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Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: The annual burden is estimated at 25,000 hours. However, VA is requesting one (1) hour inventory purposes only. The solicitation of bids is a common practice in the real estate management industry and the submission of bids is routine with repair contractors.

Estimated Total Average Burden Per Respondent: 30 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Total Number of

Respondents: 50,000.

Send comments and recommendations concerning any aspect of the information collection to VA's OMB Desk Officer, Allison Eydt, OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 (202) 395-4650. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0432" in any correspondence.

Dated: October 8, 1997.

By direction of the Secretary.

Barbara Epps,

Management Analyst, Information Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0438]

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 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Office of Management, 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 December 1, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY OF THE SUBMISSION CONTACT: Denise McLamb, Information Management Service (045A4), 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. 2900-0438."

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: 38 CFR 1.519(a) Lists of Names and Addresses.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0438.

Type of Review: Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

Abstract: Title 38, U.S.C., 5701(f)(1) authorizes the VA to disclose mailing lists of veterans and their dependents to nonprofit organizations, but only for certain specific and narrow purposes. Criminal penalties are provided for improper use of the list by the organization in violation of subsection (f) limitations. The information collection in this regulation ensures that any disclosure of a list under this subsection is authorized by law. The VA must ascertain that the applicant is a nonprofit organization and intends to use the list for a proper purpose; if not, Title 38, U.S.C., 5701(a) prohibits disclosure. The additional information collection (specific geographic locations, point of contact, type of output and signature of organization head) is necessary to ensure timely and accurate processing of each application. Failure to obtain this information will prevent the Department from fulfilling its statutory obligations.

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Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions, and State, Local or Tribal Government.

Estimated Annual Burden: 103 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 60 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 103.

Send comments and recommendations concerning any aspect of the information collection to VA's OMB Desk Officer, Allison Eydt, OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, (202) 395-4650. Please refer to "OMB

Control No. 2900-0438" in any correspondence.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Notice of Matching Program

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice of matching program.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) intends to conduct a recurring computer matching program. This will match personnel records of the Department of Defense (DOD) with VA records of benefit recipients under the Montgomery GI Bill.

The goal of these matches is to identify the eligibility status of veterans, servicemembers, and reservists who have applied for or who are receiving education benefit payments under the Montgomery GI Bill. The purpose of the match is to enable VA to verify that individuals meet the conditions of military service and eligibility criteria for payment of benefits determined by VA under the Montgomery GI Bill—Active Duty (MGIB) and the Montgomery GI Bill—Selected Reserve (MGIB-SR).

DATES: This match will commence on December 1, 1997. At the expiration of 18 months after the commencing date the departments may renew the agreement for another 12 months.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John L. Fox (224), Assistant Director for Procedures and Systems, Education Service, Veterans Benefit Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 273-7182.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Further Information regarding the matching program is provided below. This information is required by paragraph 6c of the "Guidelines on the Conduct of Matching Programs" issued by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) (54 FR 25818), as amended by OMB Circular A-130, 61 FR 6435 (1996). A copy of this has been provided to both Houses of Congress and the Office of Management and Budget. The matching program is subject to their review.

a. *Names of participating agencies:* Department of Defense and Department of Veterans Affairs.

b. *Purpose of the match:* The purpose of the match is to enable VA to determine whether an applicant is eligible for payment of benefits under the MGIB or the MGIB-SR and to verify continued compliance with the requirements of both programs.

c. *Authority:* The authority to conduct this match is found in 38 U.S.C. 3684A(a)(1).

d. *Categories of records and individuals covered:* The records covered include eligibility records extracted from DOD personnel files and benefit records that VA establishes for

all individuals who have applied for and/or are receiving, or have received education benefit payments under the Montgomery GI Bill. These benefit records are contained in a VA system of records identified as 58VA21/22 entitled: Compensation, Pension, Education and Rehabilitation Records—VA, last published in the **Federal Register** at 60 FR 20156.

e. *Inclusive dates of the matching program:* The match will begin on December 1, 1997 or 40 days after the OMB review period, whichever is later and continue in effect for 18 months.

f. *Address for receipt of public inquiries or comments:* Interested

individuals may submit written comments to the Director, Office of Regulations Management (02D), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Room 1154, Washington, DC 20420. Comments will be available for public inspection at the above address in the Office of Regulations Management, Room 1158, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Approved: October 23, 1997.

Hershel W. Gober,

Acting Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

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