

Farrell under a sale/leaseback agreement will most likely be paid off and scrapped.

A redacted copy of the transfer application will be available for inspection at the Department of Transportation (DOT) Dockets Facility and on the DOT Dockets website (address information follows). Any person, firm or corporation having an interest in this proposal, and desiring to submit comments concerning the application, may file comments as follows. You should mention the docket number that appears at the top of this notice. Written comments should be submitted to the Docket Clerk, U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL-401, Nassif Building, Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20590. Comments may also be submitted by electronic means via the internet at <http://dmses.dot.gov/submit/>. You may call Docket Management at (202) 366-9324. You may visit the docket room to inspect and copy comments at the above address between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. EDT, Monday through Friday, except holidays. An electronic version of this document is available on the World Wide Web at <http://dms.dot.gov>. Comments must be received by close of business June 14, 2000.

This notice is published as a matter of discretion, and the fact of its publication should in no way be considered a favorable or unfavorable decision on the application, as filed, or as may be amended. MARAD will consider all comments submitted in a timely fashion, and will take such action thereto as may be deemed appropriate.

By Order of the Maritime Administration.
Dated: June 2, 2000.

Joel C. Richard,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Community Development Financial Institutions Fund Open Meetings

AGENCY: Community Development Financial Institutions Fund, Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of open meetings.

SUMMARY: The Community Development Financial Institutions Fund (the "Fund") is considering revising its regulations implementing the Bank Enterprise Award ("BEA") Program. Before revising such regulations in the form of an interim rule, the Fund seeks

to provide the public with meaningful participation in advance of the rulemaking process. Specifically, the Fund intends to convene four regional meetings that are open to the public for purposes of gathering facts and information on how to improve the BEA Program. The Fund will consider the facts and information gathered from such regional meetings in deciding whether to revise the BEA Program regulations.

DATES AND LOCATIONS: The four regional meetings are scheduled for the following cities and dates: (1) June 21, 2000, Los Angeles, CA; (2) June 23, 2000, Dallas, TX; (3) June 28, 2000, New York, NY; and (4) June 30, 2000, Chicago, IL. Registration is required, because space is limited in each city to 40 members of the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER CONTACT: The Community Development Financial Institutions Fund (the Fund), U.S. Department of Treasury, 601 13th Street, NW., Suite 200 South, Washington, DC, 20005, (202) 622-8662 (this is not a toll free number) or visit the Fund's website at <http://www.treas.gov/cdfi>. Other information regarding the Fund and its programs also may be obtained through the Fund's website at <http://www.treas.gov/cdfi>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the BEA Program is to assist in the revitalization of distressed urban and rural communities. Under the BEA Program, the Fund issues grant awards annually (e.g. in September 1999) to insured depository institutions that have increased their level of investment in Community Development Financial Institutions and distressed communities ("BEA Program activities") between a six month assessment period (e.g. January 1 through June 30, 1999) and a six month baseline period (e.g. January 1 through June 30, 1998). As part of its strategy to maximize the effectiveness of scarce public resources, the Fund is considering various means to enhance the efficacy of the BEA Program in revitalizing distressed urban and rural communities.

For example, the Fund is considering whether to measure increases in BEA Program activities from six month baseline/assessment periods (e.g. January 1 through June 30) to annual baseline/assessment periods (e.g. January 1 through December 31) for purposes of affording insured depository institutions greater flexibility in planning BEA Program activities year round as part of their community reinvestment strategies and to take into account the longer lead times often

required to close complicated large dollar transactions.

The Fund also is considering selecting insured depository institutions to participate in the BEA Program before the commencement of the assessment period. The Fund is considering such a change to: (1) Provide greater incentives for insured depository institutions to engage in BEA Program activities that they would not otherwise engage in by (a) Assuring such institutions that if they carry out their BEA Program activities within the assessment period, they will receive a BEA Program award and (b) enabling such institutions to take into consideration the economic value of an award when underwriting a transaction; and (2) reduce paperwork burdens for those insured depository institutions that are not deemed competitive by relieving such institutions of the burden of having to submit a final report at the end of the assessment period. As part of this change, the Fund would utilize a competitive evaluation and selection process.

