

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 November 17, 2004, at page 67387.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 800 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per

Respondent: 2 hours.

Frequency of Response: One-time.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 400.

Dated: March 3, 2005.

By direction of the Secretary.

Loise Russell,

Director, Records Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0590]

Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Office of Management, 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 the Office of Management (OM), 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: Comments must be submitted on or before April 13, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Denise McLamb, Information Management Service (005E3), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 273-8030 or FAX (202) 273-5981. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0590."

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.

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.

a. *Abstract:* 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/offeror 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/offeror 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 openings 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.

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 December 23, 2004, at pages 76974-76975.

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 Annual Burden Per Respondent:

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.

Send comments and recommendations concerning any aspect of the information collection to VA's Desk Officer, OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, (202) 395-7316. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0590" in any correspondence.

Dated: March 3, 2005.

By direction of the Secretary.

Loise Russell,

Director, Records Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Veterans' Advisory Committee on Environmental Hazards; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that a meeting of the Veterans' Advisory Committee on Environmental Hazards will be held on Thursday and Friday, April 14-15, 2005, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. The meeting will be held at 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Room 446, Washington, DC 20420. The meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the Committee is to provide advice to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on adverse health effects that may be associated with exposure to ionizing radiation and to make recommendations on proposed standards and guidelines regarding VA benefit claims based upon exposure to ionizing radiation.

The major items on the agenda for both days will be discussions and analyses of medical and scientific papers concerning the health effects of exposure to ionizing radiation. On the basis of its analyses and discussions, the Committee may make recommendations to the Secretary concerning the relationship of certain diseases with exposure to ionizing radiation. On April 14 there will be a presentation by VA's Public Health and Environmental Hazards Office. The April 15 session will include planning future Committee activities and assignment of tasks among the members.

Those who wish to attend should contact Ms. Bernice Green of the Department of Veterans Affairs, Compensation and Pension Service, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, by phone at (202) 273-7210, or by fax at (202) 275-1728. Members of the public may submit written questions or prepared statements for review by the Committee in advance of the meeting. Statements should be sent to Ms. Green's attention at least 5 days prior to the meeting at the address shown above. Those who submit material may be asked to clarify it prior to its consideration by the Committee.

An open forum for verbal statements from the public will also be available for

20 minutes during the morning and 20 minutes in the afternoon each day. Each person who wishes to make a verbal statement before the Committee will be accommodated on a first come, first served basis and will be provided three (3) minutes to present the statement.

Dated: March 3, 2005.

By direction of the Secretary.

E. Philip Riffin,

Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Advisory Committee on Former Prisoners of War; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that the Advisory Committee on Former Prisoners of War (FPOW) has scheduled a meeting for April 11-13, 2005, at the Department of Veterans Affairs Central Office, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420. The meeting will be held each day in Conference Center C-7, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on the administration of benefits under Title 38, United States Code, for veterans who are former prisoners of war, and to make recommendations on the needs of such veterans for compensation, health care, and rehabilitation.

The agenda for April 11 will begin with an introduction of Committee members, remarks from dignitaries, a review of Committee reports, an update of activities since the last meeting, and a period for FPOW veterans and/or the public to address the Committee. The Committee will also discuss future plans for the VA FPOW Learning Seminars, and conclude with a report on the progress of Special FPOW Care and Benefits Teams. The agenda on April 12 will include a review of VA's Compensation and Pension Service activities, including new outreach initiatives to FPOWs, initiatives to contact FPOW pensioners, and a special report on outreach to FPOWs about the new presumptive medical conditions of heart diseases and the residuals of stroke. The Committee will then receive a report from VA's FPOW Medical Presumptions Workgroup. The Committee will also hear a presentation from the Robert E. Mitchell Center for Prisoner of War Studies. The day will conclude with new business and general

discussion. On April 13, the Committee's Medical and Administrative work groups will meet to discuss their activities and report back to the Committee. Additionally, the Committee will review and analyze the comments discussed throughout the meeting for the purpose of compiling a report to be sent to the Secretary.

Members of the public may direct questions or submit written statements for review by the Committee in advance of the meeting to Ms. Renée L. Szybala, Director, Compensation and Pension Service (21), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420. Submitted materials must be received by April 1, 2005.

Dated: March 3, 2005.

By Direction of the Secretary.

E. Philip Riffin,

Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Advisory Committee on Veterans Health Administration Resident Education; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs gives notice under Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that the Advisory Committee on Veterans Health Administration (VHA) Resident Education will hold a teleconference on April 29, 2005, from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. The conference call will be held in Room 530 at VA Central Office, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC. The conference call is open to the public at this location.

The Committee has been established to provide broad assessment of physician resident positions in relationship to future veteran health care needs. The Committee will affirm the philosophical principles governing VHA's internal Graduate Medical Education Advisory Committee, provide external perspective and national guidance on VHA resident education, and make recommendations regarding further actions to the Secretary.

The agenda topics for this meeting will include a review of Committee activities and updates on the VHA Resident Education Program. The discussions will primarily center around evaluation of how VHA may best go forward with the goal of balancing the educational needs of resident physicians while providing excellent health care to veterans.