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Respondents: Individuals or households, Federal Government, State, Local or Tribal Government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 156,000.

Estimated Burden Hours Respondent: 30 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Other (once).

Estimated Total Reporting Burden: 78,000 hours.

OMB Number: 1545-1846.

Revenue Procedure Number: Revenue Procedure 2003-48.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Update of Checklist Questionnaire Regarding Requests for Spin-Off Rulings.

Description: This revenue procedure updates Revenue Procedure 96-30, which sets forth in a check list questionnaire the information that must be included in a request for ruling under section 355. This revenue procedure updates information that taxpayers must provide in order to receive letter rulings under section 355. This information is required to determine whether a taxpayer would qualify for nonrecognition treatment.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 180.

Estimated Burden Hours Respondent: 200 hours.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Total Reporting Burden: 36,000 hours.

Clearance Officer: Glenn Kirkland, (202) 622-3428, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6411-03, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224.

OMB Reviewer: Joseph F. Lackey, Jr., (202) 395-7316, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0422]

Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of Acquisition and Materiel Management, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Office of Acquisition and Materiel Management (OA&MM), 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 revision of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on information needed to administer contracts.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before November 10, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information to Cathy I. Dailey, Office of Acquisition and Materiel Management (95A), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail cathy.dailey@mail.va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0422" in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Cathy I. Dailey at (202) 273-8774.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C., 3501-3521), 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, OA&MM invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of OA&MM's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of OA&MM'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. Veterans Affairs Acquisition Regulation (VAAR) Clause 852.236-72, Performance of Work by the Contractor.

b. Veterans Affairs Acquisition Regulation (VAAR) Clause 852.236-81, Work Coordination. (This Clause will be renumbered as "Alternate 1" to VAAR Clause 852.236-80.)

c. Veterans Affairs Acquisition Regulation (VAAR) Clause 852.236-82, Payments Under Fixed-Price Construction Contracts (without NAS), including Supplement 1 (which will be renamed as "Alternate 1").

d. Veterans Affairs Acquisition Regulation (VAAR) Clause 852.236-83, Payments Under Fixed-Price Construction Contracts (with NAS), including Supplement 1 (which will be renamed as "Alternate 1").

e. Veterans Affairs Acquisition Regulation (VAAR) Clause 852.236-84, Schedule of Work Progress.

f. Veterans Affairs Acquisition Regulation (VAAR) Clause 852.236-88, Contract Changes, Supplements FAR Clause 52.243-4, Changes.

g. Veterans Affairs Acquisition Regulation (VAAR) Clause 852.224-70, Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0422.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: The information contained VAAR clauses 852.236-72, 852.236-81, 852.236-82, 852.236-83, 852.236-84, 852.236-88 and 852.22-70 is necessary for the VA to administer construction contracts, and to carry out its responsibility to construct, maintain and repair real property for the Department. The information is also necessary for VA to award and administer contracts involving healthcare that may involve equipment, supplies, or services for the Department.

a. VAAR Clause 852.236-72, Performance of Work by the Contractor, requires contractors awarded a construction contract containing Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) clause 52.236-1, to submit a statement designating the branch or branches of contract work to be performed by the contractor's own forces. The VAAR clause implements the FAR clause by requiring the contractor to provide information to the contracting officer on how the contractor intends to fulfill this contractual obligation. The contracting officer uses this information to ensure that the contractor complies with the contract requirements.

b. VAAR Clause 852.236-81, Work Coordination. (This Clause will be renumbered as "Alternate 1" to VAAR Clause 852.236-80), requires construction contractors, on contracts involving complex mechanical-electrical work, to furnish coordination drawings showing the manner in which