

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** *Title:* Veterans Affairs Acquisition Regulation (VAAR) Provision 852.214-70, Caution to Bidders " Bid Envelopes.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0593.

*Type of Review:* Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

*Abstract:* VAAR Provision 852.214-70, Caution to Bidders " Bid Envelopes, advises bidders that it is their responsibility to ensure that their bid price cannot be ascertained by anyone prior to bid opening. It also advises bidders to identify their bids by showing the invitation number and bid opening date on the outside of the bid envelope. The Government often furnished a blank bid envelope or a label for use by bidders/offers to identify their bids. The bidder is advised to fill in the required information. This information requested from bidders is needed by the Government to identify bid envelopes from other mail or packages received without having to open the envelopes or packages and possibly exposing bid prices before bid opening. The information will be used to identify which parcels or envelopes are bids and which are other routine mail. The information is also needed to help ensure that bids are delivered to the proper bid opening room on time and prior to bid opening.

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 on March 27, 2001, at pages 16704-16705.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for profit, individuals or households, and not-for-profit institutions.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 960 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:* 10 seconds.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 346,000.

Send comments and recommendations concerning any aspect of the information collection to VA's OMB Desk Officer, OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 (202) 395-7316. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0593" in any correspondence.

Dated: June 28, 2001.

By direction of the Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Rehabilitation Research and Development Service Scientific Merit Review Board, Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs gives notice under Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) as amended, by section 5(c) of Public Law 94-409 that a meeting of the Rehabilitation Research and Development Service Scientific Merit Review Board will be held at the Crown Plaza Hotel, 1001 14th Street, NW., Washington, DC on July 31 through August 1, 2001.

The sessions on July 31, and August 1, 2001, are scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at 5 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to review rehabilitation research and development applications for scientific and technical merit and to make recommendations to the Director, Rehabilitation Research and Development Service, regarding their funding.

The meeting will be open to the public for the July 31 session from 8:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. for the discussion of administrative matters, the general status of the program, and the administrative details of the review process. On July 31 from 9 a.m. through August 1, 2001, the meeting is closed during which the Board will be reviewed research and development applications.

This review involves oral comments, discussion of site visits, staff and consultant critiques of proposed research protocols, and similar analytical documents that necessitate the consideration of the personal qualifications, performance and competence of individual research investigators. Disclosure of such information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Disclosure would also reveal research proposals and research underway which could lead to the loss of these projects to third parties and thereby frustrate future agency research efforts.

Thus, the closing is in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6), and (c)(9)(B) and the determination of the Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs under sections 10(d) of Public Law 92-463 as amended by section 5(c) of Public Law 94-409.

Those who plan to attend the open session should write to Ms. Victoria Mongiardo, Program Analyst, Rehabilitation Research and Development Service (122P), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20420 (Phone: 202-408-3684) at least five days before the meeting.

Dated: July 5, 2001.

By Direction of the Secretary.

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