

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Copies of the submissions may be obtained from Tracy Garrett by emailing Tracy.Garrett@bep.gov, calling (202) 874-3256, or viewing the entire information collection request at www.reginfo.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Generic Clearance for Meaningful Access Information Collections.

OMB Control Number: 1520-0009.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Description: A court order was issued in *American Council of the Blind v. Paulson*, 591 F. Supp. 2d 1 (D.D.C. 2008) (“*ACB v. Paulson*”) requiring the Department of the Treasury and BEP to “provide meaningful access to United States currency for blind and other visually impaired persons, which steps shall be completed, in connection with each denomination of currency, not later than the date when a redesign of that denomination is next approved by the Secretary of the Treasury. . . .”

In compliance with the court’s order, BEP intends to meet with blind and visually impaired persons and request their feedback about tactile features that BEP is considering for possible incorporation into the next U.S. paper currency redesign. BEP employees will attend national conventions and conferences for disabled persons, as well as focus groups and other meetings. At those gatherings, BEP employees will invite blind and visually impaired persons to provide feedback about certain tactile features being considered for inclusion in future United States currency paper designs. In the past BEP contracted with specialists in the field of tactile acuity to develop a methodology for collecting the feedback. This same or substantially similar methodology will be used to continue this information collection.

Over the next three years, the BEP anticipates undertaking a variety of new information collection activities related to BEP’s continued efforts to provide meaningful access to U.S. paper currency for blind and visually impaired persons. Following standard OMB requirements, for each information collection that BEP proposes to undertake under this generic clearance, the OMB will be notified at least two weeks in advance and provided with a copy of the information collection instrument along with supportive materials. The BEP will only undertake a new collection if the OMB does not object to the BEP’s proposal.

Form: None.

Affected Public: Individuals and households, Businesses and other for-profits, Not-for-profit Institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 650.

Frequency of Response: On Occasion.

Estimated Total Number of Annual Responses: 650.

Estimated Time per Response: 60 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 650 hours.

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. 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 technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services required to provide information.

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

Dated: August 10, 2021.

Katherine A. Allen,

BEP PRA Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Health Services Research and Development Service Scientific Merit Review Board, Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App.2, that a meeting of the Health Services Research and Development Service Scientific Merit Review Board will be held September 2, 2021, via WebEx. The meeting will be held between noon and 1:00 p.m. EST. The meeting will be partially closed to the public from 12:15-1:00 p.m. EST for the discussion, examination and reference to the research applications and scientific review. Discussions will involve reference to staff and consultant critiques of research proposals. Discussions will deal with scientific

merit of each proposal and qualifications of personnel conducting the studies, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Additionally, premature disclosure of research information could significantly obstruct implementation of proposed agency action regarding the research proposals. As provided by Public Law 92-463 subsection 10(d), as amended by Public Law 94-409, closing the committee meeting is in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) (6) and (9)(B).

The objective of the Board is to provide for the fair and equitable selection of the most meritorious research projects for support by VA research funds and to offer advice for research program officials on program priorities and policies. The ultimate objective of the Board is to ensure the high quality and mission relevance of VA’s legislatively mandated Health Services Research and Development program.

Board members advise the Director, Health Services Research and Development Service and the Chief Research and Development Officer on the scientific and technical merit, the mission relevance and the protection of human subjects of Health Services Research and Development proposals. The Board does not consider grants, contracts or other forms of extramural research.

Members of the public who wish to attend the open portion of the teleconference session from 12:00-12:15 p.m. EST may join by dialing the Webex USA Toll-free Number 1-833-558-0712 and entering the meeting number (access code): 199 514 5335.

Written comments from the public must be sent to Liza Catucci, Designated Federal Officer, Health Services Research and Development Service, Department of Veterans Affairs (14RDH), 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420, or to Liza.Catucci@va.gov prior to the meeting. Those who plan to attend the open portion of the meeting must contact Ms. Catucci at least five days before the meeting. For further information, please call Ms. Catucci at 202-443-5797.

Dated: August 10, 2021.

Jelessa M. Burney,

Federal Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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