

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently the Bureau of the Public Debt within the Department of the Treasury is soliciting comments concerning Regulations governing the offering of United States Mortgage Guaranty Insurance Company Tax and Loss Bonds.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before March 15, 2004, to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Bureau of the Public Debt, Vicki S. Thorpe, 200 Third Street, Parkersburg, WV 26106-1328, or [Vicki.Thorpe@bpd.treas.gov](mailto:Vicki.Thorpe@bpd.treas.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies should be directed to Vicki S. Thorpe, Bureau of the Public Debt, 200 Third Street, Parkersburg, WV 26106-1328, (304) 480-6553.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Regulations Governing The Offering Of United States Mortgage Guaranty Insurance Company Tax and Loss Bonds.

*OMB Number:* 1535-0127.

*Abstract:* The information is requested to establish an investor account, issue and redeem securities.

*Current Actions:* None.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Affected Public:* Business.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 37.

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:* 15 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 20.

*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.

Dated: January 12, 2004.

**Vicki S. Thorpe,**

*Manager, Graphics, Printing and Records Branch.*

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**UNITED STATES INSTITUTE OF PEACE**

**Sunshine Act Meeting**

**AGENCY:** United States Institute of Peace.

**DATE/TIME:** Thursday, January 29, 2004; 9:15 a.m.-5 p.m.

**LOCATION:** 1200 17th Street, NW., Suite 200, Washington, DC 20036.

**STATUS:** Open Session—Portions may be closed pursuant to Subsection (c) of Section 552(b) of Title 5, United States Code, as provided in subsection 1706(h)(3) of the United States Institute of Peace Act, Public Law 98-525.

**AGENDA:** January 2004 Board Meeting; Approval of Minutes of the One Hundred Twelfth Meeting (November 20, 2003) of the Board of Directors; Chairman's Report; President's Report; Committee Reports; Program Reports; Review of Individual Grant Applications; Other Issues.

**CONTACT:** Ms. Tessie Higgs, Executive Office, Telephone: (202) 429-3836.

Dated: January 12, 2004.

**Harriet Hentges,**

*Executive Vice President, United States Institute of Peace.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

**[OMB Control No. 2900-0523]**

**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. 3501-21), 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 and includes the actual data collection instrument.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before February 17, 2004.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Denise McLamb, Records Management Service (005E3), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., or e-mail [denise.mclamb@mail.va.gov](mailto:denise.mclamb@mail.va.gov).

Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0523." Send comments and recommendations concerning any aspect of the information collection 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. 2900-0523" in any correspondence.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Loan Analysis, VA Form 26-6393.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0523.

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

*Abstract:* VA Form 26-6393 is used to determine a veteran-borrower qualification for a VA-guaranteed loan. Lenders complete and submit the form to provide evidence that the lender's decision to submit a prior approval loan application or close a loan on the automatic basis is based upon appropriate application of VA credit standards.

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 October 14, 2003, at pages 59245-59246.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for profit.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 100,000 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:* 30 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Number of Total Respondents:* 200,000.

Dated: December 29, 2003.

By direction of the Secretary:

**Jacqueline Parks,**

*IT Specialist, Records Management Service.*

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