

Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552, Attention 1550-0014. Hand deliver comments to the Public Reference Room, 1700 G Street, NW., lower level, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on business days. Send facsimile transmissions to FAX Number (202) 906-7755; or (202) 906-6956 (if comments are over 25 pages). Send e-mails to "public.info@ots.treas.gov", and include your name and telephone number. Interested persons may inspect comments at the Public Reference Room, 1700 G St. NW, from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. on business days.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nadine Washington, Supervision, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552, (202) 906-6706.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Mutual to Stock Conversion.

OMB Number: 1550-0014.

Form Number: Not applicable.

Abstract: 12 CFR Part 563b states that no mutual association shall convert to a stock association without previous written consent of the Office of Thrift Supervision.

Current Actions: OTS proposes to renew this information collection without revision.

Type of Review: Renewal.

Affected Public: Business or For Profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 10.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 500 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 5,000 hours.

Request for Comments

The OTS will summarize comments submitted in response to this notice or will include these comments in its request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. The OTS invites comment 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; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or starting costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Dated: January 10, 2000.

John E. Werner,

Director, Information & Management Services Division.

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TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY WORKFORCE COMMISSION

Notice of Public Information Hearing

AGENCY: Twenty-First Century Workforce Commission.

ACTION: Notice of public information hearing.

SUMMARY: This notice is to announce a public information hearing on Thursday, January 20, 2000. Members of the public are invited to attend the hearing. Several witnesses have been invited by the Commissioners to testify and to address the questions identified by the agenda set forth below.

DATES: The Public Information Hearing will be held on Thursday, January 20, 2000, from 9:00 am to approximately 3 p.m. Registration is from 9:00 am to 10:00 am. The dates, locations and times for subsequent meetings will be announced in advance in the **Federal Register**.

ADDRESSES: The Eagle Ridge Conference Center in Jackson, Mississippi at Hinds Community College, Raymond Campus, is located at 1500 Raymond Lake Road, Raymond, MS 39154. For directions or other information about the Conference Center, call 664-857-3100. All interested parties are invited to attend this Information Hearing. Seating may be limited and will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Hans Meeder, Executive Director, Twenty-First Century Workforce Commission, 1201 New York Avenue, NW, Suite 700, Washington, DC 20005. (Telephone (202-289-2939. TTY (202) 289-2977) These are not toll-free numbers. Email: *Workforce21@nab.com*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Establishment of the Twenty-First Century Workforce Commission was mandated by Subtitle C of Title III of the Workforce Investment Act, Sec. 331 of Pub. L. 105-220, 112 Stat. 1087-1091, (29 U.S.C. 2701 note), signed into law on August 7, 1998. The 15 voting member Twenty-First Century Workforce Commission is charged with studying all aspects of the information technology workforce in the United States. Notice is hereby given of the first Public Information Hearing of the

Twenty-First Century Workforce Commission.

The Workforce Investment Act (Pub. L. No. 105-220), signed into law on August 7, 1998, established the Twenty-First Century Workforce Commission. The Commission is charged with carrying out a study of the information technology workforce in the U.S., including the examination of the following issues:

1. What skills are currently required to enter the information technology workforce? What technical skills will be demanded in the near future?

2. How can the United States expand its number of skilled information technology workers?

3. How do information technology education programs in the United States compare with other countries in effectively training information technology workers? [The Commission study should place particular emphasis upon contrasting secondary, non-and-post-baccalaureate degree education programs available within the U.S. and foreign countries.]

The Workforce Investment Act directs the Commission to issue recommendations to the President and Congress within six months. The Commission first met on November 16, 1999, and will issue its recommendations by May 16, 2000.

Agenda: At the Jackson, Mississippi hearing, the Commission working group conducting the hearing will emphasize the following issues: (1) What are the Information Technology workforce needs of Mississippi and what strategies are the private sector, educational institutions, and federal, state and local governments developing and implementing to address these workforce shortages? (2) How can community colleges participate in initiatives to address information technology workforce development? (3) What are the special challenges and opportunities facing rural communities and what strategies are being developed and implemented to address these challenges and opportunities?

