components such as engine to provide a “like new” vehicle, the vehicle
remanufacturer is considered a transit vehicle manufacturer and must also
comply with the DBE regulations.
FTA will then issue a transit vehicle
manufacturer (TVM) concurrence/
certification letter. Grant recipients
must verify each entity’s compliance
with these requirements before
accepting its bid. A list of compliant,
certified TVMs is posted on FTA’s Web
page at https://www.fta.dot.gov/
regulations-and-guidance/civil-rights
ada/eligible-tvms-list. Please note, that
this list is nonexclusive and recipients
must contact FTA before accepting bids
from entities not listed on this web-
posting. Recipients may also establish
project specific DBE goals for vehicle
procurements. The FTA will provide
additional guidance as grants are
awarded. For more information on DBE
requirements, please contact Janelle
Hinton, Office of Civil Rights, 202–366–
9259, email: janelle.hinton@dot.gov.

f. Standard Assurances
The applicant assures that it will
comply with all applicable federal
statutes, regulations, executive orders,
directives, FTA circulars, and other
federal administrative requirements in
carrying out any project supported by
the FTA grant. The applicant
acknowledges that it is under a
continuing obligation to comply with
the terms and conditions of the grant
agreement issued for its project with
FTA. The applicant understands that
Federal laws, regulations, policies, and
administrative practices might be
modified from time to time and may
affect the implementation of the project.
The applicant agrees that the most
recent Federal requirements will apply
to the project, unless FTA issues a
written determination otherwise. The
applicant must submit the Certifications
and Assurances before receiving a grant
if it does not have current certifications
on file.

g. Reporting
Post-award reporting requirements
include the electronic submission of
Federal Financial Reports and Milestone
Reports in FTA’s electronic grants
management system.

h. Technical Assistance and Other Program Information
This program is not subject to
Executive Order 12372,
“Intergovernmental Review of Federal
Programs.” FTA will consider
applications for funding only from
eligible recipients for eligible projects
listed in Section C. Complete
applications must be submitted through
GRANTS.GOV by 11:59 p.m. EDT on
August 25, 2017. For issues with
GRANTS.GOV please contact
GRANTS.GOV by phone at 1–800–518–
4726 or by email at support@grants.gov.
Contact information for FTA’s regional
offices can be found on FTA’s Web site
at https://www.transit.dot.gov/about/
regional-offices/regional-offices.

I. Federal Awarding Agency Contacts
For further information concerning
this notice please contact the Bus
Infrastructure Program manager, Mark
Batrich, via email at mark.batrich@
A TDD is available for individuals who
are deaf or hard of hearing at 1–800–
877–8339. In addition, FTA will post
answers to questions and requests for
clarifications on FTA’s Web site at
http://transit.dot.gov/busprogram. To
ensure applicants receive accurate
information about eligibility or the
program, the applicant is encouraged to
contact FTA directly, rather than
through intermediaries or third parties,
with questions. FTA staff may also
conduct briefings on the discretionary
grants selection and award process upon
request.

Matthew J. Welbes,
Executive Director.
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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS
AFFAIRS

Solicitation of Nominations for
Appointment to the National Research
Advisory Council

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Veterans
Affairs (VA) is seeking nominations of
qualified candidates to be considered
for membership on the National
Research Advisory Council (Council).
The Council provides advice to the
Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Secretary)
and the Under Secretary for Health
(USH), and makes recommendations on
the nature and scope of research and
development sponsored and/or
conducted by the Veterans Health
Administration (VHA) to include: (1)
The policies and projects of the Office
of Research and Development (ORD); (2)
the focus of research on the high
priority health care needs of Veterans;
(3) the balance of basic, applied, and
outcomes research; (4) the scientific
merit review process; (5) the appropriate
mechanisms by which ORD can leverage
its resources to enhance the research
financial base; (6) the rapid response to
changing health care needs, while
maintaining the stability of the research
infrastructure; and (7) the protection of
human subjects of research.

DATES: Nominations for membership on
the Council must be received no later
than 5:00 p.m. EST on August 15, 2017.
Packages received after this time will
not be considered for the current
membership cycle.

ADDRESSES: All nominations should be
e-mailed to Veterans Health
Administration, Department of Veterans
Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW.,
(10P9), Washington, DC 20420, emailed
(recommended) to Melissa.Cooper@va.gov,
or faxed to (202) 495–6196.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Melissa Cooper, Designated Federal
Officer, Veterans Health Administration,
Department of Veterans Affairs, 810
Vermont Avenue NW., (10P),
Washington, DC 20420, Telephone (202)
461–6044. (This is not a toll free
number.) A copy of the Council’s
charter and list of the current
membership can be obtained by
contacting Mrs. Cooper or by accessing
the Web site: https://www.va.gov/
ADVISORY/NRAC.asp

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The
Council advises the Secretary and the
USH on all matters related to the
research and development program, and
conducts analyses and develops reports
or other materials as necessary. In order
to avoid duplication of effort, the
Council is encouraged to review
deliberations of other committees or
entities, and may incorporate or
otherwise use the results of
deliberations of such entities. As a part
of its function, the Council may accept
consideration suggestions for
research and development from
Congress, VA and non-VA scientists,
Veterans and their representatives, and
the general public.

