DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

Intent To Request Extension From OMB of One Current Public Collection of Information: Law Enforcement Officer Flying Armed Training

AGENCY: Transportation Security Administration, DHS.

ACTION: 60-Day Notice.

SUMMARY: The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) invites public comment on one currently approved Information Collection Request (ICR), Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number 1652–0034, abstracted below that we will submit to OMB for an extension in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA). The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden. The collection involves the Federal Air Marshal Service (FAMS) maintenance of a database of all Federal, State and local law enforcement agencies that have received the Law Enforcement Officer (LEO) Flying Armed Training course.

DATES: Send your comments by March 26, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be emailed to TSAPRA@tsa.dhs.gov or delivered to the TSA PRA Officer, Office of Information Technology (OIT), TSA–11, 601 South 12th Street, Arlington, VA 20598–6011.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christina A. Walsh at the above address, or by telephone (571) 227–2062.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Comments Invited

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.), an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The ICR documentation will be available at http://www.reginfo.gov upon its submission to OMB. Therefore, in preparation for OMB review and
approval of the following information collection, TSA is soliciting comments to—

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed information requirement is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including using appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Consistent with the requirements of Executive Order (E.O.) 13771, Reducing Regulation and Controlling Regulatory Costs, and E.O. 13777, Enforcing the Regulatory Reform Agenda, TSA is also requesting comments on the extent to which this request for information could be modified to reduce the burden on respondents.

**Information Collection Requirement**

OMB Control Number 1652–0034; Law Enforcement Officer Flying Armed Training. TSA is requesting approval for the extension of the collection of this information to comply with 49 CFR 1544.219, which requires Federal LEOs, full-time territorial, tribal, municipal, county or state LEOs who are direct employees of government agencies, and authorized railroad police officers to complete the LEOs Flying Armed training course in order to fly armed. The course is a non-tactical overview of the conditions under which an officer may fly armed and the required conduct and duties of the LEO while flying armed. This collection permits TSA to collect identifying information from law enforcement agencies requesting the LEO Flying Armed training course materials.

The process begins when a representative from a law enforcement agency electronically requests the LEO Flying Armed training course material via the TSA Flying While Armed website (https://www.tsa.gov/travel/law-enforcement). The fillable form, which is submitted to TSA electronically, must contain: full name of the officer, title, phone number, email address, employing department, work address, supervisor’s name, supervisor’s title, supervisor’s contact information, the agency’s originating agency identifier (ORI), an affirmation that the officer/agency meets the requirements set forth in 49 CFR 1544.219, and a brief narrative detailing the agency’s operational need to fly armed. Once the fillable form is completed, TSA, through its Office of Training and Development (OTD), receives a notification via email. OTD vets the request to ensure that all of the required information has been submitted and that the agency has a current operational need to fly armed. If OTD determines that the requesting agency meets the standard set forth in 49 CFR 1544.219, they electronically send a non-disclosure agreement (NDA) to the requesting agency. Once OTD receives the signed NDA, they will electronically send the LEO Flying Armed training course materials to the requesting agency. OTD keeps an electronic record of each agency that has sent LEO Flying Armed training course material to, including a point of contact (POC) for that agency. If an issue arises during the screening and verification process regarding the authenticity of an agency that requests training materials, no training materials will be supplied until that issue has either been confirmed or resolved, and a record of such is maintained.

Upon completion of the training, the LEO who has been authorized by his or her agency to fly armed presents his or her credentials and other required documentation at the airport in order to fly armed. A Transportation Security Officer verifies all pertinent information onsite. Based on current data, TSA estimates there are approximately 2,000 respondents on an annual basis. At most, each agency spends approximately 5 minutes to provide the information TSA needs to confirm the law enforcement agencies are eligible to receive the training. This amounts to 2000 agencies multiplied by 5 minutes equals 166.6 hours (2000 agencies x 5 min = 10,000 min [166.6 hrs.]) for a total annual hour burden of 167 hours.


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**SUMMARY:** This Notice announces changes in the interest rates to be paid on debentures issued with respect to a loan or mortgage insured by the Federal Housing Administration under the provisions of the National Housing Act (the Act). The interest rate for debentures issued under Section 221(g)(4) of the Act during the 6-month period beginning January 1, 2018, is 2 ¾ percent. The interest rate for debentures issued under any other provision of the Act is the rate in effect on the date that the commitment to insure the loan or mortgage was issued, or the date that the loan or mortgage was endorsed (or initially endorsed if there are two or more endorsements) for insurance, whichever rate is higher. The interest rate for debentures issued under these other provisions with respect to a loan or mortgage committed or endorsed during the 6-month period beginning January 1, 2018, is 2 ¾ percent.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Yong Sun, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street SW, Room 5148, Washington, DC 20410–8000; telephone (202) 402–4778 (this is not a toll-free number).

Individuals with speech or hearing impairments may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at (800) 877–8339.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 224 of the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1715o) provides that debentures issued under the Act with respect to an insured loan or mortgage (except for debentures issued pursuant to Section 221(g)(4) of the Act) will bear interest at the rate in effect on the date the commitment to insure the loan or mortgage was issued, or the date the loan or mortgage was endorsed (or initially endorsed if there are two or more endorsements) for insurance, whichever rate is higher. This provision is implemented in HUD’s regulations at 24 CFR 203.405, 203.479, 207.259(e)(6), and 220.830. These regulatory provisions state that the applicable rates of interest will be published twice each year as a notice in the Federal Register.

Section 224 further provides that the interest rate on these debentures will be set from time to time by the Secretary of HUD, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, in an amount not in excess of the annual interest rate determined by the Secretary of the Treasury pursuant to a statutory formula based on the average yield of all outstanding marketable Treasury obligations of maturities of 15 or more years.

**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

[Docket No. FR–6078–N–01]

**Mortgage and Loan Insurance Programs Under the National Housing Act—Debenture Interest Rates**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Housing, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice.