

*Frequency of Response:* Annually.  
*Estimated Total Reporting/Recordkeeping Burden:* 2,420,000 hours.  
*OMB Number:* 1545-1576.  
*Form Number:* IRS Form 1098-E.  
*Type of Review:* Extension.  
*Title:* Student Loan Interest Statement.

*Description:* Section 6050S(b)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code requires persons (financial institutions, governmental units, etc.) to report \$600 or more of interest paid on student loans to the IRS and the students.

*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions, State, Local or Tribal Government.

*Estimated Number of Respondents/Recordkeepers:* 200,000.

*Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent/Recordkeeper:* 3 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* Annually.  
*Estimated Total Reporting/Recordkeeping Burden:* 750,000 hours.

*Clearance Officer:* Garrick Shear (202) 622-3869, Internal Revenue Service, Room 5571, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224.

*OMB Reviewer:* Alexander T. Hunt (202) 395-7860, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10226, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

**Lois K. Holland,**

*Departmental Reports Management Officer.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Fiscal Service

#### **Surety Companies Acceptable on Federal Bonds: AXA Global Risks US Insurance Company**

**AGENCY:** Financial Management Service, Fiscal Service, Department of the Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This is Supplement No. 11 to the Treasury Department Circular 570; 1997 Revision, published July 1, 1997, at 62 FR 35548.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Surety Bond Branch at (202) 874-6905.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** A Certificate of Authority as an acceptable surety on Federal Bonds is hereby issued to the following company under Sections 9304 to 9308, Title 31, of the United States Code. Federal bond-approving officers should annotate their reference copies of the Treasury Circular 570, 1997 Revision, on page 35553 to reflect this addition: *AXA Global Risks US Insurance Company*. BUSINESS

ADDRESS: 199 Water Street, New York, NY 10038 PHONE: (212) 412-0700.

UNDERWRITING LIMITATION *b/*: \$7,512,000. SURETY LICENSES *c/*: AK, AZ, CO, CT, DE, DC, FL, GA, HI, ID, IL, IN, IA, KS, KY, ME, MD, MA, MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NE, NV, NJ, NM, NY, NC, ND, OH, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VT, VA, WA, WV, WI, WY.

INCORPORATED IN: New York.  
 Certificates of Authority expire on June 30 each year, unless revoked prior to that date. The Certificates are subject to subsequent annual renewal as long as the companies remain qualified (31 CFR Part 223). A list of qualified companies is published annually as of July 1 in Treasury Department Circular 570, with details as to underwriting limitations, areas in which licensed to transact surety business and other information.

The Circular may be viewed and downloaded through the Internet (<http://fms.treas.gov/c570.html>) or through our computerized public bulletin board system (FMS Inside Line) at (202) 874-6887. A hard copy may be purchased from the Government Printing Office (GPO), Subscription Service, Washington, DC, telephone (202) 512-1800. When ordering the Circular from GPO, use the following stock number: 048000-00509-8.

Questions concerning this Notice may be directed to the U.S. Department of the Treasury, Financial Management Service, Funds Management Division, Surety Bond Branch, 3700 East-West Highway, Room 6A11, Hyattsville, MD 20782.

Dated: March 10, 1998.

**Charles F. Schwan III,**

*Director, Funds Management Division, Financial Management Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Fiscal Service

#### **Surety Companies Acceptable on Federal Bonds: Heart of America Fire and Casualty Company**

**AGENCY:** Financial Management Service, Fiscal Service, Department of the Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This is Supplement No. 12 to the Treasury Department Circular 570; 1997 Revision, published July 1, 1997, at 62 FR 35548.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Surety Bond Branch at (202) 874-6779.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** A Certificate of Authority as an acceptable

surety on Federal Bonds is hereby issued to the following company under 31 U.S.C. 9304 to 9308. Federal bond-approving officers should annotate their reference copies of the Treasury Circular 570, 1997 Revision, on page 35563 to reflect this addition: *Heart of America Fire and Casualty Company*. BUSINESS ADDRESS: 518 Stuyvesant Avenue, Lyndhurst, NJ 07071. PHONE: (201) 438-7223. UNDERWRITING LIMITATION *b/*: \$568,000. SURETY LICENSES *c/*: AL, AK, AR, CO, DC, FL, GA, ID, IL, IN, IA, KS, KY, MO, MT, NM, OH, OR, SC, SD, TX, UT, WI, WY. INCORPORATED IN: Missouri.

