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Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Individuals or households, and business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,590.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 7.87 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 12,527.

The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information covered by this notice:

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

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.

Approved: February 28, 2022.

Andres Garcia Leon,
Supervisory Tax Analyst.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Treasury Advisory Committee on Racial Equity

AGENCY: Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of establishment of the Treasury Advisory Committee on Racial Equity.

SUMMARY: The Treasury Department has determined that it is in the public interest to establish the Treasury Advisory Committee on Racial Equity. A Charter for the Committee has been prepared and will be filed no earlier than 15 days following the date of publication of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janis Bowdler, Counselor for Racial Equity, Department of the Treasury, (202) 622-3002, Equity@Treasury.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) (5 U.S.C. App., as amended), the Department of the Treasury ("Department") intends to establish the Treasury Advisory Committee on Racial Equity ("Committee"). The Department has determined that establishing this committee is necessary and in the public interest in order to carry out the provisions of Executive Order 13985, *Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Throughout the Federal Government*.

Objectives and Duties

The purpose of the Committee is to provide advice and recommendations to the Department of the Treasury to assist the Offices of the Secretary and Deputy Secretary in carrying out their duties and authorities towards advancing racial equity and addressing acute disparities for communities of color who have been historically underserved, marginalized, and adversely affected by persistent poverty and inequality.

The Committee shall be a continuing advisory committee with an initial two-year term, subject to two-year re-authorizations at the discretion of the Secretary of the Treasury. The Committee will provide an opportunity for experts to offer their advice and recommendations to the Office of the Secretary on a regular basis on aspects of the domestic economy that have directly and indirectly resulted in unfavorable conditions for Black, Latino, and Indigenous and Native American persons, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and other persons of color. Topics to be addressed by the Committee may include, but are not limited to, financial inclusion, capital access, housing stability, federal government supplier diversity and economic development.

The duties of the Committee shall be solely advisory and shall extend only to the submission of advice and recommendations to the Offices of the Secretary and Deputy Secretary, which shall be non-binding to the Department. No determination of fact or policy shall be made by the Committee.

Membership

In order to achieve a fairly balanced membership, the Committee shall include representatives from a wide range of views, such as the Federal government, financial services industry, state regulatory authorities, consumer or public advocacy organizations, community-based groups, academia, philanthropic organizations, as well as others focused on the advancement of equity priorities within the United States. Membership balance will not be static and may change, depending on the work of the Committee. The number of Committee members shall not exceed twenty-five.

The Committee shall meet at such intervals as are necessary to carry out its duties. It is estimated that the Committee will generally meet four times per year, virtually or in person. Generally, Committee meetings are open to the public. Nominations for membership will be solicited in a subsequent notice in the **Federal Register**.

Janis Bowdler,

Counselor for Racial Equity.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Evidence and Notification Delays

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice of extension of timeframes for notification letters.

SUMMARY: The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) received notice that the vendor contracted to provide printing services to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) experienced staffing and equipment issues that resulted in a significant delay in the printing and mailing of benefit letters. To protect the interests of Veterans and other claimants affected by this delay, VBA is instituting temporary guidance extending a grace period on responses to time-sensitive letter notifications.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Raymond Tellez, Executive Director, Office of Business Integration, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420, 202-461-9367. (This is not a toll-free number.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On August 12, 2021, the Office of Information and Technology informed VBA that the vendor, contracted to provide printing services to VA by the Government Publishing Office (GPO), experienced