

ADDRESSES: All nomination material should be emailed to the Advisory Committee Program Manager Cheryl Whetsel at Cheryl.whetsel@dot.gov or mailed to the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., PHP-30, E24-445, Washington, DC 20590, to the attention of Cheryl Whetsel, Advisory Committee Program Manager, PHP-30.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cheryl Whetsel at 202-366-4431 or Cheryl.whetsel@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Duties

The VIS Working Group will consider and provide recommendations to the Secretary as specifically outlined in section 10 of the PIPES Act of 2016:

(a) The need for, and the identification of, a system to ensure that dig verification data are shared with in-line inspection operators to the extent consistent with the need to maintain proprietary and security-sensitive data in a confidential manner to improve pipeline safety and inspection technology;

(b) Ways to encourage the exchange of pipeline inspection information and the development of advanced pipeline inspection technologies and enhanced risk analysis;

(c) Opportunities to share data, including dig verification data between operators of pipeline facilities and in-line inspector vendors to expand knowledge of the advantages and disadvantages of the different types of in-line inspection technology and methodologies;

(d) Options to create a secure system that protects proprietary data while encouraging the exchange of pipeline inspection information and the development of advanced pipeline inspection technologies and enhanced risk analysis;

(e) Means and best practices for the protection of safety- and security-sensitive information and proprietary information; and

(f) Regulatory, funding, and legal barriers to sharing the information described in paragraphs (a) through (d). The Secretary must publish the VIS Working Group's recommendations on a publicly available Department of Transportation Web site. The VIS Working Group will fulfill its purpose once its recommendations are published online.

II. Membership

The VIS Working Group will consist of no more than 30 members appointed by the Secretary, including representatives from:

- (a) PHMSA;
- (b) Industry stakeholders, including:
 - Operators of pipeline facilities,
 - Inspection technology, coating, and cathodic protection vendors, and
 - Pipeline inspection organizations;
- (c) Safety advocacy groups;
- (d) Research institutions;
- (e) State public utility commissions or State officials responsible for pipeline safety oversight;
- (f) State pipeline safety inspectors;
- (g) Labor representatives; and
- (h) Other entities, as determined appropriate by the Secretary.

III. Terms of Service

• Each member serves a three-year term unless the member becomes unable to serve, resigns, ceases to be qualified to serve, is removed by the Secretary, or if the VIS Working Group fulfills its purpose before the term ends. The Secretary may reappoint a member to serve additional terms.

• All Group members must be able to attend approximately four meetings each year in Washington, DC, other designated locations, or by teleconference.

• Members serve without compensation although travel expenses, including per diem, may be reimbursed for those performing committee duties away from their homes and regular places of business.

• A member appointed for his or her individual views or advice must be appointed as a Special Government Employee (SGE). Other members will serve as Representatives or Regular Government Employees. SGEs are subject to certain Federal conflict of interest laws.

IV. Nomination Procedures

Any interested person may nominate one or more qualified individuals for membership on the VIS Working Group. Self-nominations are also accepted. The PHMSA Administrator, on behalf of the Secretary, is seeking individuals with diverse experiences and expertise in research and development, academia, human factors, large scale data management, standards for data exchanges, secure information sharing, risk management and risk analysis, natural gas or hazardous liquid pipeline safety, in-line inspection, pipeline anomaly assessment and remediation, pipeline inspection technology, software system development, integrity management, or other related experience.

• Nominations must include a current, complete résumé including business address and home address, telephone number, email address,

education, professional or business experience, present occupation, and membership on other working groups or advisory committees, past or present.

• Nominations must include a short biography identifying each nominee's qualifications and expertise.

• Nominations for non-industry positions on the VIS Working Group should highlight relevant experience on panels that dealt with transportation safety, information-sharing systems, technology development, data management, software development, or detail their interest in the subject matter that will be considered by the committee.