Certificates of Authority expire on June 30 each year, unless revoked prior to that date. The Certificates are subject to subsequent annual renewal as long as the companies remain qualified (31 CFR Part 223). A list of qualified companies is published annually as of July 1 in Treasury Department Circular 570, with details as to underwriting limitations, areas in which licensed to transact surety business and other information.

The Circular may be viewed and downloaded through the Internet (<http://www.fms.treas.gov/c570/index.html>) or through our computerized public bulletin board system (FMS Inside Line) at (202) 874-6887. A hard copy may be purchased from the Government Printing Office (GPO), Subscription Service Washington, DC, telephone (202) 512-1800. When ordering the Circular from GPO, use the following stock number: 048000-00509-8.

Questions concerning this Notice may be directed to the U.S. Department of the Treasury, Financial Management Service, Funds Management Division, Surety Bond Branch, 3700 East-West Highway, Room 6A11, Hyattsville, MD 20782.

Dated: March 10, 1998.

**Charles F. Schwan III,**

*Director, Funds Management Division, Financial Management Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Fiscal Service

#### **Surety Companies Acceptable on Federal Bonds: Service Insurance Company**

**AGENCY:** Financial Management Service, Fiscal Service, Department of the Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This is Supplement No. 13 to the Treasury Department Circular 570; 1997 Revision, published July 1, 1997, at 62 FR 35548.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Surety Bond Branch at (202) 874-6765.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A**

Certificate of Authority as an acceptable surety on Federal Bonds is hereby issued to the following company under 31 U.S.C. 9304 to 9308. Federal bond-approving officers should annotate their reference copies of the Treasury Circular 570, 1997 Revision, on page 35574 to reflect this addition: *Service Insurance Company*. BUSINESS ADDRESS: P.O. Box 9729, Bradenton, FL, 34206-9729. PHONE: (941) 746-4107.

UNDERWRITING LIMITATION *b/*: \$528,000. SURETY LICENSES *c/*: AL, FL, GA, SC, TN. INCORPORATED IN: Florida.

Certificates of Authority expire on June 30 each year, unless revoked prior to that date. The Certificates are subject to subsequent annual renewal as long as the companies remain qualified (31 CFR Part 223). A list of qualified companies is published annually as of July 1 in Treasury Department Circular 570, with details as to underwriting limitations, areas in which licensed to transact surety business and other information.

The Circular may be viewed and downloaded through the Internet (<http://www.fms.treas.gov/c570/index.html>) through our computerized public bulletin board system (FMS Inside Line) at (202) 874-6887. A hard copy may be purchased from the Government Printing Office (GPO), Subscription Service, Washington, DC, telephone (202) 512-1800. When ordering the Circular from GPO, use the following stock number: 048000-00509-8.

Questions concerning this Notice may be directed to the U.S. Department of the Treasury, Financial Management Service, Funds Management Division, Surety Bond Branch, 3700 East-West Highway, Room 6A11, Hyattsville, MD 20782.

Dated: March 11, 1998.

**Charles F. Schwan III,**

*Director, Funds Management Division,  
Financial Management Service.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

[OMB Control No. 2900-0143]

**Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs, 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 the credit statement and rental offer executed by prospective tenants of properties owned by VA.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before May 26, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20S52), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0143" in any correspondence.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nancy J. Kessinger at (202) 273-5079 or FAX (202) 275-5146.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the PRA of 1995 (Pub. L. 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, VBA invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VBA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VBA'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:** Offer to Rent on Month-To-Month Basis and Credit Statement of Prospective Tenant, VA Form 26-6725.

**OMB Control Number:** 2900-0143.

**Type of Review:** Extension of a currently approved collection.

**Abstract:** The form is used to establish the landlord-tenant relationship when properties acquired by VA, through operation of the guaranteed and direct home loan programs, are rented. VA Form 26-6725 states the responsibilities of the parties, provides evidence of tender and acceptance of rental payments, and provides credit information for evaluating the prospective tenant's ability to meet rental payments. Without this form, VA would have to prepare individual leases.

**Affected Public:** Individuals or households—Business or other for-profit.

**Estimated Annual Burden:** 33 hours.

**Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:** 20 minutes.

**Frequency of Response:** Generally one time.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 100.

Dated: March 5, 1998.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Donald L. Neilson,**

*Director, Information Management Service.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

[OMB Control No. 2900-0032]

**Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs, 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