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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title of Collection: Financial Coaching Program for Veterans and Low-income Consumers.

OMB Control Number: 3170-0051.

Type of Review: Extension with change of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Individuals.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 7,200.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 3,600.

Abstract: In early 2015, the Bureau launched a Financial Coaching project to provide direct financial coaching services to transitioning veterans and economically vulnerable consumers nationwide. In order for the Bureau to understand whether the program is effective and for the financial coaches to be able to deliver efficient services and track clients over time, the Bureau needs to take steps to monitor program performance and to evaluate the program. This includes collecting administrative data about clients for programmatic purposes. The information is collected from the coaches and includes a combination of personal information (basic contact and demographic information), performance metrics (outputs), client-level outcomes (progress towards financial goals or other relevant outcomes) and programmatic and organizational outcomes.

The initial information collection request for the administrative data collected by coaches from financial coaching clients for programmatic and performance monitoring purposes was approved in 2015 and expires on February 28, 2018. In 2015, the Financial Coaching program was extended beyond the initial program period and subsequently, this request is for an extension of administrative data collection. In addition, this information request includes a modification, to add five questions to the administrative data collection. The five questions are part of the Financial Well-being Survey, which

received approval under OMB Control Number 3170-0063 in order to measure the level of financial well-being of American adults and key sub-populations. This will help us understand the progress clients are making and is also in line with the Bureau’s overall efforts to be more consistent in the information we are collecting.

Request for Comments: The Bureau issued a 60-day **Federal Register** notice on November 8, 2017, (82 FR 51822), Docket Number: CFPB-2017-0032. Comments were solicited and continue to be invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Bureau, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) The accuracy of the Bureau’s estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methods and the assumptions used; (c) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (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. Comments submitted in response to this notice will be reviewed by OMB as part of its review of this request. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Dated: February 20, 2018.

Darrin A. King,

Paperwork Reduction Act Officer, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection.

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BUREAU OF CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION

[Docket No. CFPB-2018-0005]

Request for Information Regarding Bureau External Engagements

AGENCY: Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection.

ACTION: Notice and request for information.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection (Bureau) seeks comments and information from interested parties to assist the Bureau in assessing its public and non-public external engagements, including but not limited to field hearings, town halls, roundtables, and meetings of the Advisory Board and Councils.

DATES: Comments must be received by May 29, 2018.

ADDRESSES: You may submit responsive information and other comments, identified by Docket No. CFPB-2018-0005, by any of the following methods:

- *Electronic:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *Email:* FederalRegisterComments@cfpb.gov. Include Docket No. CFPB-2018-0005 in the subject line of the message.

- *Mail:* Comment Intake, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, 1700 G Street NW, Washington, DC 20552.

- *Hand Delivery/Courier:* Comment Intake, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, 1700 G Street NW, Washington, DC 20552.

Instructions: The Bureau encourages the early submission of comments. All submissions must include the document title and docket number. Because paper mail in the Washington, DC area and at the Bureau is subject to delay, commenters are encouraged to submit comments electronically. In general, all comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>. In addition, comments will be available for public inspection and copying at 1700 G Street NW, Washington, DC 20552, on official business days between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. eastern time. You can make an appointment to inspect the documents by telephoning 202-435-7275.

All submissions in response to this request for information, including attachments and other supporting materials, will become part of the public record and subject to public disclosure. Sensitive personal information, such as account numbers or Social Security numbers, or names of other individuals, should not be included. Submissions will not be edited to remove any identifying or contact information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Zixta Martinez, Associate Director, External Affairs, at 202-435-9745. If you require this document in an alternative electronic format, please contact CFPB_Accessibility@cfpb.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In addition to using notice and comment to seek feedback on regulations from external stakeholders, the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection has historically conducted external engagements, such as field hearings, town halls, roundtables, non-public meetings, and public meetings of the Bureau’s Advisory Board and Councils, to discuss and receive feedback on its work.

To assess its external engagements, the Bureau is, as described below,

issuing this request for information seeking public comment on how best to conduct future external engagements while continuing to achieve the Bureau's statutory objectives.

Overview of This Request for Information

To ensure that the Bureau hears regularly from diverse external stakeholders, it conducts public and non-public meetings, including field hearings, town halls, roundtables, and meetings of its Advisory Board and Councils.

