

extent to which actual savings aligned with projected savings²

To help ensure that these statutory goals and objectives are achieved and to assist the Interagency Council in making its certification determinations, Treasury is asking applicants to include in their applications an evaluation design plan. The design plan must incorporate an evaluation methodology and evidence standards. Additionally, they must provide an estimate of the value to the federal government of the interventions being proposed in the project.

Independent Evaluator Reports

SIPPRA requires the federal government to complete certain project evaluation duties, including the collection from award recipients of periodic project outcome evaluation reports and final reports produced by each project's independent evaluator. SIPPRA § 1397n-4(d) and (e).

Use of the Data

Treasury is publishing a Notice of Funding Availability soliciting applications for projects under SIPPRA. The information collected under this NOFA: (1) Identifies eligible recipients and activities; (2) helps identify which applications sufficiently address all statutory requirements and which proposed projects are the most competitive; (3) determines the appropriate amount of funding; (4) ensures compliance with SIPPRA and Federal laws and policies on grants (*Office of Management and Budget's Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards 2 CFR 200, herein OMB Uniform Guidance*); (5) tracks recipients' progress; and (6) collects statutorily mandated reports prepared by recipients' contracted independent evaluators.

- The Notice of Intent is optional; it will assist Treasury and the Interagency Council in determining the number of applications to be received, and thus, enable them to conduct intake and evaluation of applications as efficiently and economically as possible.

- The application Executive Summary will assist Treasury and the Interagency Council in streamlining the processing of applications and in optimizing the eligibility phase of application review. The application Standard Forms, Project Narrative, and Project Narrative attachment components of the grant application are intended to provide Treasury with the information necessary to properly

evaluate and assess applications and to make sure applications include statutorily mandated information. Additionally, certain components of the application, and in particular, the Outcome valuation, will enable the Interagency Council to determine whether to make statutorily mandated certifications regarding the proposed projects.

- The DUNS number and the SAM registration are both required under Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance) at 2 CFR part 200.
- To comply with Uniform Guidance performance and financial monitoring and reporting requirements, 2 CFR 200.327–200.329, Treasury is requiring an annual performance and financial report from grant recipients. SIPPRA requires that recipients submit progress reports prepared by an independent evaluator on a periodic basis and before the schedule time of outcome payments. SIPPRA § 1397n-4(d). SIPPRA also requires that recipients submit a final report prepared by an independent evaluator within six months of a project's completion. SIPPRA § 1397n-4(e). Per the statute, Treasury and the Interagency Council will use these reports to determine if outcome payments are warranted.

- Treasury is requiring recipients under this NOFA to comply with the Uniform Guidance's record retention requirement, 2 CFR 200.333, which requires them to maintain records for three years after grant close-out.

SIPPRA establishes a Commission on Social Impact Partnerships (Commission) whose principal obligation is to make recommendations to Treasury regarding the funding of SIPPRA demonstration project and feasibility studies. SIPPRA § 1397n-6. The Commission is subject to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), which generally requires that documents made available to the Commission be made available for public inspection and copying. 5 U.S.C. App. 2 10(b). Treasury expects to provide to the Commission all complete applications received under this NOFA from eligible applicants and expects to make these applications available for public inspection and copying. However, FACA also provides that trade secrets and commercial or financial information that is privileged or confidential under the Freedom of Information Act (confidential business information) need not be made publicly available. 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4). To assist Treasury in complying with FACA's public disclosure requirements while

protecting confidential business information in accordance with FACA, Treasury is requesting applicants to propose redactions of confidential business information. An applicant may omit pages for which it does not propose any redactions. Treasury will review the redactions proposed by each applicant.

Also, applicants must provide qualifications of key project personnel and partners. They may voluntarily provide curriculum vitae for key project personnel and partners, but the application does not require that personally identifiable information (PII) is collected.

Frequency: Once, On Occasion.

Affected Public: State, Local, or Tribal Governments.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 50.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 43.8 hours.

Estimated Annual Responses: 50.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 2,190.

Request for Comments: Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval. Comments may become a matter of public record. The public is invited to submit comments concerning: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will 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 the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up cost and cost of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

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Diana Furchtgott-Roth,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Economic Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Advisory Committee on Disability Compensation, Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under the Federal

² § 1397n-5(a).

