

the competition; (2) applications will be considered in their entirety; applicants proposing two or more projects, each with independent utility, are encouraged to submit a separate application for each project; and (3) FRA may suggest that an applicant submit a revised application reflecting a refined scope of work and budget.

Applicants that have submitted an application by June 30, 2008 will be considered in the first round of awards on the basis of application materials that FRA has received as of that date. FRA anticipates announcing the first award(s) pursuant to this notice during FY 2008. Applications (including any subsequent revisions thereto) not selected for award in a given round in the competition, along with applications received subsequent to the cut-off date for the prior round of awards, may be considered, if merited, in a subsequent round of awards.

Issued in Washington, DC on May 29, 2008.

**Mark E. Yachmetz,**

*Associate Administrator for Railroad Development.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0029]

### Proposed Information Collection (Offer to Purchase and Contract of Sale) Activity: 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 the information needed from a private sector sales broker to submit an offer to VA on behalf of a prospective buyer of a VA-acquired property.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed

collection of information should be received on or before August 4, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information through <http://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](mailto:nancy.kessinger@va.gov). Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0029" in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at <http://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. 3501-21), 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.

*Titles:*

- Offer to Purchase and Contract of Sale, VA Form 26-6705.
- Credit Statement of Prospective Purchaser, VA Form 26-6705b.
- Addendum to VA Form 26-6705 Offer to Purchase and Contract of Sale, VA Form 26-6705d.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0029.

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

*Abstract:*

a. VA Form 26-6705 is completed by private sector sales broker to submit an offer to purchase VA-acquired property on behalf of a prospective buyer. VA Form 26-6705 becomes a contract of sale if VA accepts the offer to purchase. It serves as a receipt for the prospective buyer for his/her earnest money deposit, describes the terms of sale, and

eliminates the need for separate transmittal of a purchase offer.

b. VA Form 26-6705b is used as a credit application to determine the prospective buyer creditworthiness in instances when the prospective buyer seeks VA vendee financing. In such sales, the offer to purchase will not be accepted until the buyer's income and credit history have been verified and a loan analysis has been completed.

c. VA Form 26-6705d is an addendum to VA Form 26-6705 for use in the state of Virginia. The forms requires the buyer to be informed of the State's law at or prior to closing the transaction.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Annual Burden:*

- VA Form 26-6705—10,000 hours.
- VA Form 26-6705b—7,333 hours.
- VA Form 26-6705d—125 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden per Respondent:*

- VA Form 26-6705—20 minutes.
- VA Form 26-6705b—20 minutes.
- VA Form 26-6705d—5 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Number of Total*

*Respondents:*

- VA Form 26-6705—30,000.
- VA Form 26-6705b—22,000.
- VA Form 26-6705d—1,500.

Dated: May 23, 2008.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Denise McLamb,**

*Program Analyst, Records Management Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0594]

### Proposed Information Collection (Election to Apply Selected Reserve Services to either Montgomery GI Bill-Active Duty or to the Montgomery GI Bill-Selected Reserve) Activity: 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 this notice. This notice solicits comments on information needed to determine the type of educational benefit payable to Selected Reservist members.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before August 4, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information through <http://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](mailto:nancy.kessinger@va.gov). Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0594" in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at <http://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:* Election to Apply Selected Reserve Services to either Montgomery GI Bill-Active Duty or to the Montgomery GI Bill-Selected Reserve—38 CFR 21.7042 and 21.7540.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0594.

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

*Abstract:* Reservist who participate in the Montgomery GI Bill—Active Duty and served on active duty for two years

followed by six years in the Selected Reserve must elect to apply the selected Reserve credit either toward the Montgomery GI Bill-Active Duty or toward the Montgomery GI Bill-Selected Reserve benefits. Reservists must make this election in writing, which will take effect when the individual either negotiates a check or receives education benefits via direct deposit or electronic funds transfer under the program elected. VA uses the election to determine which benefit is payable based on the individual's Selected Reserve service.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 2,667 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden per Respondent:* 20 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* One time.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 8,000.

Dated: May 23, 2008.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Denise McLamb,**

*Program Analyst, Records Management Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

**[OMB Control No. 2900—New (VA Form 22-0830)]**

### Proposed Information Collection (Agreement for Release of VA Education Information to Third Party) Activity: 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 new collection and allow 60 days for public comment in response to this notice. This notice solicits comments on information needed to release a claimant's education information to a third party.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before August 4, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information through [www.Regulations.gov](http://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](mailto:nancy.kessinger@va.gov). Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900—New (VA Form 22-0830)" in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at <http://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:* Agreement for Release of VA Education Information to Third Party, VA Form 22-0830.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900—New (VA Form 22-0830).

*Type of Review:* New collection.

*Abstract:* Claimants on active duty and overseas complete VA Form 22-0830 to authorize VA to release his or her education benefits information to a third party calling on their behalf. Without the claimant's written consent VA cannot divulge any information, such as the status of a claim, rates of payment or date of payments to individuals calling on behalf of the claimant.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 11,000 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden per Respondent:* 5 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* One time.