

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.

Titles: Bereaved Family Member Satisfaction Survey.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0701.

Type of Review: Revision.

Abstract: The death rate for Veterans will continue to grow as the number of Veterans 85 years of age and older is projected to increase by 32 percent between 2009 and 2018. Given this trend, the VA will face substantial challenges in providing care to Veterans near the end of life. For example, extensive data from non-VA health care systems demonstrates that physical symptoms like pain, dyspnea and nausea are common in advanced illness, but are under-recognized and inadequately managed. Other studies have found that providers often lack the time and communication skills to discuss goals of care and treatment preferences with patients and families; there is strong evidence that when providers fail to discuss goals of care with patients and families, patients often receive unwanted, aggressive life-sustaining treatment that is not consistent with their preferences. A related problem has been the high incidence of deaths in an acute care setting. As many Veterans approaching end of life may prefer a more quiet and comfortable setting than can be provided in acute care, with improved communications and availability of services much of this end of life care could be shifted to a VA hospice unit or to hospice in the Veteran's home. The VA has been and continues to be a leader among healthcare systems in the provision of hospice and palliative care. National VA initiatives have been implemented and continue to support the development and expertise of palliative care consult teams.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 1,833 burden hours.

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 10 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Annually.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 11,000

Dated: November 20, 2014.

By direction of the Secretary.

Crystal Rennie,

Department Clearance Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-CVE Verification]

Agency Information Collection—Center for Verification and Evaluation (CVE) Verification Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU), Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501-3521), this notice announces that OSDBU, Department of Veterans Affairs, has submitted 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; it includes the actual data collection instrument.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before December 26, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information through www.Regulations.gov, or to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attn: VA Desk Officer; 725 17th St. NW., Washington, DC 20503 or sent through electronic mail to oira_submission@omb.eop.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-CVE Verification" in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Crystal Rennie, Enterprise Records Service (005R1B), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 632-7492 or email crystal.rennie@va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-CVE Verification."

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: CVE Verification.

OMB Control Number: 2900-NEW.

Type of Review: New collection.

Abstract: The Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU) CVE is required to measure the effectiveness of different stages of the afore-mentioned verification process and how it fulfills Veterans' needs. The

stages to be measured are the pre-application, post-determination, and exit. To collect this processing information, CVE will solicit voluntary opinions of verification applicants. The results will be used to improve different areas of this program.

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 August 24, 2014, (79 FR 51397).

Affected Public: Service-disabled Veteran-owned small business (SDVOSB) owners and Veteran-owned small business (VOSB) owners that have gone through the verification process (pre-application, post-determination, or exit stages).

Estimated Annual Burden: 150 hours.

Estimated Average Burden per

Respondent: 3 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Every other year (the verification status lasts for 2 years).

Estimated Number of Respondents: 250 per month (3,000 per year).

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By direction of the Secretary.

Crystal Rennie,

Department Clearance Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-(Center for Verification and Evaluation [CVE] Site Inspection)]

Agency Information Collection—(CVE Site Inspection) Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU), Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501-3521), this notice announces that OSDBU, Department of Veterans Affairs, has submitted 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; it includes the actual data collection instrument.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed

collection of information should be received on or before December 26, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information through www.Regulations.gov, or to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attn: VA Desk Officer; 725 17th St. NW., Washington, DC 20503 or sent through electronic mail to oira_submission@omb.eop.gov. Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900—CVE Site Inspection” in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Crystal Rennie, Enterprise Records Service (005R1B), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 632-7492 or email crystal.rennie@va.gov. Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900—CVE Site Inspection.”

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: CVE Site Inspection.

OMB Control Number: 2900—NEW.

Type of Review: New collection.

Abstract: OSDBU and CVE protect the integrity and validity of VA’s Veterans First Contracting Program by conducting a Risk Mitigation Program. This program helps to ensure that only eligible firms who meet the criteria of 38 Code of Federal Regulation (CFR) Part 74 are entered into the Vendor Information Pages (VIP) database. Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business (SDVOSB) and Veteran Owned Small Business (VOSB) participating of this program are either randomly selected for Post-verification Site Visit Audits or based upon risk assessment. OSDBU needs to determine the effectiveness of the site inspections that are part of the CVE Verification Program/Risk Mitigation, and to learn about the participants’ experiences and satisfaction levels.

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 August 29, 2014, at pages 51652–51653.

Affected Public: Service-disabled Veteran-owned small business (SDVOSB) owners and Veteran-owned small business (VOSB) owners that have gone through the verification process.

Estimated Annual Burden: 125 hours.

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 5 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Every other year (the verification status lasts for 2 years).

Estimated Number of Respondents: 125 per month (1,500 per year).

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By direction of the Secretary.

Crystal Rennie,

Department Clearance Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900–0688]

Proposed Information Collection (Security for Government Financing) Activity: Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of Management, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice

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 30 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on information needed to determine if the contractor has adequate security to warrant payment in advance.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before December 26, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information through the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at www.Regulations.gov; or to Waleska Pierantoni-Monge, Office of Acquisition and Logistics (003A2A), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420; or email: waleska.pierantoni-monge@va.gov. Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900–0688” in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through FDMS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Waleska Pierantoni-Monge at (202) 632–5400, Fax (202) 343–1434.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995 (Public Law 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) 832.202–4, Security for Government Financing.

OMB Control Number: 2900–0688.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: VA will use the data collected under VAAR 832.202–4, Security for Government Financing to assess whether or not the contractor’s overall financial condition represents adequate security to warrant paying the contractor in advance. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on September 11, 2014, at pages 54352–54353.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit and Not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Annual Burden: 10.

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 1 hour.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 10.

Dated: November 20, 2014.

By direction of the Secretary.

Crystal Rennie,

Department Clearance Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs.

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