The Council meets at least four times
annually, which may include a site visit
to a VA field location. In accordance
with Federal Travel Regulation,
members will receive travel expense
reimbursement and per diem for any
travel made in connection with their duties as members of the Council.

Authority: The Committee was established by the directive of the Secretary, in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, 5 U.S.C. App. 2.

Membership Criteria and Qualifications: VHA is requesting nominations for upcoming vacancies on the Committee. In accordance with the Council’s current charter, the Council will be comprised of not more than 12 members. Members will be selected from knowledgeable VA and non-VA experts, and Veterans’ community representatives with special qualifications and competence to deal effectively with research and development issues in the VA. Appropriate categories of primary expertise that may be represented include:

a. Basic biomedical research;

b. Rehabilitation research and development;
c. Health services research and development;
d. Clinical research;
e. Geriatric care;
f. Primary care;
g. Special Veterans population health issues;
h. Occupational and environmental health research;
i. Mental health and behavioral research; and
j. Surgery.

In addition, the Council will have at least one Veteran as a member to ensure an important perspective on the health problems of Veterans. The Secretary will appoint members for overlapping 2-year terms of service and may reappoint members for one additional term. The Secretary will appoint the Chair for a term of not more than 3 years and may reappoint the Chair for one additional term. Several members may be regular government employees, but the majority of the Council’s membership will be special government employees.

Requirements for Nomination Submission:

Nominations should be typed in 12 point font (one nomination per nominator). Nomination package should include:

(1) A letter of nomination that clearly states the name and affiliation of the nominee, the basis for the nomination (i.e., specific attributes which qualify the nominee for service in this capacity);

(2) A statement from the nominee indicating that he/she is a U.S. citizen and is willing to serve as a member of the Committee;

(3) A statement from the nominee that he/she appears to have no conflict of interest that would preclude membership;

(4) The nominee’s contact information, including name, mailing address, telephone numbers, and email address;

(5) A current resume or curriculum vitae (CV); and

(6) A cover letter.

The cover letter must summarize the nominee’s interest in serving on the Council and contributions she/he can make to the work of the Council, his/her current engagement in relevant Veterans service activities, and his/her the military branch affiliation and timeframe of military service (if applicable). Finally, please include in the cover letter the nominee’s complete contact information (name, address, email address, and phone number); and a statement confirming that she/he is not a Federally-registered lobbyist. The resume/CV should show professional work experience, publications, academic affiliations, and Veterans service involvement, and highlight any service related to issues considered by the National Research Advisory Council. Note that VA will conduct an ethics review for each selected nominee. Self-nominations will be accepted. Any letters of nomination from organizations or other individuals should accompany the package when it is submitted. Non-Veterans are also eligible for nomination.


The Department makes every effort to ensure that the membership of VA Federal advisory Committees is fairly balanced in terms of points of view represented and the committee’s capabilities. Every effort is made to ensure that a broad representation of geographic areas, gender, racial and ethnic minority groups, and the disabled are given consideration for membership. Appointment to this Committee shall be made without discrimination because of a person’s race, color, religion, sex (including gender identity, transgender status, sexual orientation, and pregnancy), national origin, age, disability, or genetic information. Other considerations to promote a balanced membership may include: Longevity of military service, significant deployment and research experience, ability to handle complex issues, experience running complex organizations, special qualifications, and competence to effectively advise on VA research and development issues.

Dated: July 13, 2017.

LaTonya L. Small,
Federal Advisory Committee Management Officer.
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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Disciplinary Appeals Board Panel

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice with request for comments.

SUMMARY: This notice announces that the roster of employees on the Disciplinary Appeals Board Panel is available for review and comment. Employees, employee organizations, and other interested parties shall be provided, without charge, a list of the names of employees on the Panel upon request and may submit comments concerning the suitability for service on the Panel of any employee whose name is on the list.

DATES: Names that appear on the Panel may be selected to serve on a Board or as a grievance examiner after August 17, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Requests for the list of names of employees on the Panel and written comments may be directed to: Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420. Requests and comments may also be faxed to (202) 495–5200.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Larry Ables, Employee Relations & Performance Management Service, Office of Human Resources Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Mailstop 051, Washington, DC 20420. Mr. Ables may be reached at (202) 461–6172.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 203 of the Department of Veterans Affairs Health Care Personnel Act of 1991 (Pub. L. 102–40), dated May 7, 1991, revised the disciplinary grievance and appeal procedures for employees appointed under 38 U.S.C. 7401(1). It also required the periodic designation of employees of the Department who are qualified to serve on Disciplinary Appeals Boards. These employees constitute the Disciplinary Appeals Board Panel from which Board members in a case are appointed. Public Law