point during a given year—a factor that NHTSA’s methodology did take into account, with reference to the schedule set forth in Paragraph 35 of the ACRO. Alliance & Global also commented that the cost burden of this outreach “is far more than $0.44/VIN on average and requires more than 2 hours per month to prepare and administer.” Alliance & Global, however, provide an unclear picture of alternative estimates, offering only “initial average estimates” of $2 to $5/VIN, and then observing that other initiatives “can further increase costs as high as approximately $30 to more than $100/VIN.” Indeed, at this time Alliance & Global can only provide what it refers to be a low-end estimate of a burden close to $40 million/month for its members affected by the Takata recalls, “expect[ing] to refine [their] estimates in supplemental comments.” And Alliance & Global offered no alternative estimate to the NHTSA’s estimated burden of 2 hours per month to prepare and administer non-traditional outreach. Alliance & Global appear to admit that their cost estimates are at most preliminary, and therefore it is difficult for NHTSA to significantly revise its cost estimate based on these comments. However, NHTSA appreciates Alliance & Global’s input, which provides useful insight into the cost of these outreach programs—about which to this point NHTSA has had relatively little information. NHTSA further recognizes per-VIN outreach costs can vary significantly depending on the vehicles and owners involved, as well as the particular strategies manufacturers have selected to engage in consumer outreach for different recalls at different levels of maturity. Accordingly, NHTSA accepts Alliance & Global’s assertion that, on average, a per-VIN-per-month outreach estimate of $0.44 is low, and will revise its estimate to $2/VIN per month.

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Alliance & Global also commented that discounting the annualized outreach costs by costs of anticipated outreach pursuant to MDL settlements was not “an appropriate baseline for this cost analysis.” Alliance & Global stated the outreach efforts the settling manufacturers were conducting pursuant to the ACRO and CCRs facilitated their MDL settlements, and that the ACRO and CCRs predated the MDL Accepts. Alliance & Global also posited that it is “premature” to assume outreach efforts under the ACRO and CCRs will satisfy the MDL settlement obligations. Assuming, for the sake of argument, that the ACRO and CCRs “facilitated” the MDL settlements, it is of no consequence; going forward, those settling vehicle manufacturers must comply with the terms of their respective settlements, which include provisions for enhanced outreach efforts. While NHTSA acknowledges the exact nature of this outreach is presently unclear, at this juncture NHTSA anticipates it is more likely than not that the outreach efforts conducted under the settlements would satisfy the minimum requirements of the ACRO and CCRs. Alliance & Global have provided no indication otherwise.

Accordingly, NHTSA estimates the terms of the ACRO and the CCRs, assuming remedy-completion rates consistent with those set forth in the former, contemplate an initial annualized cost of $197,989,647 per year for the next three years (2018–2020), with an annualized discount of $71,460,877 to account for outreach conducted pursuant to the MDL settlements described above, for a net annualized cost of $126,528,770. NHTSA estimates that manufacturers will take an average of 2 hours each month drafting or customizing supplemental recall communications utilizing non-traditional means, submitting them to NHTSA for review, and finalizing them to send to affected owners and purchasers. NHTSA therefore estimates that 456 burden hours annually are associated with issuing the annual cost estimate at $127,614,000. The burden estimate in this collection contemplated for conducting supplemental recall communications under the ACRO to achieve completion of the Takata recalls is 456 hours each year. Additionally, the ACRO contemplates impacted vehicle manufacturers incurring an annual cost estimated at $126,528,770. Therefore, in total, we estimate the burden associated with this collection to be 64,062 hours each year, with a recurring annual cost estimated at $254,142,770.

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Feedback collected under this generic clearance will provide useful information, but it will not yield data that can be generalized to the overall population. This type of generic clearance for qualitative information will not be used for quantitative information collections that are designed to yield reliably actionable results, such as monitoring trends over time or documenting program performance. Such data uses require more rigorous designs that address: The target population to which generalizations will be made, the sampling frame, the sample design (including stratification and clustering), the precision requirements or power calculations that justify the proposed sample size, the expected response rate, methods for assessing potential non-response bias, the protocols for data collection, and any testing procedures that were or will be undertaken prior to fielding the study. Depending on the degree of influence the results are likely to have, such collections may still be eligible for submission for other generic mechanisms that are designed to yield quantitative results.

Affected Public: Businesses and other organizations.

Average Expected Annual Number of Activities: 10.
Average Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 10,000.
Responses per Respondent: 1.
Average Minutes per Response: 20.
Total Burden Hours: 10,000.

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.


Mary Ann Donovan,
Director, Community Development Financial Institutions Fund.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

VA New Hampshire Vision 2025 Task Force

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under the Federal Advisory Committee Act that the VA New Hampshire Vision 2025 Task Force, which is a subcommittee of the Special Medical Advisory Group (SMAG), will meet January 9, 2018 from 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. ET and January 10, 2018 from 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. ET at the Department of Veterans Affairs, Manchester VA Medical Center, 718 Smyth Road Manchester, NH 03104, Building 1, 1st Floor, Training & Education Room. There will also be a teleconference line available for those attendees unable to attend in person. The meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the subcommittee is to develop a comprehensive set of options and recommendations to develop a future vision of what VA must do to best meet the needs of New Hampshire Veterans. The recommendations will be reviewed by the SMAG and then those final recommendations will be forwarded to the Secretary and Under Secretary for Health for decision and action.

The agenda will include an update on the ongoing VA-led national market assessment project and facilitated sessions with task force members as they synthesize the various data and focus group inputs from the various VA and non-VA support they have received so far. The listen only teleconference line is reached by dialing 1-800-767-1750 and then entering the access code: 911298. However, there are a limited number of lines. Consequently, if more than one person at an organization wants to join, we encourage you to use one phone line to allow other organization to listen. Otherwise, you are welcome to join in person. No time will be allocated at this meeting for receiving oral presentations from the public. However, the public may submit written statements for the Subcommittee’s review to Brenda Faas, Designated Federal Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs at Brenda.Faas@va.gov, or Thomas Pasakarnis, Alternate Designated Federal Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs at Thomas.Pasakarnis@va.gov. Any member of the public wishing to attend the meeting or listen in via the teleconference line or seeking additional information should contact Mr. Pasakarnis.

Because the meeting will be held in a federal government building, anyone attending must be prepared to show a valid photo government issued ID. Please allow 15 minutes before the meeting begins for this process.


LaTonya L. Small,
Federal Advisory Committee Management Officer.

Rehabilitation Research and Development Service Scientific Merit Review Board; Notice of Meetings

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under the Federal Advisory Committee Act that the subcommittees of the Rehabilitation Research and Development Service Scientific Merit Review Board will meet from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on the dates indicated below:

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