The Fund intends to provide the public with meaningful participation in improving the efficacy of the BEA Program by obtaining facts and information from the public prior to making any regulatory changes. The Fund intends to accomplish this by convening four regional information gathering sessions in the month of June that are open to the public. The Fund will consider the facts and information from such public meetings in deciding whether to revise the BEA Program regulations.

Authority: 12 U.S.C. 4703; 12 U.S.C. 4713; 12 U.S.C. 1834a; and E.O. 12866, § 6(a).

Dated: June 1, 2000.

Maurice A. Jones,

Deputy Director for Policy and Programs, Community Development Financial Institutions Fund.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0219]

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 Reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments for information needed to adjudicate and pay healthcare benefit claims.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before August 7, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information to Ann W. Bickoff, Veterans Health Administration (193B1), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0219" 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. Application for CHAMPVA Benefits, VA Form 10-10D.
- b. CHAMPVA Claim Form, VA Form 10-7959A.
- c. CHAMPVA—Other Health Insurance (OHI) Certification, VA Form 10-7959C.

d. CHAMPVA Potential Liability Claim, VA Form 10-7959D.

e. VA Spina Bifida Healthcare Benefits, Claim for Miscellaneous Expenses, VA Form 10-7959E.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0219.

Type of Review: Reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

Abstract: The following forms are used by Civilian Health and Medical Program-VA (CHAMPVA) and spina bifida claimants to claim reimbursement for medical care and by VA to determine eligibility, process claims, detect fraud and recover costs from third parties.

a. VA Form 10-10D is used to determine eligibility of persons applying for healthcare benefits under the CHAMPVA program.

b. VA Form 10-7959A is used to adjudicate claims for CHAMPVA benefits.

c. VA Form 10-7959C is used to systematically obtain Other Health Insurance information and to correctly coordinate benefits among all liable parties.

d. VA Form 10-7959D is used to recover costs associated with healthcare services related to injury or illness caused by a third party.

e. VA Form 10-7959E is used by VA Spina Bifida Healthcare beneficiaries to claim payment or reimbursement for healthcare services and related travel expenses.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households, Business or Other for-Profit.

Estimated Annual Burden: 60,467 hours.

- a. VA Form 10-10D—1,500 hours.
- b. VA Form 10-7959A—50,000 hours.
- c. VA Form 10-7959C—6,200 hours.
- d. VA Form 10-7959D—1,167 hours.
- e. VA Form 10-7959E—1,600 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent

- a. VA Form 10-10D—10 minutes.
- b. VA Form 10-7959A—10 minutes.
- c. VA Form 10-7959C—6 minutes.
- d. VA Form 10-7959D—7 minutes.
- e. VA Form 10-7959E—4 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 405,000.

- a. VA Form 10-10D—9,000.
- b. VA Form 10-7959A—300,000.
- c. VA Form 10-7959C—62,000.
- d. VA Form 10-7959D—10,000.
- e. VA Form 10-7959E—24,000.

Dated: May 11, 2000.

By direction of the Secretary:

Donald L. Neilson,

Director, Information Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0098]

Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, 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 Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), 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 July 7, 2000.

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. 2900-0098."

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Application for Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance (Under Provisions of Chapter 35, Title 38, U.S.C.), VA Form 22-5490.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0098.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: VA Form 22-5490 serves as an application for Dependents' Educational Assistance (DEA). Spouses, surviving spouses, and children of veterans must submit evidence to establish eligibility and entitlement to DEA under Title 38, U.S.C., 3513. VA uses the information to determine if an individual claimant qualifies for DEA benefits.

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 March 9, 2000 at page 12627.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 10,050 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 30 minutes.