

**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS
AFFAIRS**

[OMB Control No. 2900–New (0896a)]

**Proposed Information Collection (VA
Subcontracting Report) Activity;
Comment Request**

AGENCY: Office of Small and
Disadvantaged Business Utilization,
Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Office of Small and
Disadvantaged Business Utilization
(OSDBU), 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 the
notice. This notice solicits comments on
information needed to implement the
subcontracting review mechanism
requirement of Public Law 109–461, VA
will collect information from
subcontractors identified by prime
contractors in their subcontracting
plans.

DATES: Written comments and
recommendations on the proposed
collection of information should be
received on or before July 27, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments
on the collection of information through
<http://www.Regulations.gov>; or David
Canada (00SB), Department of Veterans
Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW.,
Washington, DC 20420 or *e-mail*:
david.canada@va.gov. Please refer to
“OMB Control No. 2900–New (08969)”
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:
David Canada at (202) 461–4253 or FAX
(202) 461–4301.

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, OSDBU
invites comments on: (1) Whether the
proposed collection of information is
necessary for the proper performance of
OSDBU’s functions, including whether
the information will have practical
utility; (2) the accuracy of OSDBU’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: VA Subcontracting Report, VA
Form 0896a.

OMB Control Number: 2900–New.

Type of Review: New collection.

Abstract: In accordance with Public
Law 109–461 Section 8127 (a)(4), “The
Secretary shall establish a review
mechanism to ensure that, in the case of
a subcontract of a Department contract
that is counted for purposes of meeting
a goal established pursuant to this
section, the subcontract was actually
awarded to a business concern that may
be counted for purposes of meeting that
goal.” VA Form 0896a will be used to
collect information from subcontractors
to compare information obtained from
subcontracting plans submitted by
prime contractors in order to determine
the accuracy of the data reported by
prime contractors.

Affected Public: Business or other for-
profit.

Estimated Annual Burden: 646 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per

Respondent: 2 Hours.

Frequency of Response: One time.

Estimated Number of Respondents:
323.

By direction of the Secretary.

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Program Analyst, Enterprise Records Service.

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