

“(vi) the demonstrated ability of the recipient to disseminate results and spur the implementation of transportation research and education programs through national or statewide continuing education programs;

“(vii) the demonstrated commitment of the recipient to the use of peer review principles and other research best practices in the selection, management, and dissemination of research projects;

“(viii) the strategic plan submitted by the recipient describing the proposed research to be carried out by the recipient and the performance metrics to be used in assessing the performance of the recipient in meeting the stated research, technology transfer, education, and outreach goals; and

“(ix) the ability of the recipient to implement the proposed program in a cost-efficient manner, such as through cost sharing and overall reduced overhead, facilities, and administrative costs.”

(49 U.S.C. 5505(b)(4)(B) as amended by Pub. L. 112-141 Sec. 52009 (effective Oct. 1, 2012)).

Additional selection criteria applying to regional UTCs are:

The institution (or lead institution in the case of a consortium) must have a well-established, nationally recognized program in research and education, as shown by:

(i) recent expenditures by the institution in highway or public transportation research;

(ii) a historical track record of awarding graduate degrees in professional fields closely related to highways and public transportation; and

(iii) an experienced faculty who specialize in professional fields closely related to highways and public transportation (49 U.S.C. 5505(c)(3)(B) as amended by Pub. L. 112-141 Sec. 52009 (effective Oct. 1, 2012)).

External Stakeholders. The Department will consult with external stakeholders (including the Transportation Research Board of the National Academy of Sciences, among others), to the maximum extent practicable, to evaluate and competitively review all proposals (49 U.S.C. 5505(b)(6) as amended by Pub. L. 112-141, Sec. 52009 (effective Oct. 1, 2012)).

V. Program Funding and Award

UTCs will be selected by the Secretary, in consultation as appropriate with the Administrators of the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration.

VI. Use of Grant Funds

According to the terms of the grant agreement, grantees will have until September 30, 2017 to expend FY 2013 funds and, assuming availability, FY 2014 funds.

Issued in Washington, DC, on November 12, 2013.

Gregory D. Winfree,

Administrator, Research and Innovative Technology Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0047]

Proposed Information Collection (Financial Statement); 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 revision 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 Veteran-obligors' and prospective assumers' creditworthiness.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before January 17, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information through the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at www.Regulations.gov or to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20M35), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420 or email nancy.kessinger@va.gov. Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900-0047” in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through FDMS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy J. Kessinger at (202) 632-8924 or FAX (202) 632-8925.

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: Financial Statement, VA Form 26-6807.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0047.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: VA Form 26-6807 is primarily completed by purchasers assuming a Veteran's home loan in release of liability cases authorized by 38 U.S.C. 3714 and by Veteran-purchasers seeking substitution of entitlement by 38 U.S.C. 3702(b)(2). Data obtained permits credit underwriting determinations for action in such cases.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 2,250 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 45 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On Occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 3,000.

Dated: November 13, 2013.

By direction of the Secretary.

Crystal Rennie,

VA Clearance Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0567]

Proposed Information Collection Activity: (The Presidential Management Certificate) Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: National Cemetery Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The National Cemetery Administration (NCA), 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 revision 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 to provide additional certificates requested by respondent.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before January 17, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information through www.Regulations.gov; or to Mechelle Powell, National Cemetery Administration (43D1), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420; or email: mchelle.powell@va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0567" 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: Mechelle Powell at (202) 461-4114 or Fax (202) 273-6695.

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, NCA invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of NCA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of NCA'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: Presidential Management Certificate.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0567.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: VA Form 40-0247 is used to provide additional certificates requested by respondent. A respondent is an eligible recipient that includes the next-of-kin, other relatives or friends that request additional certificates and/or replacement certificates.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 6,115.

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 2 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Annually.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 183,453.

Dated: November 13, 2013.

By direction of the Secretary.

Crystal Rennie,

Department Clearance Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Advisory Committee on Prosthetics and Special-Disabilities Programs; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, that a meeting of the Federal Advisory Committee on Prosthetics and Special-Disabilities Programs will be held on December 3-4, 2013, in room 230 at 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC. The meeting will convene at 8:30 a.m. on both days, and will adjourn at 4:30 p.m. on December 3 and at 12 noon on December 4. The meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on VA's prosthetics programs designed to provide state-of-the-art prosthetics and the associated rehabilitation research, development, and evaluation of such technology. The Committee also provides advice to the Secretary on special-disabilities programs, which are defined as any program administered by the Secretary to serve Veterans with spinal cord injuries, blindness or visual impairments, loss of extremities or loss of function, deafness or hearing impairment, and other serious incapacities in terms of daily life functions.

On December 3, the Committee will receive briefings on Health Care Eligibility, Ophthalmology and Optometry, Polytrauma System of Care, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Services, Spinal Cord Injury and Disorders, Orthotic and Prosthetic Program, Clothing Benefits, and Integrated Disability Evaluation System.

On December 4, the Committee will receive a briefing on Rehabilitation Research and Development.

No time will be allocated for receiving oral presentations from the public; however, members of the public may direct questions or submit written statements for review by the Committee in advance of the meeting to Mr. Larry N. Long, Designated Federal Officer, Veterans Health Administration, Patient Care Services, Rehabilitation and Prosthetic Services (10P4RR), VA, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420, or by email at lonlar@va.gov. Because the meeting is being held in a government building, a photo I.D. must be presented at the Guard's Desk as a part of the clearance process. Therefore, you should allow an additional 15 minutes before the meeting begins. Any member of the public wishing to attend the meeting should contact Mr. Long at (202) 461-7354.

William F. Russo,

Deputy Director, Regulation Policy and Management, Office of the General Counsel.

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