The Bureau's field hearings are organized around a specific topic and take place in geographically diverse locations throughout the United States. Field hearings are announced on the Bureau's website, are open to the public, and are livestreamed on the Bureau's website. The hearings typically begin with introductory remarks by a Bureau staff member, state or local officials, the CFPB Director, followed by a panel discussion with industry representatives, nonprofit organizations, academics, or other subject matter experts. After the panel discussion, a CFPB staff member invites audience input about the specific topic and/or discussion. Participation is open to all field hearing attendees. Field hearings are available to view as archived videos on the Bureau's website at <https://www.consumerfinance.gov/about-us/events/archive-past-events/>.

Town halls may be open to the public or invitation-only and are sometimes co-hosted by another organization. They are historically organized around a specific topic or financial education. Town halls typically include remarks by the CFPB Director or a CFPB staff person, followed by an audience comment period. Sometimes town halls will include a small discussion panel made up of the CFPB Director or CFPB staff and an external stakeholder, such as an industry representative or a member of a nonprofit organization. To date, the Bureau has held 33 field hearings and 15 town halls in over 40 cities.

Roundtables are invitation-only events with the CFPB Director or CFPB staff to discuss particular issues. Roundtables have historically included industry representatives, nonprofit organizations, academics, or other interested parties.

The Bureau has organized four formal advisory groups (Advisory Board and Councils):

- The Consumer Advisory Board (CAB);
- The Community Bank Advisory Council (CBAC);

- The Credit Union Advisory Council (CUAC); and
- The Academic Research Council (ARC).

The CAB is required by section 1014(a) of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (Dodd-Frank Act). The purpose of the CAB is "to advise and consult with the Bureau in the exercise of its functions under the Federal consumer financial laws, and to provide information on emerging practices in the consumer financial products or services industry, including regional trends, concerns, and other relevant information." 12 U.S.C. 5494(a). The CAB is a source of market intelligence and expertise for the agency; the CAB also advises and consults with Bureau staff about various aspects of the Bureau's work. The Bureau has established three other advisory groups. The CBAC advises the Bureau about the effects of regulating consumer financial products or services from the unique perspectives of community banks, and the CUAC does the same from the unique perspectives of credit unions. The ARC advises the Bureau about research methodologies, data collection, and analytic strategies and provides feedback about research and strategic planning.

Since their establishment in 2012, the Bureau's advisory groups have convened in-person and via conference call to fulfill their designated purpose. In addition to service on the full advisory group, members also typically serve on a subcommittee that is focused on particular issues. Advisory group meetings can take place during one day or a series of days, depending on the meeting objectives. The meeting structure typically includes remarks by the CFPB Director and discussions among members and Bureau subject matter experts. At meetings of the CAB, there are also presentations from CAB members about consumer finance trends and themes. In addition, when advisory group meetings are held outside of Washington, DC, they have historically included a segment where members of the public may provide comment on issues that they care about. Advisory group meetings are announced to the public via the **Federal Register** and the Bureau's website. They are also livestreamed, and a summary of the meeting is published. Each advisory group produces an annual report to the Director about its activities for the fiscal year. To date, the Bureau has conducted 47 public meetings of its advisory groups.

The Bureau aims to conduct engagements in locations throughout the United States in order to engage with

the public and inform its work. The Bureau expects that entities that have engaged with the Bureau are likely to have useful information and perspectives about Bureau engagements. The Bureau is especially interested in better understanding how it may improve or revise its engagements to better achieve the Bureau's statutory objectives.

Areas of Interest

The following list of areas of interest represents a preliminary attempt by the Bureau to identify elements of Bureau processes related to external engagements on which it should focus. This non-exhaustive list is meant to assist in the formulation of comments and is not intended to restrict the issues that may be addressed. In addressing these areas, the Bureau requests that commenters identify with specificity the Bureau practices at issue, providing examples where appropriate.

The Bureau is seeking feedback on all aspects of conducting future external engagements, including the following areas of interest:

1. Strategies for seeking public and private feedback from diverse external stakeholders on the Bureau's work;
2. Structures for convening diverse external stakeholders and the public to discuss Bureau work in ways that maximize public participation and constructive input, including but not limited to structures utilized by the Bureau to date, such as field hearings, town halls, roundtables, and meetings of the advisory groups;
3. Processes for transparency in determining topics, locations, timing, frequency, participants, and other important elements of both public and private events;
4. Vehicles for soliciting public and private perspectives from outside of Washington, DC on the Bureau's work;
5. Strategies for promoting transparency of external engagements, including Advisory Board and Council meetings, while protecting confidential business information and encouraging frank dialogue;
6. Strategies and channels for distributing information about external engagements to maximize awareness and participation; and
7. Other approaches, methods, or practices not currently utilized by the Bureau that would elicit constructive input on the Bureau's work.

Authority: 12 U.S.C. 5511(c).

Dated: February 15, 2018.