• Nominations must acknowledge that the nominee is aware of the nomination unless self-nominated.

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Alan K. Mayberry,

Acting Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0539]

Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review (Application for Supplemental Service Disabled Veterans Insurance)

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. 3501-3521), this notice announces that the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), 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 December 8, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information through www.Regulations.gov, or to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attn: VA Desk Officer; 725 17th St. NW., Washington, DC 20503 or sent through electronic mail to oir_submission@omb.eop.gov. Please refer to "OMB

Control No. 2900–0539” in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Cynthia Harvey-Pryor, Enterprise Records Service (005R1B), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 461–5870 or email cynthia.harvey-pryor@va.gov. Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900–0539.”

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Application for Supplemental Service Disabled Veterans Insurance VA Forms 29–0188 and 29–0189.

OMB Control Number: 2900–0539.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: VA Forms 29–0188 and 29–0189 are used by eligible insureds to apply for Supplemental Service Disabled Veterans Insurance. Collection of the requested information is required to implement the provisions of Public Law 102–568 which expanded the insurance coverage available under 38 U.S.C. Section 1922. 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 September 1, 2016, 81 FR 60414.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 3,333 hours.

Estimated Average Burden per

Respondent: 20 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 10,000.

By direction of the Secretary.

Cynthia Harvey-Pryor,

Program Specialist, Office of Privacy and Records Management, Department of Veterans Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Advisory Committee: National Academic Affiliations Council Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2 that a meeting of the National Academic Affiliations Council will be held November 29, 2016—November 30, 2016 in the VA Boston Healthcare System’s Barsamian Auditorium, Room 3C–108–1, 1400 VFW Parkway, West Roxbury, MA 02132. The November 29, 2016 session will begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at 4:30 p.m. The November 30, 2016 session will begin at 9 a.m. and adjourn at 11:45 a.m. The meeting is open to the public, except when the Council is conducting tours of the VA facility. Tours of VA facilities are closed to the public, to protect Veterans’ privacy and personal information, in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6).

The purpose of the Council is to advise the Secretary on matters affecting partnerships between VA and its academic affiliates.

On November 29, 2016, the Council will receive updates on VA’s educational portfolio and patient aligned care team (PACT) concept. Following these presentations, the Council will convene in a closed session, as it tours the VA Boston Healthcare System’s West Roxbury campus. The Council will reconvene in open session to host a town hall style event focused on PACT implementation. The town hall meeting will begin at 11:15 a.m. and end promptly at 12:15 p.m. Additional agenda items include a discussion on VA’s efforts to implement innovative academic relationships and collaboration, an overview of the VA National Nursing Academy, and a presentation on the Northeast Region VA Nursing Alliance. On November 30, 2016, the Council will receive an update

on the graduate medical education expansion initiative authorized under Public Law 113–146 and host a faculty development showcase sponsored by the VA Boston Healthcare System. The Council will receive public comments from 4:15 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on November 29, 2016 and again from 11:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. on November 30, 2016.

Interested persons may attend and present oral statements to the Council. A sign-in sheet for those who want to give comments will be available at the meeting. Individuals who speak are invited to submit a 1–2 page summary of their comments at the time of the meeting for inclusion in the official meeting record. Oral presentations will be limited to five minutes or less, depending on the number of participants. Interested parties may also provide written comments for review by the Council prior to the meeting or at any time, by email to, Steve.Trynosky@va.gov, or by mail to Stephen K. Trynosky JD, MPH, MMAS, Designated Federal Officer, Office of Academic Affiliations (10A2D), 810 Vermont Avenue NW Washington, DC 20420. Any member of the public wishing to attend or seeking additional information should contact Mr. Trynosky via email or by phone at (202) 461–6723. Because the meeting will be in a Government building, anyone attending must be prepared to show a valid photo I.D. Please allow 15 minutes before the meeting begins for this process.

Dated: November 3, 2016.

Jelessa M. Burney,

Federal Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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