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*Request for Comments:* Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

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**Tuawana Pinkston,**

*IRS Reports Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Multiemployer Pension Plan Application To Reduce Benefits

**AGENCY:** Department of the Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability; Request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** On September 28, 2016, the Department published a notice of availability and request for comments regarding an application to Treasury to reduce benefits under the New York State Teamsters Conference Pension and Retirement Fund in accordance with the Multiemployer Pension Reform Act of 2014 (MPRA). The purpose of this notice is to reopen the comment period to provide more time for interested parties to provide comments.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before December 21, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>, in accordance with the instructions on that site. Electronic submissions through [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) are encouraged.

Comments may also be mailed to the Department of the Treasury, MPRA Office, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Room 1224, Washington, DC 20220. Attn: Eric Berger. Comments sent via facsimile and email will not be accepted.

**Additional Instructions.** All comments received, including attachments and other supporting materials, will be made available to the public. Do not include any personally identifiable information (such as Social Security number, name, address, or other contact information) or any other information in your comment or supporting materials that you do not want publicly disclosed. Treasury will make comments available for public inspection and copying on [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) or upon request. Comments posted on the Internet can be retrieved by most Internet search engines.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For information regarding the application from the New York State Teamsters Conference Pension and Retirement Fund, please contact Treasury at (202) 622-1534 (not a toll-free number).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Multiemployer Pension Reform Act of 2014 (MPRA) amended the Internal Revenue Code to permit a multiemployer plan that is projected to have insufficient funds to reduce pension benefits payable to participants and beneficiaries if certain conditions are satisfied. In order to reduce benefits, the plan sponsor is required to submit an application to the Secretary of the Treasury, which Treasury, in consultation with the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC) and the Department of Labor, is required to approve or deny.

On August 31, 2016, the Board of Trustees of the New York State Teamsters Conference Pension and Retirement Fund (NYS Teamsters Pension Fund) submitted an application for approval to reduce benefits under the plan. As required by MPRA, that application has been published on Treasury's Web site at <https://auth.treasury.gov/services/Pages/Plan-Applications.aspx>. On September 28, 2016, Treasury published a notice in the **Federal Register** (81 FR 66751-2), in

consultation with PBGC and the Department of Labor, to solicit public comments on all aspects of the NYS Teamsters Pension Fund application. The notice provided that comments must be received by November 14, 2016. On November 1, 2016, the Retiree Representative (appointed by the NYS Teamsters Pension Fund in connection with its application to reduce benefits) requested a thirty-day extension of the comment period.

This notice announces the reopening of the comment period in order to give additional time for interested parties to provide comments. Comments are requested from interested parties, including contributing employers, employee organizations, and participants and beneficiaries of the NYS Teamsters Pension Fund. Consideration will be given to any comments that are received by Treasury on or before December 21, 2016. Treasury is publishing this notice in the **Federal Register**, in consultation with the PBGC and the Department of Labor, to solicit public comments on all aspects of the NYS Teamsters Pension Fund application.

Comments are requested from interested parties, including participants and beneficiaries, employee organizations, and contributing employers of the NYS Teamsters Pension Fund. Consideration will be given to any comments that are timely received by Treasury.

Dated: November 15, 2016.

**David R. Pearl,**

*Executive Secretary, Department of the Treasury.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Annual Determination of Staffing Shortages

**AGENCY:** Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Section 7412 of title 38, United States Code (U.S.C.) requires the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Inspector General (IG) to determine and report on the top five occupations of VA personnel covered under 38 U.S.C. 7401, for which there are the largest staffing shortages. The top five occupations are calculated over the five-year period preceding the determination, and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs is required to publish these findings in the **Federal Register**. Based on its review, the IG identified

the following six occupations as having the largest staffing shortages in the identified time period: Medical Officer, Nurse, Psychologist, Physician Assistant, Physical Therapist and Medical Technologist. Six occupations are identified because the Psychologist and Physician Assistant positions tied for the third position, and the Physical Therapist and Medical Technologist positions tied for the fifth position. Additional information and analysis can be found at: [www.va.gov/OIG](http://www.va.gov/OIG).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Karen Rasmussen, Management Review Service (10AR), Veterans Health Administration, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420 Telephone: (202) 461-6643. (This is not a toll-free number.)

**Signing Authority**

The Secretary of Veterans Affairs, or designee, approved this document and authorized the undersigned to sign and submit the document to the Office of the Federal Register for publication

electronically as an official document of the Department of Veterans Affairs. Gina S. Farrisee, Deputy Chief of Staff, Department of Veterans Affairs, approved this document on November 2, 2016 for publication.

Dated: November 16, 2016.

**Michael Shores,**

*Acting Director, Regulation Policy & Management, Office of the Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs.*

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