 3501–3520.

**Juan D. Reyes III,**

*Chief Counsel.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Office of the Secretary

[Docket No. DOT–OST–2018–0079]

#### **Agency Information Collection: Activity for OMB Review: Agency Request for Reinstatement of a Previously Approved Information Collection: 2105–0009, Advisory Committee Candidate Biographical Information Request Form**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary (OST), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the U.S. Department of Transportation invites the general public, industry and other governmental parties to comment on the information collection request (ICR) OMB No. 2105–0009 Committee Candidate Biographical Information Request Form. The information collection request previously approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) expired on May 31, 2012. The collection is needed to facilitate background investigations of individuals seeking or currently appointed to a Department committee. A **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following information collection was published June 11, 2018, and the comment period ended August 10, 2018.

**DATES:** Written comments should be submitted by October 1, 2018.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** David Freeman, Program Analyst, Executive Secretariat, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590–0001 or telephone: (202) 366–2918.

Refer to OMB Control No. 2105–0009.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be submitted to the attention of the

DOT/OST Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Docket Library, Room 10102, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503 or by email at [OIRA\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA_submission@omb.eop.gov) with the associated OMB Control Number 2105-0009.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Committee Candidate Biographical Information Request.

*OMB Control No.:* 2105-0009.

*Type of Review:* Reinstatement with change of previously approved information collection.

*Form No.:* DOT F1120.1.

*Abstract:* The requested reintroduction of the approved control number expands the information collection request (ICR) OMB No. 2105-0009, "Advisory Committee Candidate Biographical Information Request," to include all DOT committee candidates and will be used to gather information from individuals interested in appointment to a committee and individuals who have been recommended for a membership on a committee to ensure fair and balanced membership. DOT is also revising the name of the collection to "Committee Candidate Biographical Information Request" consistent with the scope of the collection.

*Respondents:* Individuals who have contacted DOT to indicate interest in appointment to a committee and individuals who have been recommended for membership on a committee. Only one collection is expected per individual.

*Number of Respondents:* 100 annually.

*Frequency:* One time.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 15 minutes.

*Total Annual Burden:* 25 hours.

*Comments are invited on:* (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will be have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Department's estimate of burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collection; and (d) ways to minimize the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology without reducing the quality of the information collected. All comments will become a matter of public record.

**Authority:** The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended; and 49 CFR 1.48.

Issued in Washington, DC.

**David Freeman,**

*Program Analyst, DOT Executive Secretariat.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

[OMB Control No. 2900-0682]

**Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review: Advertising, Sales, and Enrollment Materials, and Candidate Handbook**

**AGENCY:** Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, this notice announces that the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), 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; it includes the actual data collection instrument.

**DATE:** Comments must be submitted on or before October 1, 2018.

**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. 2900-0682" in any correspondence.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cynthia Harvey-Pryor, Office of Quality, Privacy and Risk (OQPR), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420, (202) 461-5870 or email [Cynthia.Harvey-Pryor@va.gov](mailto:Cynthia.Harvey-Pryor@va.gov).

Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0682" in any correspondence.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Authority:* 38 CFR 21.4252(h); 44 U.S.C. 3501-3521.

*Title:* Advertising, Sales, and Enrollment Materials, and Candidate Handbook (No Form).

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0682.

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

*Abstract:* This information is being collected because statute prohibits

approval of the enrollment of a Veteran in a course if the educational institution uses advertising, sales, or enrollment practices that are erroneous, deceptive, or misleading either by actual statement, omission, or intimation. The advertising, sales and enrollment materials are reviewed to determine if the institution is in compliance with guidelines for approval.

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 83 FR 25 on February, 6, 2018, pages 5296-5296.

*Affected Public:* Institutions of Higher Learning and Entities.

*Estimate: Annual Burden:* 3,062 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden per Respondent =* 15 min.

*Frequency of Response:* Annually.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 12,248.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Cynthia D. Harvey-Pryor,**

*Department Clearance Officer, Office of Quality, Privacy and Risk, Department of Veterans Affairs.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

[OMB Control No. 2900-0321]

**Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review: Appointment of Veterans Service Organization as Claimant's Representative and Appointment of Individual as Claimant's Representative**

**AGENCY:** Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, this notice announces that the Veterans Benefits 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 it includes the actual data collection instrument.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before October 1, 2018.