Commission Membership: The Workforce Investment Act mandates that 15 voting members be appointed by the President, Majority Leader of the Senate, and Speaker of the House (5 members each), including 3 educators, 3 state and local government representatives, 8 business representatives and 1 labor representative. The Act also mandates that the President appoint 2 ex-officio members, one each from the Departments of Labor and Education.

The Commissioners are: Chairman Lawrence Perlman, Ceridian

Corporation, Minneapolis, MN; Vice Chair, Katherine K. Clark, Landmark Systems Corporation, Reston, VA; Susan Auld, Capitol Strategies, Ltd., Montpelier, VT; Morton Bahr, Communication Workers of America, Washington, DC; Patricia Gallup, PC Communications, Inc., Merrimack, NH; Dr. Bobby Garvin, Mississippi Delta Community College, Moorhead, MS; Susan M. Green (ex officio), U.S. Department of Labor, Washington, DC; Randel Johnson, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Washington, DC; Roger Knutsen, National Council for Higher Education, Auburn, WA; Patricia McNeil (ex officio), U.S. Department of Education, Washington, DC; The Honorable Mark Morial, Mayor, City of New Orleans, LA; Thomas Murrin, Ph.D., Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA; Leo Reynolds, Electronic Systems, Inc., Sioux Falls, SD; The Honorable Frank Riggs, National Homebuilders Institute, Washington, DC; The Honorable Frank Roberts, Mayor, City of Lancaster, California; Kenneth Saxe, Stambaugh-Ness, York, PA; David L. Steward, World Wide Technology, Inc., St. Louis, MO; Hans K. Meeder, Executive Director, Washington, DC.

Public Participation: Members of the public are invited to attend this hearing. Several witnesses have been invited to testify by the Commissioners to address the questions identified on the Agenda. In addition, members of the public wishing to present oral statements to the Twenty-First Century Workforce Commission should forward their requests to Mr. Hans Meeder, Executive Director, as soon as possible and at least four days before the meeting. Requests should be made by email, fax machine, or telephone, as shown above.

Time permitting, the Commissioners will attempt to accommodate requests for oral presentations. Each member of the public who is selected to testify will be allotted a three minute period to present their oral remarks. Members of the public must limit oral statements to three minutes, but extended written statements may be submitted for the record. Members of the public may also submit written statements for distribution to the Commissioners and inclusion in the public record without presenting oral statements. Such written statements should be sent to Mr. Hans Meeder, as shown above, or may be submitted at the hearing site.

The Commission is establishing a web site, www.workforce21.org, that will become operational on January 20, 2000. Any written comments regarding documents published on this web site should be directed to Mr. Hans Meeder, as shown above.

Special Accommodations: Reasonable accommodations will be available. Persons needing any special assistance such as sign language interpretation, or other special accommodation, are invited to contact Mr. Hans Meeder, as shown above. Requests for accommodations must be made four days in advance of the hearing.

Due to difficulties of scheduling the members we are unable to provide a full 15-day advance notice of this meeting.

Signed at Washington, DC this 10th day of January, 2000.

Hans K. Meeder,

Executive Director, Twenty-First Century Workforce Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0099]

Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), 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 revision of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on the information needed to determine the eligibility of the surviving spouse, spouse or child of a veteran for educational assistance for the new program of education or place of training.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before March 14, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20S52), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0099" in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy J. Kessinger at (202) 273-7079 or FAX (202) 275-5947.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C., 3501-3520), 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, VBA invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VBA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VBA'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: Request for Change of Program or Place of Training—Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance, VA Form 22-5495.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0099.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: Spouses, surviving spouses, or children of veterans who are eligible for Dependent's Educational Assistance under 38 U.S.C., chapter 35, complete VA Form 22-5494 to change their program of education and/or place of training. VA uses the information to determine if the new program selected by a spouse, surviving spouse, or child, is suitable to their abilities, aptitudes, and interests and to verify that the new place of training is approved for benefits.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 5,500 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 30 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 11,000.

Dated: December 28, 1999.

By direction of the Secretary:

Sandra McIntyre,

Management Analyst, Information Management Service

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