

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900–NEW]

**Agency Information Collection
Activity: Department of Veterans
Affairs (VA) Network of Support Pilot
Survey #2****AGENCY:** Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.**ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, this notice announces that the Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, will submit 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, and it includes the actual data collection instrument.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function. Refer to “OMB Control No. 2900–NEW”.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Maribel Aponte, Office of Enterprise and Integration, Data Governance Analytics (008), 1717 H Street NW, Washington, DC 20006, (202) 266–4688 or email maribel.aponte@va.gov. Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900–NEW” in any correspondence.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Executive Order 13571—Streamlining Service Delivery and Improving Customer Service.

Title: Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Network of Support Pilot Survey #2 (DEC2023).

OMB Control Number: 2900–NEW.

Type of Review: New collection.

Abstract: The Network of Support Pilot Survey #2 will be administered by VA to participants of the NoS Pilot to assess their satisfaction with the Program and their perception of its utility. The NoS Pilot is a legislatively mandated Pilot Program that invites transitioning service members (TSMs) to opt-in to the Program and then nominate up to 10 close friends and family members to received regular VA-provided information on Veteran benefits and resources. While the

legislation focuses on TSMs, separated Veterans may also choose to participate in the Pilot. The intent is to increase the likelihood that new Veterans will see, understand, and take advantage of their earned benefits, thereby easing what can be a difficult transition out of the military. This information collection request (ICR) will be the second of two surveys in the two-year pilot program—the first being NoS Survey #1 (Reference number 202007–2900–004) which was administered in December of 2022 and was legislatively mandated by Public Law (Pub. L.) 116–214, section 101. The survey population includes all members of the pilot—maximum of 3,000 TSMs/Veterans and 30,000 of their nominated NoS members for a maximum total of 33,000. VA will use email with hyperlink to administer the electronic (*i.e.*, Qualtrics) survey, limiting the burden on respondents. The survey will aid in VA’s assessment of the effectiveness of the NoS Pilot by: (1) examining the self-reported satisfaction and perceived utility via a series of closed and open-ended questions; (2) analyzing the relationship between participation in the NoS Pilot and certain characteristics of military service (*e.g.*, military occupation specialty [MOS], time in service [TIS], combat exposure) and certain demographics and personal characteristic known or believed to be associated with negative post-transition mental health and/or life outcomes; (3) analyzing the relationship between participation in the NoS Pilot and the use of VA Benefits and resources; (4) identifying areas of improvement for the NoS Program. This assessment will inform a report to the Congress mandated by Public Law 116–214, Section 101.

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 03/29/2023.

Affected Public: Individuals.

Estimated Annual Burden: 75 hours.

Estimated Average Burden per

Respondent: 15 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Annual.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 300.

By direction of the Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records****AGENCY:** Veterans Health Administration (VHA), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).**ACTION:** Rescindment of a system of records notice.

SUMMARY: VA is rescinding a system of records entitled, “All Employee Survey-VA” (160VA10A2) as set forth in the **Federal Register**. This system was used for applied managerial as well as scientific statistical analysis of employee satisfaction on quality and quantity of work, personal safety, promotion and training opportunity, fair and equitable treatment, and work/family balance.

DATES: The system was discontinued on September 1, 2012. Comments on this rescinded system of records must be received no later than 30 days after date of publication in the **Federal Register**. If no public comment is received during the period allowed for comment or unless otherwise published in the **Federal Register** by VA, the rescindment will become effective a minimum of 30 days after date of publication in the **Federal Register**. If VA receives public comments, VA shall review the comments to determine whether any changes to the notice are necessary.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted through www.Regulations.gov or mailed to VA Privacy Service, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, (005X6F), Washington, DC 20420. Comments should indicate that they are submitted in response to “All Employee Survey-VA” (160VA10A2). Comments received will be available at regulations.gov for public viewing, inspection or copies.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stephania Griffin, Veterans Health Administration (VHA) Chief Privacy Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420; Stephania.Griffin@va.gov, telephone (704) 245–2492 (Note: this is not a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Categories of individuals covered by the system were all VA employees. Records were maintained on the server with a backup copy on compact disk in the VHA National Center for Organization Development (NCOD) Program Office, 11500 Northlake Drive, Suite 260, Cincinnati, OH 45249.

This system of records notice is being rescinded since the All Employee

Survey (AES) system does not use personal identifiers that can be connected to individuals. The de-identified, completely anonymized version of the older AES data is retained on the NCOD server behind the VA firewall. These versions will be retained indefinitely given their archival value as sources of establishing historical trends of VA employee perceptions, if needed or requested by VA leadership. Currently, the new vendor and system for AES does not use individual identifiers. Both the older AES system as well as the newer AES system do not use identifiers for individuals. Survey responses can not be used to identify specific individuals; therefore, a system

of records is not required. Since there is no records retention schedule for any AES records, AES records will continue to be maintained indefinitely until scheduled.

Signing Authority

The Senior Agency Official for Privacy, or designee, approved this document and authorized the undersigned to sign and submit the document to the Office of the Federal Register for publication electronically as an official document of the Department of Veterans Affairs. Kurt D. DelBene, Assistant Secretary for Information and Technology and Chief Information

Officer, approved this document on May 31, 2023 for publication.

Dated: June 2, 2023.

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SYSTEM NAME AND NUMBER:

“All Employee Survey-VA”
160VA10A2.

HISTORY:

75 FR 3787 (January 22, 2010) and 78 FR 36035 (June 14, 2013).

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