

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** OTS may not conduct or sponsor an information collection, and respondents are not required to respond to an information collection, unless the information collection displays a currently valid OMB control number. As part of the approval process, we invite comments on the following information collection.

*Title of Proposal:* Electronic Operations.

*OMB Number:* 1550-0095.

*Form Number:* N/A.

*Description:* With the increased focus of institutions on the use of electronic channels to perform their daily operations and offer new products and services, the Office of Thrift Supervision ("OTS") plays an important role in evaluating an institution's risks in the use of information technology.

Federal savings associations may use, or participate with others to use, electronic means or facilities to perform any function, or provide any product or service, as part of an authorized activity. 12 CFR 555. Electronic means or facilities include, but are not limited to, automated teller machines, automated loan machines, personal computers, the Internet, the World Wide Web, telephones, and other similar electronic devices. The regulation also requires each savings association to notify OTS at least 30 days before establishing a transactional Web site. Savings associations that present supervisory or compliance concerns may be subject to additional procedural requirements.

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

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

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 80.

*Estimated Number of Responses:* 80.

*Estimated Burden Hours per Response:* 2 hours.

*Estimated Frequency of Response:* Other; transactionally.

*Estimated Total Burden:* 160 hours.

*Clearance Officer:* Ira L. Mills, (202) 906-6531, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552.

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-New (VAARS 819.7108 and 819.7113)]

### Proposed Information Collection (Mentor-Protégé Program Application and Reports) Activity; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Office of Management, Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Management (OM), 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 new collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on information needed to establish a mentor-protégé program agreement between a large business, veteran-owned small business and service-disabled veteran-owned small business and to report the success of the program.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before November 24, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information through <http://www.Regulations.gov>; or to Arita Tillman, Acquisition Policy Division (049P1), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420; or e-mail: [arita.tillman@va.gov](mailto:arita.tillman@va.gov). Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-New (VAARS 819.7108 and 819.7113)" in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at <http://www.Regulations.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Arita Tillman at (202) 461-6859, FAX 202-273-6229.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the PRA of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3501-21), 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, (OM) invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of (OM)'s functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of (OM)'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. Department of Veterans Affairs Acquisition Regulation (VAAR) Clause 819.7108, Application Process.

b. Department of Veterans Affairs Acquisition Regulation (VAAR) Clause 819.7113, Reports.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-New (VAARS 819.7108 and 819.7113).

*Type of Review:* New collection.

*Abstract:* The information collected under Department of Veterans Affairs Acquisition Regulation (VAAR) Clauses 819.7108 and 819.7113 will be used to institute a mentor-protégé program whereby large businesses agree to provide mutually developmental support to veteran-owned small business and service-disabled veteran-owned small business. VA will use the data to measure the protégé progress against the developmental plan contained in the approved agreement and to report the specific actions taken by the mentor to increase the participation of the protégé as a prime or subcontractor to VA.

*Affected Public:* Businesses or other for-profits.

*Estimated Annual Burden:*

a. VAAR Clause 819.7108, Application Process—50 hours.

b. VAAR Clause 819.7113, Reports—150 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:*

a. VAAR Clause 819.7108, Application Process—60 minutes.

b. VAAR Clause 819.7113, Reports—60 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* Quarterly.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:*  
a. VAAR Clause 819.7108,  
Application Process—50.

b. VAAR Clause 819.7113, Reports—  
50.  
*Total number of Responses:* 200.  
Dated: September 17, 2008

By direction of the Secretary:  
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