

and submits guideline amendments to the Congress not later than the first day of May each year pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 994(p).

The Practitioners Advisory Group is a standing advisory group of the United States Sentencing Commission established pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 995 and Rule 5.4 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. Under the charter for the advisory group, the purpose of the advisory group is (1) to assist the Commission in carrying out its statutory responsibilities under 28 U.S.C. 994(o); (2) to provide to the Commission its views on the Commission's activities and work, including proposed priorities and amendments; (3) to disseminate to defense attorneys, and to other professionals in the defense community, information regarding federal sentencing issues; and (4) to perform other related functions as the Commission requests. The advisory group consists of not more than 17 voting members, each of whom may serve not more than two consecutive three-year terms. Of those 17 voting members, one shall be Chair, one shall be Vice Chair, 12 shall be circuit members (one for each federal judicial circuit other than the Federal Circuit), and three shall be at-large members.

To be eligible to serve as a voting member, an individual must be an attorney who (1) devotes a substantial portion of his or her professional work to advocating the interests of privately-represented individuals, or of individuals represented by private practitioners through appointment under the Criminal Justice Act of 1964, within the federal criminal justice system; (2) has significant experience with federal sentencing or post-conviction issues related to criminal sentences; and (3) is in good standing of the highest court of the jurisdiction or jurisdictions in which he or she is admitted to practice. Additionally, to be eligible to serve as a circuit member, the individual's primary place of business or a substantial portion of his or her practice must be in the circuit concerned. Each voting member is appointed by the Commission.

In view of the upcoming vacancies in the voting membership of the Practitioners Advisory Group, the Commission invites any individual who is eligible to be appointed to a voting membership covered by this notice to apply by sending a letter of interest and a resume to the Commission as indicated in the **ADDRESSES** section above. The voting memberships covered by this notice are six circuit memberships (for the Fourth Circuit, the

Seventh Circuit, the Eighth Circuit, the Ninth Circuit, the Eleventh Circuit, and the District of Columbia Circuit).

Authority: 28 U.S.C. 994(a), (o), (p), 995; USSC Rules of Practice and Procedure 2.2(c), 5.4.

Carlton W. Reeves,

Chair.

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UNITED STATES SENTENCING COMMISSION

Final Priorities for Amendment Cycle

AGENCY: United States Sentencing Commission.

ACTION: Notice of final priorities.

SUMMARY: In June 2026, the Commission published a notice of proposed policy priorities for the amendment cycle ending May 1, 2027. After reviewing public comment received pursuant to the notice of proposed priorities, the Commission has identified its policy priorities for the upcoming amendment cycle and hereby gives notice of these policy priorities.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The United States Sentencing Commission is an independent agency in the judicial branch of the United States Government. The Commission promulgates sentencing guidelines and policy statements for federal courts pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 994(a). The Commission also periodically reviews and revises previously promulgated guidelines pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 994(o) and submits guideline amendments to Congress not later than the first day of May each year pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 994(p).

As part of its statutory authority and responsibility to analyze sentencing issues, including operation of the federal sentencing guidelines, the Commission has identified its policy priorities for the amendment cycle ending May 1, 2027. Other factors, such as legislation requiring Commission action, may affect the Commission's ability to complete work on any or all identified priorities by May 1, 2027. Accordingly, the Commission may continue work on any or all identified priorities after that date or may decide not to pursue one or more identified priorities. The Commission previously published a notice of proposed policy priorities for the amendment cycle ending May 1, 2027. *See* 91 FR 35802 (June 12, 2026).

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 994(g), the Commission intends to consider the issue of reducing costs of incarceration and overcapacity of prisons, to the extent it is relevant to any identified priority.

The Commission has identified the following priorities for the amendment cycle ending May 1, 2027:

(1) In anticipation of the 40th anniversary of the *Guidelines Manual* and two decades of experience with advisory guidelines, the Commission intends to undertake an evaluation of the guidelines and federal sentencing practices in light of the Commission's mission set forth in the Sentencing Reform Act, the statutory purposes of sentencing in 18 U.S.C. 3553(a)(2), and relevant legal developments that have occurred in the past four decades. As part of this priority, the Commission may use regional public hearings, symposiums, roundtable discussions, conferences, and other tools to solicit input on the Commission's work from various stakeholders, including judges, Congress, the Executive Branch, Federal Public Defenders, victims, sentenced individuals, and others.

(2) In anticipation of the 30th anniversary of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, the Commission expects to undertake a comprehensive review of the Rules and consider whether any amendments to such Rules may be appropriate to further the agency's statutory purposes and enhance public engagement with and understanding of the Commission's work. As part of the priority, the Commission expects to review current practices and consider possible changes regarding: (a) what Commission work is conducted in public; (b) what Commission policymaking materials should be made public; (c) how stakeholder and public involvement is structured, including through rules about ex parte communications; and (d) what analyses supporting agency policymaking are conducted and released publicly.

(3) Consideration of any amendments that may be warranted in response to any legislation or case law developments.

(4) Resolution of circuit conflicts as warranted, pursuant to the Commission's authority under 28 U.S.C. 991(b)(1)(B) and *Braxton v. United States*, 500 U.S. 344 (1991).

(5) Consideration of other miscellaneous issues coming to the Commission's attention.

Authority: 28 U.S.C. 994(a), (o); USSC Rules of Practice and Procedure 2.2, 5.2.

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Chair.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0418]

Agency Information Collection Activity: Department of Veterans Affairs Acquisition Regulation Provision 852.209-70

AGENCY: Office of Procurement,
Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Office of Procurement (OOP), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before November 2, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Comments must be submitted through www.Regulations.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Program-Specific information: Forrest Browne, 202-632-9677, Forrest.Browne@va.gov.

VA PRA information: Dorothy Glasgow, 202-461-1084, VAPRA@va.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995, Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. This request for comment is being made pursuant to Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA.

With respect to the following collection of information, OOP invites comments on: (1) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of OOP's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of OOP's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology.

Title: Department of Veterans Affairs Acquisition Regulation Provision 852.209-70.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0418.
<https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRASearch> (Once at this link, you can enter the OMB Control Number to find the historical versions of this Information Collection.)

Type of Review: Extension without change of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: This Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) submission seeks renewal without changes of Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval No. 2900-0418 for collection

of information for the Department of Veterans Affairs Acquisition Regulation (VAAR) provision 852.209-70. Performance of VA's mission requires the use of contractors. VAAR provision 852.209-70, Organizational Conflicts of Interest implement section 8141 of the 1989 Department of Defense Appropriation Act, Public Law 100-463, 102 Stat. 2270-47 (1988). VAAR 809.507-1, Solicitation provisions, and VAAR provision 852.209-70, Organizational Conflicts of Interest, require offerors on solicitations for management support and consulting services to advise, as part of the firm's offer, whether or not award of the contract to the firm might involve a conflict of interest or potential conflict of interest, and, if so, to disclose all relevant facts regarding the conflict or potential conflict. The information is used by the contracting officer to determine whether or not to award a contract to the firm or, if a contract is to be awarded despite a potential conflict, whether or not additional contract terms and conditions are necessary to mitigate the conflict.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Annual Burden: 102 hours.

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 60 minutes.

Frequency of Response: 1 per solicitation.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 102.

(Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*)

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