Advisory Committee Act that the Advisory Committee on Disability Compensation (Committee) will meet on March 26–28, 2019 at 1722 Eye Street NW, AMO 3rd Floor Training Complex, Washington, DC 20006. The sessions will begin at 7:30 a.m. and adjourn at 4:30 p.m. EST each day. The meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on the maintenance and periodic readjustment of the VA Schedule for Rating Disabilities. The Committee is to assemble and review relevant information relating to the nature and character of disabilities arising during service in the Armed Forces, provide an ongoing assessment of the effectiveness of the rating schedule, and give advice on the most appropriate means of responding to the needs of Veterans relating to disability compensation.

The Committee will receive briefings on issues related to compensation for Veterans with service-connected disabilities and on other VA benefits programs. Time will be allocated for receiving public comments. Public comments will be limited to three minutes each. Individuals wishing to make oral statements before the Committee will be accommodated on a first-come, first-served basis. Individuals who speak are invited to submit 1–2-page summaries of their comments at the time of the meeting for inclusion in the official meeting record.

The public may submit written statements for the Committee's review to Janice Stewart, Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Benefits Administration, Compensation Service, Policy Staff (211C), 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420 or email at Janice.Stewart@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 screening process. Due to an increase in security protocols, you should allow an additional 30 minutes before the meeting begins. Routine escort will be provided until 8:00 a.m. each day. Any member of the public wishing to attend the meeting or seeking additional information should email Janice Stewart or call her at (202) 461–9023.

Dated: January 29, 2019.

Jelessa M. Burney,
Federal Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

National Research Advisory Council; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, that the National Research Advisory Council will hold a meeting on Wednesday, March 6, 2019, at 1100 First Street NE, Room 104, Washington, DC 20002. The meeting will convene at 9:00 a.m. and end at 3:30 p.m. This meeting is open to the public.

The agenda will include information technology challenges, career development and merit awards, roadmaps overview, clinical trials, and cooperative research and development agreements (CRADAs). No time will be allocated at this meeting for receiving oral presentations from the public. Members of the public wanting to attend may contact Rashelle Robinson, Designated Federal Officer, Office of Research and Development (10X2), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420, at (202) 443–5678, or by email at Rashelle.Robinson@va.gov no later than close of business on February 27, 2019. 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. Any member of the public seeking additional information should contact Rashelle Robinson at the phone number or email address noted above.

Dated: January 29, 2019.

LaTonya L. Small,
Federal Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Notice To Extend the Public Comment Period

SUMMARY: On December 14, 2018, The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

(VA) published a notice at 83 FR 64431 for the VA's Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement, West Los Angeles Medical Center Campus Draft Master Plan (Draft PEIS). The public comment period ends January 29, 2019. This notice announces an extension of the public comment period until February 13, 2019.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A notice of availability was published in the **Federal Register** by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on December 7, 2018 (83 FR 63161) and a companion notice was published by the VA on December 14, 2018 at 83 FR 64431. This notice announces an extension of the public comment period for the VA published Draft PEIS until February 13, 2019. The comment period is being extended to allow the public and other Federal agencies additional time to file comments due to the protracted shutdown of the federal government that ended on January 26, 2019. Written comments may be submitted through <http://www.regulations.gov>; by mail or hand delivery to the Director, Office of Regulation Policy and Management (00REG), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Room 1063B, Washington, DC 20420; or by fax to 202–273–9026. Comments should indicate that they are submitted in response to “Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) for the West Los Angeles Medical Center Campus Draft Master Plan”. The Draft PEIS is available electronically for public viewing at www.losangeles.va.gov/masterplan/ and hard copies are available at the following libraries: Los Angeles City Hall, 200 N Spring Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012; Donald Bruce Kaufman Brentwood Branch Library, 11820 San Vicente Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90049; West Los Angeles Regional Library, 11360 Santa Monica Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90025; Westwood Branch Library, 1246 Glendon Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90024; VA GLAHS WLA Medical Center, 11301 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90073, Building 500/Room 6429K.

Dated: January 29, 2019.

Jeffrey M. Martin,
Assistant Director, Office of Regulation Policy & Management, Office of the Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs.

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