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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Multiple Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Departmental Offices, U.S. Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury will submit the following information collection requests to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, on or after the date of publication of this notice. The public is invited to submit comments on these requests.

DATES: Comments should be received on or before January 16, 2024 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: 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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Copies of the submissions may be obtained from Melody Braswell by emailing PRA@treasury.gov, calling (202) 622-1035, or viewing the entire information collection request at www.reginfo.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

1. *Title:* Pre-Screening Notice and Certification Request for the Work Opportunity Credit.

OMB Number: 1545-1593.

Form Number: Form 1041-QFT.

Abstract: Internal Revenue Code section 685 allows the trustee of certain trusts to make an election for the trust to be taxed as a qualified funeral trust (QFT). The trustee of a QFT files Form 1041-QFT to report the income, deductions, gains, losses, and tax liability of the QFT. The IRS uses the information on the form to determine that the trustee filed the proper return and paid the correct tax.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations, Federal Government, individuals or households, and not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Responses: 15,000.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 20.7 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 310,350.

2. *Title:* Form 8835, Renewable

Electricity Production Credit.

OMB Number: 1545-1362.

Form Number: Form 8835.

Abstract: Form 8835 is used to claim the renewable electricity production credit. The credit is allowed for the sale of electricity produced in the United States or U.S. territories from qualified energy resources at a qualified facility. The IRS uses the information reported on the form to ensure that the credit is correctly computed.

Current Actions: There are changes to the existing collection. The form was revised to include information about the qualified facility, add lines for new credits, and remove lines for expired credits. The estimated number of responses was reduced to eliminate duplication of burden estimates. The estimated burden for individuals filing Form 8835 is approved under OMB control number 1545-0074, and the estimated burden for businesses filing Form 8835 is approved under OMB control number 1545-0123.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations; not-for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Responses: 40.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 17 hours, 43 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 697.

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

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Treasury PRA Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; State Small Business Credit Initiative

AGENCY: Departmental Offices, U.S. Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury will submit the following

information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, on or after the date of publication of this notice. The public is invited to submit comments on this request.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before January 16, 2024 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: 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 Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Copies of the submissions may be obtained from Spencer W. Clark by emailing PRA@treasury.gov, calling (202) 927-5331, or viewing the entire information collection request at www.reginfo.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: State Small Business Credit Initiative.

OMB Control Number: 1505-0227.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Description: This information collection captures information related to the State Small Business Credit Initiative (SSBCI). The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) reauthorized and amended the Small Business Jobs Act of 2010 (SSBCI statute) to fund the SSBCI as a response to the economic effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.¹ SSBCI is a Federal program administered by the U.S. Department of the Treasury (Treasury) that was created to strengthen the programs of jurisdictions (*i.e.*, States, the District of Columbia, Territories, Tribal governments) that support private financing for small businesses as well as to provide technical assistance (TA) to qualifying small businesses. Under the allocation formula-based TA Grant Program, Treasury awards Federal grants to eligible jurisdictions for the provision of legal, accounting, and financial advisory services to qualifying small businesses applying for the SSBCI Capital Program and other Federal or other jurisdiction small business programs. Treasury is updating the burden estimate for OMB Control

¹ ARPA, Public Law 117-2, sec. 3301, codified at 12 U.S.C. 5701 *et seq.* SSBCI was originally established in title III of the Small Business Jobs Act of 2010.

Number 1505–0227 to better account for applications received under the SSBCI Capital and TA Grant Programs,² as well as the reporting requirements under the TA Grant Program:³

Form: Treasury's reporting portal, various templates.

Affected Public: State, Territorial and Tribal governments, small businesses.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 200.

Frequency of Response: Once, on occasion, annually, semiannually, quarterly.

Estimated Total Number of Annual Responses: 112,376.

Estimated Time per Response: Varies by response type.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 24,877.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900–0657]

Agency Information Collection Activity: Conflicting Interests Certification for Proprietary Schools

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Veterans Benefits Administration, 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 revision of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before February 12, 2024.

²Treasury originally estimated it would receive 500 SSBCI Capital Program applications, but received approximately 200 applications. Similarly, Treasury originally estimated it would receive 500 TA Grant Program applications, but now expects that number to be approximately 138 applications.

³Treasury has published draft TA Grant Program Reporting Guidance on its website at <https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/SSBCI-Technical-Assistance-Reporting-Guidance.pdf>.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information through Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at www.Regulations.gov or to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20M33), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420 or email to nancy.kessinger@va.gov. Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900–0657” in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through FDMS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Maribel Aponte, Office of Enterprise and Integration, Data Governance Analytics (008), 810 Vermont Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20420, (202) 266–4688 or email maribel.aponte@va.gov. Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900–0657” in any correspondence.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995, 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: Conflicting Interests Certification for Proprietary Schools, VA Form 22–1919.

OMB Control Number: 2900–0657.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is authorized to pay education benefits to Veterans and other eligible persons pursuing approved programs of education under chapters 30, 31, 32, 33, and 35 of title 38, U.S.C., and chapter 1606 of title 10, U.S.C., sections 903 of Public Law 96–342, the National Call to Service provision of Public Law 107–314, and the Omnibus Diplomatic Security and Antiterrorism Act of 1986.

Schools are required to submit information necessary to determine if their programs of training are approved

for the payment of VA educational assistance. This specified information is submitted either to VA or to the State Approving Agency (SAA) having jurisdiction over that school. Certain schools are considered “proprietary” schools. A proprietary educational institution, as defined in 38 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 21.4200(z), is a private institution legally authorized to offer a program of education in the state where the institution is physically located. Section 3683 of title 38, U.S.C., and sections of 38 CFR establish conflict of interest restrictions related to proprietary schools. The VA Form 22–1919 is the instrument VA has implemented to address these restrictions.

(a) VA Form 22–1919 is only used to collect information on two issues:

(i) Section 3683 of title 38, U.S.C., prohibits employees of VA and the SAA from owning any interest in an educational institution operated for-profit. In addition, the law prohibits VA or SAA employees from receiving any wages, salary, dividends, profits, or gifts from private for-profit schools in which an eligible person is pursuing a program of education under an educational assistance program administered by VA. In addition, the law prohibits VA employees from receiving any services from these schools. These provisions may be waived if VA determines that no detriment will result to the government, or to Veterans or eligible persons enrolled at that private for-profit school. Item 1 of VA Form 22–1919 collects the name and title of affected VA and SAA employees known by the President (or Chief Administrative Official) of the school, as well as a description of these employees' association with that school.

(ii) Sections 21.4202(c), 21.5200(c), 21.7122(e)(6), and 21.7622(f)(4)(iv) of title 38 of the CFR prohibit the approval of educational assistance from VA for the enrollment of a Veteran or eligible person in any proprietary school where the trainee is an official authorized to sign certifications of enrollment. Item 2 of VA Form 22–1919 collects the following information for each certifying official, owner, or officer who receives VA educational assistance based on an enrollment in that proprietary school: the name and title of these employees; VA file numbers; and dates of enrollment at the proprietary school.

(b) VA only collects this information at the time one (or more) of these events occurs:

(i) The initial approval of a program or course at a proprietary for-profit school;