

and objectives of 49 U.S.C. 31136, 49 U.S.C. chapter 313, or the FMCSRs.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

[Docket No. DOT-OST-2022-0133]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Request for Comments; Renewal of a Previously Approved Information Collection: U.S. Department of Transportation, Individual Complaint of Employment Discrimination Form

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces that the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) will forward the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for renewal of a previously approved collection. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden hours. The OMB approved the form in 2020 with its renewal required by April 30, 2023. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the form renewal was published on November 18, 2022 [FR Vol. 87, No. 222, page 69386]. No comments were received.

DATES: Comments on this notice are due by April 16, 2023.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Barbara Dougherty, Deputy Director, Departmental Office of Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590, 202-366-9850 (office), barbara.dougherty@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Individual Complaint of Employment Discrimination Form.

Form Number: DOT-F 1050-8. OMB Control Number: 2105-0556.

Type of Request: Renewal of a previously approved collection.

Abstract: DOT will utilize the form to collect information necessary to process EEO discrimination complaints filed by individuals who are Federal employees, former employees or applicants for employment with the Department. These complaints are processed in

accordance with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's regulations, Title 29, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1614, as amended. DOT will use the form to: (a) Request requisite information from the applicant for processing his/her EEO discrimination complaint; and (b) obtain information to identify an individual or his or her attorney or other representative, if appropriate. An applicant's filing of an EEO discrimination complaint is solely voluntary. The DOT estimates that it takes an applicant approximately one hour to complete the form.

Affected Public: Federal employees, former employees, or applicants for employment with the Department.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 275 per year.

Estimated Total Annual Estimated Burden: 275 hours.

Frequency of Collection: An individual's filing of an EEO complaint is solely voluntary.

ADDRESSES: Send comments regarding the burden estimate, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to the Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for the Office of the Secretary of Transportation, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503.

Comments are invited on: Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the Department's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Authority: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended; and 49 CFR 1:48.

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Barbara Dougherty,

Deputy Director, Departmental Office of Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Transportation.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Solicitation of Nomination for Appointment to the Advisory Committee on Disability Compensation

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), Advisory Committee on Disability Compensation (the Committee), is seeking nominations of qualified candidates to be considered for appointment as a member of the Advisory Committee for the 2023-2024 membership cycle.

DATES: Nominations for membership on the Committee must be received by April 30, 2023, no later than 4 p.m., Eastern Standard Time. Packages received after this time will not be considered for the current membership cycle.

ADDRESSES: All nomination packages should be emailed to the Designated Federal Officer (DFO), Jadine Piper, at 21C_ACDC.VBACO@va.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In carrying out the duties set forth, the Committee provides a Congressionally mandated biennial report to the Secretary, which includes:

(1) Providing ongoing assessment of the effectiveness, maintenance, and periodic readjustment of the VA Schedule for Rating Disabilities (VASRD).

(2) Reviewing programs and activities within VA that relate to the payment of disability compensation and providing recommendations on the most appropriate means of responding to the needs of Veterans relating to disability compensation in the future.

(3) Assessing the needs of Veterans with respect to compensation benefits and VASRD by meeting with VA officials, Veterans Service Organizations (VSO), and other stakeholders.

Management and support services for the Committee are provided by VBA.

Authority: The Committee is authorized by 38 U.S.C. 546 and operates under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, 5 U.S.C. App. 2.

Membership Criteria: VBA is requesting nominations for vacancies on the Committee. As required by statute, the members of the Committee are appointed by the Secretary from the general public, including, but not limited to:

(1) Individuals with experience with the provision of disability compensation by the Department; or

(2) Individuals who are leading medical and scientific experts in relevant fields.

In accordance with § 546, the Secretary shall determine the terms of service, and pay and allowances of the Committee members. A term of service may not exceed four years. The Secretary may reappoint any member for additional terms of service.

Professional Qualifications: In addition to the criteria above, VA seeks:

(1) Diversity in professional and personal qualifications (*e.g.*, current employment, indicate if retired); (2) Experience working in large and complex organizations; (3) Experience in military service (please identify branch, rank, deployments, status to include active/retired); (4) Current work with Veterans (if employed as by a Veterans Service Organization, indicate current, prior, or retired and which organization); (5) Disability compensation subject matter expertise; and (6) Diversity in demographics (*e.g.*, gender, ethnicity, geographic location, etc.).

Requirements for Nomination

Submission: Nomination packages must be typewritten (12-point font) (one nomination per nominator); and the nomination package should include:

(1) a cover letter from the nominee and (2) a current résumé or curriculum vitae (CV). The cover letter must summarize: The nominee's interest in serving on the committee and contributions they can make to the work

of the committee; any relevant Veterans' service activities they are currently engaged in; and the military branch affiliation and timeframe of military service (if applicable). Finally, the cover letter *must* include the nominee's complete contact information (name, address, email address and phone number); and a statement indicating a willingness to serve as a member of the Committee and confirming that they are not a Federally-registered lobbyist.

The résumé/CV should show professional and/or work experience and Veterans' service involvement—especially service that involves disability compensation issues. To promote inclusion and demographic balance of membership, please include as much information related to your race, national origin, disability status, minority Veteran status, or any other factors that may give you a diverse perspective on disability compensation, as well as a summary of your experience and qualifications relative to the *membership criteria* and *professional qualifications* listed above.

Self-nominations are acceptable. Any letters of nomination from organizations or other individuals must accompany the package when it is submitted. Letters of nomination submitted without a complete nomination package will not be considered. If you are submitting a package on behalf of an individual, it must include all of the required components and complete contact information. Do not submit a package

without the nominee's consent or awareness.

Membership Terms: Individuals selected for appointment to the Committee shall be invited to serve a two-year term. Committee members will receive a stipend for attending Committee meetings, including per diem and reimbursement for travel expenses incurred.

The Department makes every effort to ensure that the membership of its Federal advisory committees is fairly balanced in terms of points of view represented. Every effort is made to ensure that a broad representation of geographic areas, gender, and racial and ethnic minority groups, and that the disabled are given consideration for membership. Appointment to this Committee shall be made without discrimination because of a person's race, color, religion, sex (including gender identity, transgender status, sexual orientation, and pregnancy), national origin, age, disability, or genetic information. Nominations must state that the nominee is willing to serve as a member of the Committee and appears to have no conflict of interest that would preclude membership.

Dated: March 15, 2023.

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Federal Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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