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Re: Agency Information Collection Activities; Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program Applicant Forms, OMB Control No. 1293-0018, FR Doc. 2026-18498; and Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program Grant Recipient Reporting, OMB Control No. 1293-0014, FR Doc. 2026-18098

I write in my individual capacity on two related information collections of the Veterans' Employment and Training Service (VETS): the proposed Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program (HVRP) Applicant Forms collection (OMB Control No. 1293-0018) and the proposed HVRP Grant Recipient Reporting collection (OMB Control No. 1293-0014). I am an epidemiologist and security engineer, a U.S. Army combat infantryman with two combat deployments, and a service-connected disabled veteran who uses VA care and benefits. I know federal forms from the veteran's side of the desk, and I treat every hour an HVRP grantee spends on paperwork as an hour not spent with one of the nearly 16,000 veterans the program serves each year. Because the two notices move three applicant forms from one collection to the other and convert the remaining reporting to a single web-based system, I address them together under the four Paperwork Reduction Act questions each notice poses, and I am sending this comment under both control numbers.

Summary of recommendations: 1. Approve both revisions. Consolidating the applicant forms under 1293-0018 and moving recipient reporting from static Excel

and PDF forms to one web-based system with automated checks are the right direction, and the automated calculations, removal of outdated fields, and remediation-focused narrative questions are what well-designed forms look like. 2. State in the supporting statement the outcome measures the reporting collection exists to produce: placement in employment, retention at six and twelve months, housing status at exit and at follow-up, and cost per placement. Map every field on VETS-701, VETS-702, and VETS-703 to one of those measures or to a statutory monitoring requirement, and remove any field that maps to neither. Publish the measures annually by grantee. 3. Publish time per response for each form in both collections and the basis for each figure, and add a one-time transition estimate for the first reporting cycle in the new web system. 4. Apply data minimization to participant records: collect the identifiers, housing status, and health-related elements that the outcome measures and eligibility determination require and nothing more; state the retention period; and list every system or agency that receives participant-level data and the purpose for each. 5. Pre-populate recipient reports from the approved application so that goals, budget, personnel, and past performance are keyed once at application and never re-entered, and accept bulk upload from the case management systems grantees already run. 6. Publish the reporting system's own vital signs each year: on-time submission rate, field completeness, and the share of reports returned for correction, so that burden and data quality are measured rather than assumed.

The full comment is attached as a PDF.

Disclosure: I have no financial interest in any vendor or contract involving this program, and I was not compensated for this comment. I am a service-connected disabled veteran and a VA beneficiary; I am not an HVRP participant or grantee.

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