

The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information covered by this notice:

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Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

*Request for Comments:* Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited 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, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Approved: June 25, 2013.

Allan Hopkins,

Tax Analyst.

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0593]

### Agency Information Collection (Caution to Bidders—Bid Envelopes) Activities Under OMB Review

**AGENCY:** Office of Acquisition and Logistics, Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501-3521), this notice announces that the Office of Acquisition and Materiel Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, will submit 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 August 16, 2013.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information through [www.Regulations.gov](http://www.Regulations.gov); or to VA's OMB Desk Officer, OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 (202) 395-7316. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0593" in any correspondence.

*For Further Information or a Copy of the Submission Contact:* Crystal Rennie, Enterprise Records Service (005R1B), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 632-7492 or email: [crystal.rennie@va.gov](mailto:crystal.rennie@va.gov). Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0593."

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Veterans Affairs Acquisition Regulation (VAAR) Provision 852.214-70, Caution to Bidders—Bid Envelopes.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0593.

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

*Abstract:* VAAR provision 852.214-70, Caution to Bidders—Bid Envelopes, advises bidders that it is their responsibility to ensure that their bid price cannot be ascertained by anyone prior to bid opening. It also advises bidders to identify their bids by showing the invitation number and bid opening date on the outside of the bid envelope. The information requested from bidders is needed to identify bid envelopes from other mail or packages received and to ensure the bids are delivered to the proper bid opening room on time and prior to bid opening.

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*Affected Public:* Business or other for profit.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 2 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden per Respondent:* 10 seconds.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 640.

Dated: July 11, 2013.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Crystal Rennie,**

VA Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0589]

### Agency Information Collection (Purchase of Shellfish) Activities Under OMB Review

**AGENCY:** Office of Acquisition and Logistics, Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501-3521), this notice announces that the Office of Acquisition and Materiel Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, will submit 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.

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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Veterans Affairs Acquisition Regulation (VAAR) Provision 852.270-3, Shellfish.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0589.

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

*Abstract:* VAAR clause 852.270-3, Purchase of Shellfish, requires that a firm furnishing shellfish to VA must ensure that the shellfish is packaged in a container that is marked with the packer's State certificate number and State abbreviation. In addition, the firm must ensure that the container is tagged

or labeled indicating the name and address of the approved producer or shipper, the name of the State of origin, and the certificate number of the approved producer or shipper. The information is used to ensure that shellfish purchased by VA comes from a State- and Federal-approved and inspected source.

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*Affected Public:* Business or other for profit.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* .5 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden per*

*Respondent:* 1 minute.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 25.

Dated: July 11, 2013.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Crystal Rennie,**

*VA Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900–0586]

### Agency Information Collection (Technical Industry Standards) Activities Under OMB Review

**AGENCY:** Office of Acquisition and Logistics, Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501–3521), this notice announces that the Office of Acquisition and Materiel Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, will submit 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.

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Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 (202) 395–7316. Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900–0586” in any correspondence.

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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Veterans Affairs Acquisition Regulation (VAAR) Provision 852.211–72 (formerly 852.211–75), Technical Industry Standards.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900–0586.

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

*Abstract:* VAAR provision 852.211–72, Technical Industry Standards, requires items offered for sale to VA under the solicitation conform to certain technical industry standards, such as Underwriters Laboratory (UL) or the National Fire Protection Association. Contractor must furnish evidence to VA stating that the items meet the requirements. The evidence can be in a tag or seal affixed to the item, such as the UL tag on an electrical cord or a tag on a fire-rated door. Items that do not meet the standards or not previously tested must come with a certificate from an acceptable laboratory certifying that the items furnished were tested in accordance with, and conform to, the specified standards.

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*Affected Public:* Business or other for profit.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 1,225 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden per Respondent:* 30 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 2,450.

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By direction of the Secretary.

**Crystal Rennie,**

*VA Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900–0585]

### Agency Information Collection (Brand Name or Equal) Activities Under OMB Review

**AGENCY:** Office of Acquisition and Logistics, Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501–3521), this notice announces that the Office of Acquisition and Logistics, 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.

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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Crystal Rennie, Enterprise Records Service (005R1B), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 632–7492, or email [crystal.rennie@va.gov](mailto:crystal.rennie@va.gov). Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900–0585.”

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Veterans Affairs Acquisition Regulation (VAAR) Clause 852.211–77, Brand Name or Equal (was 852.210–77).

*OMB Control Number:* 2900–0585.

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

*Abstract:* VAAR clause 852.211–77 advises bidders or offerors who are proposing to offer an item that is alleged to be equal to the brand name item stated in the bid, that it is the bidder's or offeror's responsibility to show that the item offered is in fact, equal to the brand name item. This evidence may be in the form of descriptive literature or material, such as cuts, illustrations, drawings, or other information. While submission of the information is voluntary, failure to provide the information may result in rejection of the firm's bid or offer if the Government cannot otherwise determine that the