Revenue Service, room 6407, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Statement for Claiming Benefits Provided by Section 911 of the Internal Revenue Code.

OMB Number: 1545–0666. *Form Numbers:* 673.

Abstract: Under section 911 of the Internal Revenue Code certain income earned abroad is excludable from gross income. Form 673 is completed by a citizen of the United States and is furnished to his or her employer in order to exclude from income tax withholding all or part of the wages paid the citizen for services performed outside the United States.

Current Actions: There are no changes being made to the form at this time.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 50,000.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 30 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 25,000.

The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information covered by this notice:

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

Request for Comments: Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or 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 shall have 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 of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation,

maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Approved: October 8, 2002.

Glenn P. Kirkland,

 $\it IRS$ $\it Reports$ $\it Clearance$ $\it Officer.$

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Advisory Group to the Commissioner of Internal Revenue; Meeting

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Internal Revenue Service Advisory Council (IRSAC) will hold a public meeting on Friday October 18, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Lorenza Wilds, National Public Liaison, CL:NPL:PAC, Room 7567 IR, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224. Telephone: 202–622–6440 (not a toll-free number). E-mail address: public liaison;@irs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. (1988), a public meeting of the IRSAC will be held on Friday, October 18, 2002, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Room 2140, main Internal Revenue Service building, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224. Issues to be discussed include: offers-in-compromise, k-1 matching program, compliance, competent authority, abusive tax shelters, transfer-pricing. Reports from the three IRSAC sub-groups, Wage & Investment, Small Business/Self-Employed, and Large and Mid-size Business will also be presented and discussed. Last minute agenda changes may preclude advance notice. The meeting room accommodates approximately 50 people, IRSAC members and Internal Revenue Service officials inclusive. Due to limited seating and security requirements, please call Lorenza Wilds to confirm your attendance. Ms. Wilds can be reached at 202–622–6440. Attendees are encouraged to arrive at least 30 minutes before the meeting begins to allow sufficient time for purposes of security clearance. Please use the main entrance at 1111 Constitution Avenue to enter the building. Should you wish to the IRSAC to consider a written statement, please call (202) 622-6440, or write to: Internal Revenue Service, Office of National

Public Liaison, CL:NPL:PAC, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room 7567 IR, Washington, DC 20224 or e-mail: public_liaison@irs.gov.

Dated: October 7, 2002.

Nancy A. Thoma,

Designated Federal Official, Branch Chief, Planning & Advisory Councils.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0205]

Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans

Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Veterans Health Administration (VHA), 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 extension of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments for information used to notify contractors of available work, solicit and evaluate bids, and monitor work in progress.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before December 16, 2002

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information to Ann W. Bickoff (193B1), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail: ann.bickoff@hq.med.va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900–0205" in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ann W. Bickoff at (202) 273–8310 or FAX (202) 273–9381.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995 (Public Law 104–13; 44 U.S.C., 3501–3520), 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, VHA invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VHA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VHA'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. VA Form 10–2850, Application for Physicians, Dentists, Podiatrists and Optometrists.
- b. VA Form 10–2850a, Application for Nurses and Nurse Anesthetists.
- c. VA Form 10–2850b, Application for Residents.
- d. VA Form 10–2850c, Application for Associated Health Occupations.
- e. VA Form FL 10–341a, Appraisal of Applicant.

OMB Control Number: 2900–0205. Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: VA Forms 10–2850 and 10– 2850a through c are applications designed specifically to elicit appropriate information about each candidate's qualifications for employment with VA. VHA officials use the information to evaluate education, professional experience and credentials and to determine suitability and grade level of applications of physicians, dentists, podiatrists, optometrists. nurses and nurse anesthetists, residents, and associated health occupations, and appraisal of applicants. The forms require disclosure of details about all licenses ever held, Drug Enforcement Administration certification, board certification, clinical privileges, revoked certification or registrations, liability insurance history, and involvement in malpractice proceedings. Form Letter 10–341a is a pre employment reference form used to elicit information concerning the prior education and/or performance of the Title 38 applicant.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households, Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions, Federal Government, State, Local or Tribal Government.

Estimated Annual Burden: 68,610 hours.

- a. VA Form 10–2850, Application for Physicians, Dentists, Podiatrists and Optometrists—6,450 hours.
- b. VA Form 10–2850a, Application for Nurses and Nurse Anesthetists—25,800 hours.
- c. VA Form 10–2850b, Application for Residents—13,760 hours.
- d. VA Form 10–2850c, Application for Associated Health Occupations—8,600 hours.
- e. VA Form FL 10–341a, Appraisal of Applicant—14,000 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 27 minutes.

- a. VA Form 10–2850, Application for Physicians, Dentists, Podiatrists and Optometrists—30 minutes.
- b. VA Form 10–2850a, Application for Nurses and Nurse Anesthetists—30 minutes.
- c. VA Form 10–2850b, Application for Residents—30 minutes.
- d. VA Form 10–2850c, Application for Associated Health Occupations—30 minutes.
- e. VA Form FL 10–341a, Appraisal of Applicant—20 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.
Estimated Number of Respondents:
151,220.

- a. VA Form 10–2850, Application for Physicians, Dentists, Podiatrists and Optometrists—12,900.
- b. VA Form 10–2850a, Application for Nurses and Nurse Anesthetists—51,600.
- c. VA Form 10–2850b, Application for Residents—27,520.
- d. VA Form 10–2850c, Application for Associated Health Occupations—17,200.
- e. VA Form FL 10–341a, Appraisal of Applicant—42,000.

Dated: October 2, 2002.

By direction of the Secretary.

Ernesto Castro,

Director, Records Management Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0208]

Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Veterans Health

Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Veterans Health Administration (VHA), 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 extension of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments for information used to notify contractors of available work, solicit and evaluate bids, and monitor work in progress.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before December 16, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information to Ann W. Bickoff (193B1), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail: ann.bickoff@hq.med.va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900–0208" in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ann W. Bickoff at (202) 273–8310 or FAX (202) 273–9381.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995 (Public Law 104–13; 44 U.S.C., 3501–3520), 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, VHA invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VHA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VHA'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. VA Form 10–6131, Daily Log—Formal Contract
- b. VA Form 10–6298, Architect— Engineer Fee Proposal
- c. VA Form 10–6299, Supplement to SF 129, Solicitation Mailing List Application

OMB Control Number: 2900-0208.