

Frequency of Response: Once.
Estimated Total Number of Annual Responses: 15.

Estimated Time per Response: 130 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,950 hours.

Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Multiple Financial Crimes Enforcement Network Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Departmental Offices, U.S. Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury will submit the following information collection requests to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, on or after the date of publication of this notice. The public is invited to submit comments on these requests.

DATES: Comments should be received on or before August 31, 2020 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Copies of the submissions may be obtained from Molly Stasko by emailing PRA@treasury.gov, calling (202) 622-8922, or viewing the entire information collection request at www.reginfo.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN)

1. *Title:* Suspicious Activity Report (SAR) by Financial Institutions.

OMB Control Numbers: 1506-0001, 1506-0006, 1506-0015, 1506-0019, 1506-0029, 1506-0061, and 1506-0065.¹

¹ The SAR regulatory reporting requirements are currently covered under the following OMB control

Type of Review: Extension without change of a currently approved collection.

Description: The legislative framework generally referred to as the Bank Secrecy Act (BSA) consists of the Currency and Financial Transactions Reporting Act of 1970, as amended by the Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act of 2001 (USA PATRIOT Act) (Pub. L. 107-56) and other legislation. The BSA is codified at 12 U.S.C. 1829b, 12 U.S.C. 1951-1959, 31 U.S.C. 5311-5314 and 5316-5332, and notes thereto, with implementing regulations at 31 CFR Chapter X. The BSA authorizes the Secretary of the Treasury, *inter alia*, to require financial institutions to keep records and file reports that are determined to have a high degree of usefulness in criminal, tax, and regulatory matters, or in the conduct of intelligence or counter-intelligence activities, to protect against international terrorism, and to implement counter-money laundering programs and compliance procedures. Regulations implementing Title II of the BSA appear at 31 CFR Chapter X. The authority of the Secretary to administer the BSA has been delegated to the Director of FinCEN. Under 31 U.S.C. 5318(g), the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized to require financial institutions to report any suspicious transaction relevant to a possible violation of law or regulation. Regulations implementing 31 U.S.C. 5318(g) are found at 31 CFR 1020.320, 1021.320, 1022.320, 1023.320, 1024.320, 1025.320, 1026.320, 1029.320, and 1030.320.

Under the Bank Secrecy Act regulations, financial institutions are required to report suspicious transactions using FinCEN Report 111—Suspicious Activity Report. The

numbers: 1506-0001 (31 CFR 1020.320—Reports by banks of suspicious transactions); 1506-0006 (31 CFR 1021.320—Reports by casinos of suspicious transactions); 1506-0015 (31 CFR 1022.320—Reports by money services businesses of suspicious transactions); 1506-0019 (31 CFR 1023.320—Reports by brokers or dealers in securities of suspicious transactions, 31 CFR 1024.320—Reports; by mutual funds of suspicious transactions, and 31 CFR 1026.320—Reports by futures commission merchants and introducing brokers in commodities of suspicious transactions); 1506-0029 (31 CFR 1025.320—Reports by insurance companies of suspicious transactions); and 1506-0061 (31 CFR 1029.320—Reports by loan or finance companies of suspicious transactions). The PRA does not apply to reports by one government entity to another government entity. For that reason, there is no OMB control number associated with 31 CFR 1030.320—Reports of suspicious transactions by housing government sponsored enterprises. OMB control number 1506-0065 applies to FinCEN Report 111—SAR.

information collected under these requirements are made available to appropriate agencies and organizations as disclosed in FinCEN’s Privacy Act System of Records Notice relating to BSA Reports.

Form: FinCEN Report 111.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit institutions, and non-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 12,148 financial institutions for all SAR regulations.

Frequency of Response: As required.

Estimated Total Number of Annual Responses: 2,751,694 SARs filed for all SAR regulations.

Estimated Time per Response: Varies.²

Estimated Total Annual Burden

Hours: 5,462,026 for all SAR regulations.³

2. *Title:* Currency Transaction Reports (CTR).

OMB Control Number: 1506-0004, 1506-0005, and 1506-0064.⁴

Type of Review: Extension without change of a currently approved collection.

Description: The legislative framework generally referred to as the Bank Secrecy Act (BSA) consists of the Currency and Financial Transactions Reporting Act of 1970, as amended by the Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act of 2001 (USA PATRIOT Act) (Pub. L. 107-56) and other legislation. The BSA is codified at 12 U.S.C. 1829b, 12 U.S.C. 1951-1959, 31 U.S.C. 5311-5314 and 5316-5332, and notes thereto, with implementing

² See Table 12 PRA burden, per report, by type of process at 85 FR 31611, May 26, 2020. <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2020-05-26/pdf/2020-11247.pdf>.

³ An administrative burden of one hour is assigned to each of the SAR regulation OMB control numbers in order to maintain the requirements in force. The reporting and recordkeeping burden is reflected in FinCEN Report 111—SAR, under OMB control number 1506-0065. The rationale for assigning one burden hour to each of the SAR regulation OMB control numbers is that the annual burden hours would be double counted if FinCEN estimated burden in the industry SAR regulation OMB control numbers and in the FinCEN Report 111—SAR OMB control number.

