

U.S.-CHINA ECONOMIC AND SECURITY REVIEW COMMISSION

Notice of Open Meetings To Prepare Report to Congress

ADVISORY COMMITTEE: U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission.

ACTION: Notice of open meetings to prepare Report to Congress—October 11–12, 2007, and October 22–26, 2007 in Washington, DC.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of meetings of the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission.

Name: Carolyn Bartholomew, Chairwoman of the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission.

The Commission is mandated by Congress to investigate, assess, evaluate, and report to Congress annually on the U.S.-China economic and security relationship. The mandate specifically charges the Commission to prepare a report to the Congress “regarding the national security implications and impact of the bilateral trade and economic relationship between the United States and the People’s Republic of China * * * [that] shall include a full analysis, along with conclusions and recommendations for legislative and administrative actions * * *”

Purpose of Meeting: Pursuant to this mandate, the Commission will meet in Washington, DC on October 11–12, and October 22–26, 2007, to consider the second and final rounds of drafts of material for its 2007 End-of-Year Report to Congress that have been prepared for its consideration by the Commission staff, and to make modifications to those drafts that Commission members believe are needed.

Topics To Be Discussed: The Commissioners will be considering draft Report sections addressing the following topics:

- The United States-China trade and economic relationship, including the relationship’s current status, significant changes during 2007, the control of China’s economy by its government, and the effect of that control on the United States,
- China’s Military Modernization,
- China’s Energy and Environmental Policies and Activities, including the strategic impact of these policies and activities on the United States and the world and prospects for addressing the effects of China’s energy consumption.

Dates and Times: Thursday, October 11, 2007 (9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.) and Friday, October 12, 2007 (9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.), Eastern Daylight Time; and

Monday through Friday, October 22 to 26, 2007 (9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.) Eastern Daylight Time.

Place of Meeting: Meetings on October 11, 12, and 24 will be held in Conference Room 333 (3rd floor), meetings held on October 22, 23, 25, and 26 will be held in Conference Room 231 (2nd floor) of The Hall of the States located at 444 North Capitol Street, NW., Washington, DC 20001. Public seating is limited, and will be available on a “first-come, first-served” basis.

Advance reservations are not required. All participants must register at the front desk of the lobby.

Required Accessibility Statement: The entirety of these Commission editorial and drafting meetings will be open to the public. The Commission may recess the public editorial/drafting meetings to address administrative issues in closed session.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THESE MEETINGS, CONTACT: Kathy Michels, Associate Director, U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission, 444 North Capitol Street, NW., Suite 602, Washington DC 20001; phone 202-624-1409; e-mail kmichels@uscc.gov.

Authority: Congress created the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission in 2000 in the National Defense Authorization Act (Pub. L. 106-398), as amended by Division P of the Consolidated Appropriations Resolution, 2003 (Pub. L. 108-7), as amended by Public Law 109-108 (November 22, 2005).

Dated: September 19, 2007.

Kathleen J. Michels,
Associate Director, U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission.
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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0180]

Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), 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. This notice solicits comments for information needed to determine whether proprietary schools receiving Federal financial assistance from VA and the Department of Education are in compliance with equal opportunity laws.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before November 26, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information through www.Regulations.gov or to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20M35), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail to nancy.kessinger@va.gov. Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900-2900-0180” in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at www.Regulations.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy J. Kessinger at (202) 461-9769 or FAX (202) 275-5947.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3501-3521), 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, VBA invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VBA’s functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VBA’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.

Title: Compliance Report of Proprietary Institutions, VA Form 20-4274.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0180.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: VA Form 20-4274 is used to determine whether proprietary educational institutions receiving Federal financial assistance comply with applicable civil rights statute and regulations. The collected information is used to identify areas that may indicate, statistically, disparate treatment of minority group members.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit, Federal Government.

Estimated Annual Burden: 155 hours.

Estimated Average Burden per

Respondent: 75 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 124.

Dated: September 17, 2007.

By direction of the Secretary.

Denise McLamb,

Program Analyst, Records Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0474]

Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), 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. This notice solicits comments on information needed to determine whether funding fees for VA guaranteed loans were paid.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before November 26, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information through www.Regulations.gov or to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20M35), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail to

nancy.kessinger@va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0474" in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at www.Regulations.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Nancy J. Kessinger at (202) 461-9769 or FAX (202) 275-5947.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3501-3521), 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, VBA invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VBA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VBA'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.

Title: Create Payment Request for the VA Funding Fee Payment System (VA FFPS) Computer Generated Funding Fee Receipt, VA Form 26-8986.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0474.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: Veterans obtaining a VA-guaranteed home loan must pay a funding fee to VA before the loan can be guaranteed. The only exceptions are loans made to veterans receiving VA compensation for service-connected disabilities, (or veterans whom, but for receipt of retirement pay, would be entitled to receive compensation) and unmarried surviving spouses of veterans who died in active military service or from service-connected disability regardless of whether the spouse has his or her own eligibility.

Affected Public: Individuals or households and Business or other for profit.

Estimated Annual Burden: 14,167 hours.

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 2 minutes.

Frequency of Response: One-time.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 425,000.

Dated: September 17, 2007.

By direction of the Secretary.

Denise McLamb,

Program Analyst, Records Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0011]

Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), 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. This notice solicits comments for information needed to reinstate a claimant's Government Life Insurance and/or Total Disability Income Provision.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before November 26, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information through www.Regulations.gov; or to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20M35), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail nancy.kessinger@va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0011 in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at www.Regulations.gov.

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