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#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* S&L Holding Company Applications

*OMB Number:* 1550-0015

*Form Number:* H-(b)10

*Abstract:* This information is collected to determine if a savings and loan holding company has adhered to the statutes, regulations, and condition of approval to acquire an insured institution and whether any of the holding company's activities would be injurious to the operation of the subsidiary savings institution.

*Current Actions:* OTS proposes to renew this information collection without revision.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Affected Public:* Business or For Profit.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 154.

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:* 500 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 77,000 hours.

*Request for Comments:* The OTS will summarize comments submitted in response to this notice or will include these comments in its request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. The OTS invites comment 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; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Dated: March 29, 1999.

**Celia Winter,**

*Director, Information Management and Services.*

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#### **UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY**

##### **Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** United States Information Agency.

**ACTION:** Proposed Collection; Comment Request.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Information Agency, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent

burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on an information collection requirement concerning the public use form entitled "Application for Certificate of International Educational Character." This request for comment is being made pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

Comments are requested on the proposed information collection concerning: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the agency, including whether the information has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Agency's burden estimates; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Send comments regarding this burden estimates or any other aspect of this collection of information to the United States Information Agency, M/AOL, 301 Fourth Street, SW, Washington, DC 20547; and to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Docket Library, Room 10202, NEOB, Washington, DC 20503.

**DATES:** Comments are due on or before June 4, 1999.

**COPIES:** Copies of the Request for Clearance (OMB 83-I), supporting statement, and other documents that will be submitted to OMB for approval may be obtained from the USIA Clearance Officer. Comments should be submitted to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs of OMB, Attention: Desk Officer for USIA, and also to the USIA Clearance Officer.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Agency Clearance Officer, Ms. Jeannette Giovetti, United States Information Agency, M/AOL, 301 Fourth Street, SW, Washington, DC 20547; telephone (202) 619-4408, internet address: JGiovett@USIA.GOV; and OMB review: Mr. Jeff Hill, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Docket Library, Room 10202, NEOB, Washington, DC 20503, Telephone (202) 395-3176.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The information collection activity involved with this program is conducted pursuant to the mandate give to the United States Information Agency under

the terms and conditions of the multilateral "Agreement for Facilitating the International Circulation of Visual and Auditory Materials of an Educational, Scientific and Cultural Character," Public Law 89-634, and the "World-Wide Free Flow Export-Import Of Audio-Visual Materials," 22 CFR—Part 502.

Public reporting burden for this collection of information (Paper Work Reduction Project: OMB No. 3116-0007) is estimated to average 25 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the date needed, and completing reviewing the collection of information. Responses are required to retain benefits and respondents are required to respond on an as needed basis.

*Current Actions* USIA is requesting OMB renewal of this currently approved information collection for a period of three years.

*Title* Application for Certificate of International Educational Character.

*Form Number* IAP—17.

*Abstract* This information collection is used to certify the international character of visual and auditory materials (motion pictures, videotapes, recordings, sound recordings, filmstrips, slides, maps, charts posters, models, etc.) for producers and distributors who have an interest in exporting their materials abroad in accordance with the provisions of Pub. L. 89-634 and 22 CFR part 502.

*Proposed Frequency of Responses*

No. of Respondents—400.

Recordkeeping Hours—.45

Total Annual Burden—259.

Dated: March 29, 1999.

**Rose Royal,**

*Federal Register Liaison.*

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

[OMB Control No. 2900-0009]

##### **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 (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 revision of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments for information needed for vocational rehabilitation training, vocational education, and vocational planning.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before June 4, 1999.

**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. 2900-0009" in any correspondence.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nancy J. Kessinger at (202) 273-7079 or FAX (202) 275-5947.

**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, 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:** Disabled Veterans Application for Vocational Rehabilitation, VA Form 28-1900.

**OMB Control Number:** 2900-0009.

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

**Abstract:** Veterans with compensable service-connected disabilities use this form to apply for vocational rehabilitation under 38 U.S.C. chapter 31. The application obtains information

used to determine basic entitlement, schedule an evaluation, determine final eligibility for the benefit.

**Affected Public:** Individuals or households.

**Estimated Annual Burden:** 13,625 hours.

**Estimated Average Burden Per**

**Respondent:** 15 minutes.

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

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 54,500.

Dated: March 3, 1999.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Donald L. Neilson,**

*Director, Information Management Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0253]

### 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 (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 that VA considers crucial to the evaluation of an underwriter's experience.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before June 4, 1999.

**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. 2900-0253" in any correspondence.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nancy J. Kessinger at (202) 273-7079 or FAX (202) 275-5947.

**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, 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:** Nonsupervised 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:** The standards established by VA require that a lender have a qualified underwriter review all loans to be closed on an automatic basis to determine that the loan meets VA's credit underwriting standards. To determine if the lender's nominee is qualified to make such a determination, VA has developed VA Form 26-8736a that contains information that VA considers crucial to the evaluation of an underwriter's experience. The form is completed by the lender and the lender's nominee for underwriting and then submitted to VA for approval.

**Affected Public:** Business or other for-profit.

**Estimated Annual Burden:** 1,000 hours.

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

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

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 3,000.

Dated: February 18, 1999.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Donald L. Neilson,**

*Director, Information Management Service.*

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