⁴ The reports of transactions in currency regulatory requirements are currently covered under the following OMB control numbers: 1506-0004 (General provisions—31 CFR 1010.310—Reports of transactions in currency, 31 CFR 1010.311—Filing obligations for reports of transactions in currency, 31 CFR 1010.312—Identification required, 31 CFR 1010.313—Aggregation, and 31 CFR 1010.314—Structured transactions), and 1506-0005 (Rules for casinos and card clubs—31 CFR 1021.311—Reports of transaction in currency, and 31 CFR 1021.313—Aggregation). OMB control number 1506-0064 applies to FinCEN Report 112—CTR.

regulations at 31 CFR Chapter X. The BSA authorizes the Secretary of the Treasury, *inter alia*, to require financial institutions to keep records and file reports that are determined to have a high degree of usefulness in criminal, tax, and regulatory matters, or in the conduct of intelligence or counter-intelligence activities, to protect against international terrorism, and to implement counter-money laundering programs and compliance procedures. Regulations implementing Title II of the BSA appear at 31 CFR Chapter X. The authority of the Secretary to administer the BSA has been delegated to the Director of FinCEN. Under 31 U.S.C. 5313, the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized to require financial institutions to report currency transactions exceeding \$10,000. Regulations implementing 31 U.S.C. 5313 are found at 31 CFR 1010.310 through 1010.314, 31 CFR 1021.311, and 31 CFR 1021.313.

Under Bank Secrecy Act regulations, financial institutions are required to report transactions in currency of more than \$10,000 using FinCEN Report 112—Currency Transaction Report. Generally, information collected pursuant to the BSA is confidential, but may be shared as provided by law with regulatory and law enforcement authorities.

Form: FinCEN Report 112.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit institutions, and non-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 14,276 financial institutions for all CTR regulations.

Frequency of Response: As required.

Estimated Total Number of Annual Responses: 16,087,182 filed for all CTR regulations.

Estimated Time per Response: 8 minutes.⁵

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 2,124,992 hours for all CTR regulations.⁶

(Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*)

⁵ See Table 11—Total annual PRA burden, per tranche, filing method, and filer type, expressed as minutes per report at 85 FR 29029, May 14, 2020. <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2020-05-14/pdf/2020-10310.pdf>.

⁶ An administrative burden of one hour is assigned to each of the SAR regulation OMB control numbers in order to maintain the requirements in force. The reporting and recordkeeping burden is reflected in FinCEN Report 111—SAR, under OMB control number 1506–0064. The rationale for assigning one burden hour to each of the SAR regulation OMB control numbers is that the annual burden hours would be double counted if FinCEN estimated burden in the industry SAR regulation OMB control numbers and in the FinCEN Report 111—SAR OMB control number.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900–0741]

Agency Information Collection Activity: Department of Veterans Affairs; Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization VA Form 0896A

AGENCY: The Office of Management (OM), Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Office of Management (OM), 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 extension of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before September 28, 2020.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information through Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at www.Regulations.gov or to Elizabeth (Beth) Torres, Deputy Director for Executive Actions, Acquisition Policy Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420 or email to Elizabeth.torres@va.gov. Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900–0741” in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through FDMS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Danny S. Green at (202) 421–1354.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995, 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, OM invites

comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of OM functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of OM 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.

Authority: Under the PRA of 1995 (Pub. L. 104–13; 44 U.S.C. 3501–3521).

Title: Department of Veterans Affairs, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, VA Form 0896A.

OMB Control Number: 2900–0741.

Type of Review: Reinstatement with changes of a currently expired approved collection.

Abstract: This Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) submission seeks reinstatement with changes of Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval No. 2900–0741 as follows: Due to the increased number of respondents, the total annual burden hours increased by 400, from 610 to 1,010. However, the average burden time per response has not changed.

The VA Form 0896A, Report of Subcontracts to Small and Veteran-owned Business is utilized to ensure that subcontract information reported by prime contractors and utilized for credit against subcontracting goals is accurate and includes Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business, (SDVOSB) and Veteran Owned Small Business, (VOSB) that are verified for eligibility in the Vender Information Pages database maintained by VA OSDBU. This process involves the use of electronic submissions of information via email. Contractors will submit information on VA Form 0896A. In the event that a contractor does not have the capability to submit the form as an email attachment, it can also be provided as a hardcopy. VA OSDBU personnel will confirm the information reported on the form by the prime contractors through the VA’s vendor Information Pages and FSRS databases and, when necessary, request that the SDVOSB and VOSB firms subcontracted by the prime contractors review it and verify its accuracy. The OSDBU will utilize the information reported by the prime contractors, the FSRS, and any subcontractors in order to compile annual reports to reflect the level of accuracy in the reporting being accomplished by the prime contractors.