

SUMMARY: The Office of Management (OM), 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 extension of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on the information needed to evaluate quotations received and to determine which quotation offers the best value in terms of price and other factors.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before February 22, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information to Donald E. Kaliher, Office of Acquisition Resources Service (049A5), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail donald.kaliher@mail.va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0393" in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Donald E. Kaliher at (202) 273-8819.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3501-3521), 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, OM invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of OM's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of OM'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: Department of Veterans Affairs Acquisition Regulation (VAAR) Part 813.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0393.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: VA collects acquisition information from firms and individuals

who wish to sell supplies, services, and construction or who wish to establish blanket purchase agreements (BPA) or other contractually related agreements with VA. VA uses the information collected to determine to whom to award contracts or with whom to enter into BPAs or other contractually related agreements.

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

Estimated Annual Burden: 20,845 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 1 hour.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 20,845.

Dated: December 10, 2004.

By direction of the Secretary.

Jacqueline Parks,

IT Specialist, Records Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0418]

Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of Management, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

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DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before February 22, 2005.

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Resources Service (049A5), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail donald.kaliher@mail.va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0418" in any correspondence.

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Title: Department of Veterans Affairs Acquisition Regulation (VAAR) Sections 809.106-1, 809.504(d), and Clause 852.209-70.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0418.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved.

Abstract:

a. VAAR section 809.106-1 requires VA to contact a firm being considered for a contract award for bakery, dairy, or ice cream products or for laundry or dry cleaning services whether or not the firm's facility has recently been inspected by another Federal agency and, if so, which agency. The information is used to determine whether a separate inspection of the facility should be conducted by VA prior to award contract.

b. VAAR section 809.504(d) and Clause 852.209-70 requires VA to determine whether or not to award a contract to a firm that might involve or result in a conflict of interest. VA uses the information to determine whether additional contract terms and conditions are necessary to mitigate the conflict.

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

Estimated Annual Burden:

a. VAAR section 809.106-1-30 hours.

b. VAAR section 809.504(d) and VAAR clause 852.209-7-500 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:

a. VAAR section 809.106-1-3 minutes.

b. VAAR section 809.504(d) and Clause 852.209-7-30 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents:

a. VAAR section 809.106-1-600.

b. VAAR section 809.504(d) and Clause 852.209-7-1,000.

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By direction of the Secretary.

Jacqueline Parks,

IT Specialist, Records Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0590]

Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of Management, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

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DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before February 22, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information to Donald E. Kaliher, Office of Management (049A5), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail donald.kaliher@mail.va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0590" in any correspondence.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3501-3521), 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.

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Titles:

a. Veterans Affairs Acquisition Regulation Clauses 852.237-7, Indemnification and Medical Liability Insurance.

b. Veterans Affairs Acquisition Regulation Clauses 852.237-71, Indemnification and Insurance.

c. Veterans Affairs Acquisition Regulation Clauses 852.207-70, Report of Employment Under Commercial Activities.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0590.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract:

a. VA Acquisition Regulation Clauses 852.237-7 is used in solicitations and contracts for the acquisition of non-personal health care services. It requires the bidder/offeree prior to contract award to furnish evidence of insurability of the offeror and/or all healthcare providers who will perform under the contract. The information provided is used to ensure that VA will not be held liable for any negligent acts of the contractor or its employees and that VA and VA beneficiaries are protected by adequate insurance coverage.

b. Clause 852.237-71 is used in solicitations for vehicle or aircraft services. It requires the bidder/offeree prior to contract award to furnish evidence that the firm possesses the types and amounts of insurance required by the solicitation. The information is necessary to ensure that VA beneficiaries and the public are protected by adequate insurance coverage.

c. Clause 852.207-70 is used in solicitations for commercial items and services where the work is currently being performed by VA employees and where those employees might be displaced as a result of an award to a commercial firm. The clause requires the contractor to report the names of the affected Federal employees offered employment opening and the names of employees who applied for but not offered employment and the reasons for withholding offers to those employees. The information collected is used by contracting officers to monitor and ensure compliance by the contractor under the requirements of Federal Acquisition Regulation clause 52.207-3, Right of First Refusal of Employment.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit; individuals and households; not-for-profit institutions, and State, Local or Tribal Government.

Estimated Annual Burden:

a. Veterans Affairs Acquisition Regulation Clauses 852.237-7, Indemnification and Medical Liability Insurance—750 hours

b. Veterans Affairs Acquisition Regulation Clauses 852.237-71, Indemnification and Insurance—250 hours.

c. Veterans Affairs Acquisition Regulation Clauses 852.207-70, Report of Employment Under Commercial Activities—15 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 30 minutes.

a. Veterans Affairs Acquisition Regulation Clauses 852.237-7, Indemnification and Medical Liability Insurance—30 minutes.

b. Veterans Affairs Acquisition Regulation Clauses 852.237-71, Indemnification and Insurance—30 minutes.

c. Veterans Affairs Acquisition Regulation Clauses 852.207-70, Report of Employment Under Commercial Activities—30 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2,030.

a. Veterans Affairs Acquisition Regulation Clauses 852.237-7, Indemnification and Medical Liability Insurance—1,500.

b. Veterans Affairs Acquisition Regulation Clauses 852.237-71, Indemnification and Insurance—500.

c. Veterans Affairs Acquisition Regulation Clauses 852.207-70, Report of Employment Under Commercial Activities—30.

Dated: December 10, 2004.