

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**Office of the Comptroller of the Currency****Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

AGENCY: Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comment.

SUMMARY: The OCC, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on a continuing information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The OCC is soliciting comment concerning its information collection titled, "(MA)—Management Official Interlocks—12 CFR 26." The OCC also gives notice that it has sent the information collection to OMB for review and approval.

DATES: You should submit your comments to the OCC and the OMB Desk Officer by January 31, 2005.

ADDRESSES: You should direct your comments to:

Communications Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Public Information Room, Mailstop 1-5, Attention: 1557-0196, 250 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20219. In addition, comments may be sent by fax to (202) 874-4448, or by electronic mail to regs.comments@occ.treas.gov. You can inspect and photocopy the comments at the OCC's Public Information Room, 250 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20219. You can make an appointment to inspect the comments by calling (202) 874-5043.

Mark Menchik, OMB Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 3208, Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: You can request additional information or a copy of the collection from Mary Gottlieb, OCC Clearance Officer, or Camille Dixon, (202) 874-5090, Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, 250 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20219.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The OCC is requesting OMB approval on a proposed revision to the following information collection:

Title: (MA)—Management Official Interlocks—12 CFR 26.

OMB Number: 1557-0196.

Description: The OCC is requesting comment on its proposed revision of the information collection titled, "(MA)—

Management Official Interlocks—12 CFR 26."

Under the Interlocks Act, two competing depository institutions generally may not share management officials. However, the OCC has legal authority to implement exemptions to this general prohibition. This information collection is needed to prevent any management official interlock that would result in a monopoly or substantial lessening of competition, and to foster competition between unaffiliated institutions. The OCC uses the information to ensure that a proposed management interlock is permitted under statute, is eligible for an exemption, and does not have an anticompetitive effect. The OCC also uses the information to determine whether it can share a management official with a competing depository institution.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit (national banks).

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2.

Estimated Total Annual Responses: 2.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 2 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 4 hours.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a respondent is not required to respond to, an information collection unless the information collection displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on:

(a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information has practical utility;

(b) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information;

(c) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;

(d) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and

(e) Estimates of capital or startup costs and costs of operation, maintenance,

and purchase of services to provide information.

Stuart Feldstein,

Assistant Director, Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**Fiscal Service****Renegotiation Board Interest Rate; Prompt Payment Interest Rate; Contract Disputes Act**

AGENCY: Bureau of the Public Debt, Fiscal Service, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: For the period beginning January 1, 2005 and ending on June 30, 2005, the prompt payment interest rate is 4.250 per centum per annum.

ADDRESSES: Comments or inquiries may be mailed to Trina Cook, Team Leader, Borrowings Accounting Team, Division of Accounting Operations, Office of Public Debt Accounting, Bureau of the Public Debt, Parkersburg, West Virginia, 26106-1328. A copy of this Notice will be available to download from <http://www.publicdebt.treas.gov>.

DATES: This notice announces the applicable interest rate for the January 1, 2005 to June 30, 2005 period.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stephanie Brown, Director, Division of Accounting Operations, Office of Public Debt Accounting, Bureau of the Public Debt, Parkersburg, West Virginia, 26106-1328, (304) 480-5181; Trina Cook, Team Leader, Borrowings Accounting Team, Division of Accounting Operations, Office of Public Debt Accounting, Bureau of the Public Debt, Parkersburg, West Virginia, 26106-1328, (304) 480-5166; Edward C. Gronseth, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of the Chief Counsel, Bureau of the Public Debt, (304) 480-8692; or Latisha R. Brown, Attorney-Adviser, Office of the Chief Counsel, Bureau of the Public Debt, (202) 504-3710.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Although the Renegotiation Board is no longer in existence, other Federal Agencies are required to use interest rates computed under the criteria established by the Renegotiation Act of 1971 Sec. 2, Pub. L. 92-41, 85 Stat. 97. For example, the Contract Disputes Act of 1978 Sec. 12, Pub. L. 95-563, 92 Stat. 2389 and, indirectly, the Prompt Payment Act of 1982, 31 U.S.C. 3902(a), provide for the calculation of interest due on claims at a rate established by the Secretary of the

Treasury for the Renegotiation Board under Pub. L. 92–41.

Therefore, notice is given that the Secretary of the Treasury has determined that the rate of interest applicable, for the period beginning January 1, 2005 and ending on June 30, 2005, is 4.250 per centum per annum. This rate is determined pursuant to the above-mentioned sections for the purpose of said sections.

Dated: December 20, 2004.

Donald V. Hammond,

Fiscal Assistant Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900–0253]

Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501–21), this notice announces that the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), 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 and includes the actual data collection instrument.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before January 31, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Denise McLamb, Records Management Service (005E3), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., or e-mail denise.mclamb@mail.va.gov.

Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900–0253.” Send comments and recommendations concerning any aspect of the information collection to VA’s OMB 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. 2900–0253” in any correspondence.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Non-supervised Lender’s Nomination and Recommendation of Credit Underwriter, VA Form 26–8736a.
OMB Control Number: 2900–0253.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: VA Form 26–8736a is completed by nonsupervised lender’s and the lender’s nominee for credit underwriting with the Department of Veterans Affairs. Lenders are authorized by VA to make automatic guaranteed loans if approved for such purposes. The lender is required to have a qualified underwriter to review loans to be closed on automatic basis and determine that the loan meets VA’s credit underwriting standards. VA uses the data collected on the form to evaluate the nominee’s credit underwriting experience.

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 September 15, 2004, at pages 55664.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Annual Burden: 1,000 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 20 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 3,000.

Dated: December 15, 2004.

By direction of the Secretary.

Loise Russell,

Director, Records Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900–0474]

Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501–21), this notice announces that the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), 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 and includes the actual data collection instrument.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before January 31, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Denise McLamb, Records Management Service (005E3), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., or e-mail denise.mclamb@mail.va.gov. Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900–0474.” Send comments and recommendations concerning any aspect of the information collection to VA’s OMB 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. 2900–0474” in any correspondence.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Create Payment Request for the VA Funding Fee Pay System (VA FFPS); A Computer Generated Funding Fee Receipt, VA Form 26–8986.

OMB Control Number: 2900–0474.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: Veterans obtaining a VA-guaranteed home loan must pay a funding fee to VA before the loan can be guaranteed. The only exceptions are loans made to veterans receiving VA compensation for service-connected disabilities, (or veterans whom, but for receipt of retirement pay, would be entitled to receive compensation) and unmarried surviving spouses of veterans who died in active military service or from service-connected disability regardless of whether the spouse has his or her own eligibility.

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 September 15, 2004, at pages 55663–55664.

Affected Public: Business or other for profit and individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 14,167 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 2 minutes.

Frequency of Response: One-time.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 425,000.

Dated: December 15, 2004.

By direction of the Secretary.

Loise Russell,

Director, Records Management Service.

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