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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C., 3501-3520), 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: Authorization and Certification of Entrance or Reentrance into Rehabilitation and Certification of Status, VA Form 28-1905.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0014.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: The information collected on VA Form 28-1905 ensures that veterans or other eligible persons do not receive benefits for periods when they did not actually begin to participate in any rehabilitation or special restorative or specialized vocational training program. VA uses the information to establish the correct beginning and ending dates for the education, training, or other rehabilitation services and the correct rates for subsistence allowance payments.

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions, Individuals or households, Business or other for-profit, farms, and State, Local or Tribal Government.

Estimated Annual Burden: 2,917 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 5 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 35,000.

Dated: April 18, 2002.

By direction of the Secretary:

Barbara H. Epps,

Management Analyst, Information Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-New]

Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Veterans Health Administration (VHA), 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 new collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments for information needed to conduct a study to determine whether there was an increased prevalence of illnesses among veterans due to service in the Gulf War.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before June 28, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information to Ann W. Bickoff, Veterans Health Administration (193B1), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail ann.bickoff@mail.va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-New" in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ann W. Bickoff (202) 273-8310 or FAX (202) 273-9381. These are not toll-free numbers.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C., 3501-3520), 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, VHA invites comments on:

(1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VHA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VHA'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: Longitudinal Health Study of Gulf War Veterans, VA Form 10-21055(NR).

OMB Control Number: 2900-New.

Type of Review: New collection.

Abstract: The Department of Veterans Affairs has designed a longitudinal study of Gulf War veterans to evaluate the health of veterans ten years after the Gulf War. The study will allow VA to monitor the health of veterans over time to determine the extent of the health problems among Gulf War veterans and whether health status of Gulf War veterans is better or worse than the health of veterans who were not deployed to the Gulf.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 3,966 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 30 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Every 3 years.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 7,933.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

President's Task Force To Improve Health Care Delivery for Our Nation's Veterans, Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92-463 that a meeting of the President's Task Force to Improve Health Care Delivery for Our Nation's Veterans is scheduled for Wednesday, May 8, 2002, beginning at 9:00 a.m. and adjourning at 4 p.m. and Thursday, May 9, 2002, beginning at 8:30 a.m. and adjourning at 11:30 a.m. The May 8 session will be held in the Horizon Ballroom of the Ronald Reagan Building International

Trade Center, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC. The May 9 session will be held in Room 230, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC. Both sessions are open to the general public.

The purpose of the President's Task Force to Improve Health Care Delivery for Our Nation's Veterans is to:

(a) Identify ways to improve benefits and services for Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) beneficiaries and Department of Defense (DoD) military retirees who are also eligible for benefits from VA, through better coordination of the activities of the two departments;

(b) Identify opportunities to remove barriers that impede VA and DoD coordination, including budgeting processes, timely billing, cost accounting, information technology, and reimbursement; and

(c) Identify opportunities through partnership between VA and DoD, to maximize the use of resources and infrastructures, including buildings, information technology and data sharing systems, procurement of supplies, equipment and services.

On the morning of May 8, the Vision Work Group and the Information Management/Information Technology Work Group will brief the Committee. During the afternoon session, the Leadership Work Group, Benefits Work Group and Acquisition and Procurement Work Group will brief the Committee. On the morning of May 9, the Pharmaceuticals Work Group, Facilities Work Group, and Resources and Budgeting Work Group will brief the Committee.

Interested parties can provide written comments to Mr. Dan Amon, Communications Director, President's Task Force to Improve Health Care Delivery to Our Nation's Veterans, 1401 Wilson Boulevard, 4th Floor, Arlington, Virginia 22209.

Dated: April 22, 2002.

By Direction of the Secretary:

Nora E. Egan,

Committee Management Officer.

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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 Public Law 92-463 that a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Prosthetics and Special-

Disabilities Programs will be held May 15-16, 2002, at VA Headquarters, Room 230, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC. The meeting will convene at 8 a.m. on both days and adjourn at 4 p.m. on May 15 and 12 noon on May 16. The meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Secretary on VA's prosthetic programs designed to provide state-of-the-art prosthetics and the associated rehabilitation research, development, and evaluation of such technology. The Committee also advises the Secretary on special disability programs which are defined as any program administered by the Department to serve veterans with spinal cord injury, blindness or vision impairment, loss of or loss of use of extremities, deafness or hearing impairment, or other serious incapacities in terms of daily life functions.

The morning of May 15, the Committee will have briefings by the Acting Chief Consultant, VHA Employee Education Service or designee, and the Director, Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services Program or designee. In the afternoon, the Committee will be briefed by each of the four National program Directors of VA's special disability programs, i.e. spinal cord injury, blind rehabilitation, prosthetics, audiology and speech pathology. On the morning of May 16, the Committee will be briefed by the Acting Chief Consultant, Rehabilitation Strategic Healthcare Group and consider a report on Emergency Preparedness.

No time will be allocated for receiving oral presentations from the public. However, members of the public may direct questions or submit prepared statements for review by the Committee in advance of the meeting, in writing only, to Ms. Cynthia Wade, Program Analyst, at Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Health Administration, Patient Care Services, Rehabilitation Strategic Healthcare Group (117), 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420. Any member of the public wishing to attend the meeting should contact Ms. Wade, at (202) 273-8485.

Dated: April 22, 2002.

Nora E. Egan,

Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office of the Assistant Secretary for Veterans' Employment and Training

Veterans' Workforce Investment Program

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Veterans' Employment and Training, Labor.

ACTION: Notice of availability of funds and Solicitation for Grant Applications (SGA) for Veterans' Workforce Investment Program (VWIP), Section 168, Program Year 2002 SGA (02-08).

SUMMARY: All applicants for grant funds should read this notice in its entirety. The U.S. Department of Labor, Veterans' Employment and Training Service (VETS), announces a grant competition for Veterans' Workforce Investment Program (VWIP), Section 168, Program Year 2002 competitive grants. These grants will assist eligible veterans who: have service-connected disabilities; served on active duty in the armed forces during a war, campaign or expedition for which a campaign badge was authorized; are recently separated veterans; and veterans with significant barriers to employment, by providing training, employment and supportive service assistance in areas of high demand occupations.

Under this solicitation, VETS anticipates that up to \$6,500,000 will be available for grant awards in Program Year (PY) 2002 and expects to award up to sixteen grants. Only one application will be accepted from each State's Governor. The VWIP programs are designed to be flexible in addressing the universal as well as local or regional problems barring veterans from the workforce. The program in PY 2002 will continue to strengthen the provision of comprehensive services through a case management approach, the attainment of supportive service resources for veterans entering the labor force, and strategies for employment and retention.

This notice describes the background, application process, description of program activities, evaluation criteria, and reporting requirements for this SGA. The information and forms contained in the Supplementary Information Section constitute the official application package. All necessary information and forms needed to apply for grant funding are included.

Forms or Amendments: If another copy of a Standard form is needed, go online to <http://www.nara.gov>.

To receive amendments to this Solicitation (Please reference SGA 02-08), *all applicants must register their*