Mick Mulvaney,
Acting Director, Bureau of Consumer
Financial Protection.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Advisory Committee on Arlington National Cemetery; Solicitation for New Members

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.
ACTION: Notice and request for resumes from highly qualified individuals to be considered for Advisory Committee membership.

SUMMARY: The Advisory Committee on Arlington National Cemetery is an independent Federal advisory committee chartered to provide the Secretary of Defense, through the Secretary of the Army, independent advice and recommendations on Arlington National Cemetery, including, but not limited to cemetery administration, the erection of memorials at the cemetery, and master planning for the cemetery. The Secretary of the Army may act on the Committee's advice and recommendations. The Committee is comprised of no more than nine (9) members. Subject to the approval of the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of the Army appoints no more than seven (7) of these members. The purpose of this notice is to solicit resumes from a wide range of highly qualified individuals desiring appointment to the Committee. Appointment as a members of the Committee and its subcommittees may be made for terms of service ranging from one to four years. All nominees by the Secretary of the Army for Secretary of Defense for approval must be preeminent authorities in their respective fields of interest or expertise. This notice solicits submissions of resumes from interested and highly qualified individuals to fill Committee membership vacancies that may occur through September 30, 2018.
DATES: All nominations must be received no later than May 1, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Individuals interested in being considered for appointment may submit a resume and contact information (address and phone number) to the Department of the Army through the Committee's Designated Federal Officer at the following address: Advisory Committee on Arlington National Cemetery, ATTN: Alternate

Designated Federal Officer (ADFO) (Mr. Keating), Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, VA 22211.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Timothy P. Keating, Alternate Designated Federal Officer, by email at timothy.p.keating.civ@mail.mil or by telephone 877-907-8585.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Advisory Committee on Arlington National Cemetery was established pursuant to Title 10, United States Code Section 4723. The selection, service and appointment of members of the Committee are publicized in the Committee Charter, available on the Arlington National Cemetery website <http://www.arlingtoncemetery.mil/About/Advisory-Committee-on-Arlington-National-Cemetery/Charter>. The substance of the provisions of the Charter is as follows:

a. Selection. The Committee Charter provides that the Committee shall be comprised of no more than nine members, all of whom are preeminent authorities in their respective fields of interest or expertise. Of these, no more than seven members are nominated by the Secretary of the Army.

By direction of the Secretary of the Army, all resumes submitted in response to this notice will be presented to and reviewed by a panel of three senior Army leaders. Potential nominees shall be prioritized after review and consideration of their resumes for: demonstrated technical/professional expertise; preeminence in a field(s) of interest or expertise; potential contribution to membership balance in terms of the points of view represented and the functions to be performed; potential organizational and financial conflicts of interest; commitment to our Nation's veterans and their families; and published points of view relevant to the objectives of the Committee. The panel will provide the DFO with a prioritized list of potential nominees for consideration by the Executive Director, Army National Military Cemeteries for an initial recommendation to the Secretary of the Army. The Executive Director, Army National Military Cemeteries, the Secretary of the Army, and the Secretary of Defense are not limited or bound by the recommendations of the Army senior leader panel. Sources in addition to this **Federal Register** notice may be utilized in the solicitation and selection of individuals for consideration.

b. Service. The Secretary of Defense may approve the appointment of a Committee member for a one-to-four year term of service; however, no member, unless authorized by the

Secretary of Defense, may serve on the Committee or authorized subcommittee for more than two consecutive terms of service. The Secretary of the Army shall designate the Committee Chair from the total Advisory Committee membership. The Committee meets at the call of the DFO, in consultation with the Committee Chair. It is estimated that the Committee meets four times per year.

c. Appointment. The operations of the Committee and the appointment of members are subject to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended) and departmental implementing regulations, including Department of Defense Instruction 5105.04, Department of Defense Federal Advisory Committee Management Program, available at <http://www.dtic.mil/whs/directives/corres/pdf/510504p.pdf>. Appointed members who are not full-time or permanent part-time Federal officers or employees shall be appointed as experts and consultants under the authority of Title 5, United States Code Section 3109 and shall serve as special government employees. Committee members appointed as special government employees shall serve without compensation except that travel and per diem expenses associated with official Committee activities are reimbursable.

Additional information about the Committee is available on the internet at: <http://www.arlingtoncemetery.mil/About/Advisory-Committee-on-Arlington-National-Cemetery/Charter>.

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Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Defense Acquisition Regulations System

[Docket Number DARS-2017-0021; OMB
Control Number 0704-0214]

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Defense Acquisition Regulations System, Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Defense Acquisition Regulations System has submitted to OMB for clearance, the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by March 28, 2018.