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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Titles: Applicant Background Survey, VA Form 0913.

OMB Control Number: 2900-New (0913).

Type of Review: New collection.

Abstract: VA Form 0913 will be used to collect data needed for planning and assessing affirmative employment program initiatives. The data will be used to report in an aggregated manner to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and to conduct aggregated adverse impact analysis to ensure VA's employment and selection decisions are fair and equitable.

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 August 13, 2009, at page 40868.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 1,250.

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 5 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Annually.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 15,000.

Dated: October 18, 2009.

By direction of the Secretary.

Denise McLamb,

Program Analyst, Enterprise Records Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0737]

Proposed Information Collection (eBenefits Portal) Activity: Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of Information and Technology, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Office of Information and Technology (OI&T), 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 on information needed to access the eBenefits portal.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before December 22, 2009.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Aiden Barr (0050P4F), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, (443) 450-4411, FAX (443) 450-4411 or e-mail aiden.barr@va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0737."

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995 (Pub. L. 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, OI&T invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of OI&T's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of OI&T'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: eBenefits Portal.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0737.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: The eBenefits portal, a joint project between the VA and DoD, is intended to serve as a single point of entry for benefits information. Users include members of the armed forces, veterans, wounded warriors, family members, delegates, and caregivers. Users wishing to access the full functionality of the eBenefits portal will register for a single sign-on credential that will ultimately be shared by other VA and DoD portals. The eBenefits portal allows authenticated users to create profiles for themselves so they can see a customized view of their homepage, receive personalized alerts, view a calendar of appointments, view content related to their benefits, and opt into other individualized features. Profiles will initially be populated with data from the existing Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting database, but will also offer users the option to indicate preferences and individual details that will enable the portal to deliver personalized information.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 225,000 hours.

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 5 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 225,000.

Dated: October 18, 2009.

By direction of the Secretary.

Denise McLamb,

Program Analyst, Enterprise Records Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Research Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that the Research Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses will meet on November 2-3, 2009, in Room 230 at the Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC. The sessions will start at 8 a.m. each day and end at 5:15 p.m. on November 2 and at 1 p.m. on November 3. The meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the Committee is to provide advice and make recommendations to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on proposed research studies, research plans and research strategies relating to the health consequences of military service in the Southwest Asia theater of operations during the Gulf War.

The Committee will review VA program activities related to Gulf War Veterans' illnesses and updates on relevant scientific research published since the last Committee meeting. Additionally, there will be presentations and discussion of background information on the Gulf War and Gulf War Veterans' illnesses, chronic health effects of exposures to insecticides and

pesticides, potential treatments for fibromyalgia and symptoms affecting ill Gulf War Veterans, and discussion of Committee business and activities.

Public comments will be received at 4:45 until 5:15 p.m. on November 2 and at 12:30 until 1 p.m. on November 3. Public comments will be limited to five minutes each. A sign-up sheet will be available at the meeting. Individuals wishing to make oral statements before the Committee will be accommodated on a first-come, first-serve basis. Individuals who speak are invited to submit a 1- to 2-page summary of their comments at the time of the meeting for inclusion in the official meeting record. Members of the public may also submit written statements for the Committee's

review to Dr. Roberta White, Chair, Department of Environmental Health, Boston University School of Public Health, 715 Albany St., T2E, Boston, MA 02118, or at rwhite@bu.edu.

Any member of the public seeking additional information should contact Dr. White, Scientific Director, at (617) 638-4620 or Dr. William Goldberg, Designated Federal Officer, at (202) 461-1667.

Dated: October 19, 2009.

By direction of the Secretary.

Vivian Drake,

Acting Committee Management Officer.

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