

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Internal Revenue Service, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The IRS is soliciting comments concerning information return for publicly offered original issue discount instruments.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before October 10, 2023 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Andres Garcia, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6526, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20224, or by email to pra.comments@irs.gov. Include OMB control number 1545-0887 or Information Return for Publicly Offered Original Issue Discount Instruments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the form should be directed to Kerry Dennis at (202) 317-5751, or at Internal Revenue Service, Room 6526, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20224, or through the internet, at Kerry.L.Dennis@irs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Title: Information Return for Publicly Offered Original Issue Discount Instruments.

OMB Number: 1545-0887.

Form Number: 8281.

Abstract: Internal Code section 1275(c)(2) requires the furnishing of certain information to the IRS by issuers of publicly offered debt instruments having original issue discount. Regulations section 1.1275-3 prescribes that Form 8281 shall be used for this purpose. The information on Form 8281 is used to update Publication 1212, List of Original Issue Discount Instruments.

Current Actions: There are no changes to burden.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2,500.

Estimated Time per Response: 6 hours, 7 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 15,300 hours.

The following paragraph applies to all the collections of information covered by this notice.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to

respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained if their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

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.

Approved: August 3, 2023.

Kerry L. Dennis,

Tax Analyst.

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U.S.-CHINA ECONOMIC AND SECURITY REVIEW COMMISSION

Notice of Open Public Hearing

AGENCY: U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission.

ACTION: Notice of open public hearing.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following hearing of the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission. The Commission is mandated by Congress to investigate, assess, and report to Congress annually on "the national security implications of the economic relationship between the United States and the People's Republic of China." Pursuant to this mandate, the Commission will hold a public hearing in Washington, DC on August 21, 2023 on "China's Current Economy: Implications for Investors and Supply Chains."

DATES: The hearing is scheduled for Monday, August 21, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES: Members of the public will be able to attend in person at Dirksen 430 or view a live webcast via the Commission's website at www.uscc.gov. Visit the Commission's website for updates to the hearing location or possible changes to the hearing schedule. Reservations are not required to view the hearing online or in person.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Any member of the public seeking further information concerning the hearing should contact Jameson Cunningham, 444 North Capitol Street NW, Suite 602, Washington DC 20001; telephone: 202-624-1496, or via email at jcunningham@uscc.gov. Reservations are not required to attend the hearing.

ADA Accessibility: For questions about the accessibility of the event or to request an accommodation, please contact Jameson Cunningham via email at jcunningham@uscc.gov. Requests for an accommodation should be made as soon as possible, and at least five business days prior to the event.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: This is the seventh public hearing the Commission will hold during its 2023 reporting cycle. The hearing will start with an evaluation of the health of China's financial sector, assessing the extent of China's evolving fiscal and financial challenges and the consequent implications for China's economic growth. Next, the hearing will examine China's role in global capital markets, including how Chinese firms raise capital from abroad via offshore tax havens and how China's sovereign wealth funds invest and deploy China's foreign exchange reserves. Finally, the hearing will address developments in U.S.-China trade relations and U.S. supply chain resiliency, looking at the major trends reshaping U.S. supply chain strategies in addition to China's efforts to secure dominance in key technology areas, such as clean energy technology.

The hearing will be co-chaired by Commissioner Robin Cleveland and Commissioner Kimberly T. Glas. Any interested party may file a written statement by August 21, 2023 by transmitting to the contact above. A portion of the hearing will include a question and answer period between the Commissioners and the witnesses.

Authority: Congress created the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission in 2000 in the National Defense Authorization Act (Public Law 106-398), as amended by Division P of the Consolidated Appropriations Resolution, 2003 (Public Law 108-7), as amended by Public Law 109-108

(November 22, 2005), as amended by Public Law 113–291 (December 19, 2014).

Dated: August 1, 2023.

Daniel W. Peck,

Executive Director, U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900–0922]

Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review: IBM Skillsbuild Training Program Application—Pilot Program

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, this notice announces that the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs, will submit the collection of information abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The PRA submission describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden, and it includes the actual data collection instrument.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed

information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice by clicking on the following link www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain, select “Currently under Review—Open for Public Comments”, then search the list for the information collection by Title or “OMB Control No. 2900–0922.”

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Maribel Aponte, Office of Enterprise and Integration, Data Governance Analytics (008), 810 Vermont Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20420, (202) 266–4688 or email Maribel.aponte@va.gov. Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900–0922” in any correspondence.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: White House Cyber Initiative, as supported by VA Principal Deputy Under Secretary for VA Benefits, Mr. Michael Frueh.

Title: IBM Skillsbuild Training Program Application—Pilot Program, VAF 22–10282.

OMB Control Number: 2900–0922.

Type of Review: Extension of a previously approved collection.

Abstract: The IBM SkillsBuild Program is an IBM-sponsored pilot training program administered by VA to provide free virtual Information Technology (IT) training. SkillsBuild is a free online learning platform that provides adult learners with the opportunity to gain or improve IT skills that meet the needs of employers in the High-Technology industry. VA will provide the opportunity for Veterans, Service members, spouse, children, and caregivers to access free, self-paced, virtual training and credentials in

Cybersecurity and Data Analytics. This virtual training in the field of Cybersecurity and Data Analytics is an enhanced resource for Veterans and transitioning Service members who are seeking job training and credentials to pursue a career in Technology. The IBM Skillsbuild Training Program Application (Intake Form), VA Form 22–10282 will allow eligible candidates to register and apply on a first-come, first-served basis to participate in the program, and the form will be sent via Email to Vettecpartner@va.gov, for processing.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published at 88 FR 34930 on May 31, 2023, page(s) 34930–34931.

Affected Public: Individuals and Households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 100 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Time per Respondent: 10 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Once.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 600.

By direction of the Secretary.

Maribel Aponte,

VA PRA Clearance Officer, Office of Enterprise and Integration, Data Governance Analytics, Department of Veterans Affairs.

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