

insurance, construction contingencies, management contingencies, and other contingencies. The line items can be broken-up in enough detail such that specific areas of cost change can be sufficiently tracked, and future improvements made to the overall cost estimating methodology. A Program Total line should be included at the bottom of the spreadsheet. Narratives, tables, and/or graphs should accompany the updated cost spreadsheet, basically detailing the current cost status, reasons for cost deviations, impacts of cost overruns, and efforts to mitigate cost overruns. The following information should be provided:

- Reasons for each line-item deviation from the approved budget, impacts resulting from the deviations, and initiatives being analyzed or implemented in order to recover any cost overruns.
- Transfer of costs to and from contingency line items, and reasons supporting the transfers.
- Speculative cost changes that potentially may develop in the future, a quantified dollar range for each potential cost change, and the current status of the speculative change. Also, a comparison analysis to the available contingency amounts should be included, showing that reasonable and sufficient amounts of contingency remain to keep the project within the latest approved budget.
- Detailed cost breakdown of the general engineering consultant (GEC) services (if applicable), including such line items as contract amounts, task orders issued (amounts), balance remaining for tasks, and accrued (billable) costs.
- Federal obligations and/or disbursements for the project, compared to planned obligations and disbursements.

(g) *Federal Financial Report (SF-425)*. The Federal Financial Report (SF-425) is a financial reporting form used throughout the Federal Government Grant system. Recipients shall complete this form and attach it to each quarterly Project Progress and Monitoring Report. The form is available at <https://www.grants.gov/forms/post-award-reporting-forms.html>.

(h) *Certifications*.

- i. A certification that the Recipient is in compliance with 2 CFR 200.303 (Internal Controls) and 2 CFR part 200, subpart F (Audit Requirements).
- ii. The certification required under 2 CFR 200.415(a).

#### Performance Measurement Reports

RAISE Transportation Discretionary Grant program grantees will submit

Performance Measure Reports on the performance (or projected performance) of the project using the performance measures that the grantee and the Government selected through negotiations with the following timing and frequency requirements:

OST estimates that it takes approximately 5 person-hours to develop and submit an annual performance measure report. Grants awarded in prior years will reach completion and will begin to submit these reports. OST expects recipients and awardees from 2009–2012 have passed this reporting period, awardees from 2013–2015 will require 800 hours (160 projects × 5 hours each) to submit annual performance measurement reports while recipients and awardees from 2016–2018 will require 750 hours (150 projects × 5 hours each) in the next three years.

Grantees should use the following structure when preparing this report:

1. *Performance Measure Data Collection*. The Recipient shall collect the data necessary to report on each performance measure that is identified in the grant agreement. Grantees may select performance measures from the list available at <https://www.transportation.gov/administrations/office-policy/tiger-performance-measurement-guidance-appendix>, according to the type of project.

2. *Pre-project Performance Measurement Report*. The Recipient shall submit to DOT, on or before the Pre-project Report Date that is stated in the grant agreement, a Pre-project Performance Measurement Report that contains:

- a. Baseline data for each performance measure that is identified in the grant agreement, accurate as of the Pre-project Measurement Date; and
- b. A detailed description of the data sources, assumptions, variability, and estimated levels of precision for each measure.

3. *Interim Performance Measurement Reports*. After project completion, the Recipient shall submit to DOT on or before each of the periodic reporting dates specified in the Performance Measurement Table in the grant agreement, an Interim Performance Measurement Report containing data for each performance measure that is identified in that table, accurate as of the final date of the measurement period specified in that table. If an external factor significantly affects the value of a performance measure during a measurement period, then in the Interim Performance Measurement Report the Recipient shall identify that external

factor and discuss its influence on the performance measure.

4. *Project Outcomes Report*. The Recipient shall submit to DOT, on or before the Project Outcomes Report Date that is stated in the grant agreement, a Project Outcomes Report that contains:

- a. A narrative discussion detailing project successes and the influence of external factors on project expectations;
- b. All baseline and interim performance measurement data that the Recipient reported in the Pre-project Performance Measurement Report and the Interim Performance Measurement Reports; and

(3) an *ex post* examination of project effectiveness relative to the baseline data that the Recipient reported in the Pre-project Performance Measurement Report.

*Public Comments Invited*: You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the Department's performance; (b) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (c) ways for the Department to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (d) ways that the burden could be minimized without reducing the quality of the collected information. The agency will summarize and/or include your comments in the request for OMB's clearance of this information collection.

*Authority*: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. chapter 35, as amended; and 49 CFR 1:48.

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0829]

**Agency Information Collection Activity: 21P-0969 Income and Asset Statement in Support of Claim for Pension or Parents' Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC)**

**AGENCY:** Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Veterans Benefits Administration, 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.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before September 5, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information through Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at [www.Regulations.gov](http://www.Regulations.gov) or to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20M33), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420 or email to [nancy.kessinger@va.gov](mailto:nancy.kessinger@va.gov). Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900–0829” in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through FDMS.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Maribel Aponte, Office of Enterprise and Integration, Data Governance Analytics (008), 810 Vermont Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20420, (202) 266–4688 or email [maribel.aponte@va.gov](mailto:maribel.aponte@va.gov). Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900–0829” in any correspondence.

**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, 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.

*Authority:* U.S. Code: 38 U.S.C. 1503; U.S. Code: 38 U.S.C. 1541; U.S. Code: 38 U.S.C. 1543; U.S. Code: 38 U.S.C. 1315.

*Title:* 21P–0969 Income and Asset Statement in Support of Claim for Pension or Parents’ Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC).

*OMB Control Number:* 2900–0829.

*Type of Review:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

*Abstract:* The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) through its Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) administers an integrated program of benefits and services, established by law, for Veterans, service personnel, and their dependents and/or beneficiaries. Title 38 U.S.C. 5101(a), 38 CFR 1502, 38 CFR 1503 provides that a specific claim in the form provided by the Secretary must be filed in order for benefits to be paid to any individual under the laws administered by the Secretary. VA Form 21P–0969, Income and Asset Statement

in Support of Claim for Pension or Parents’ Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC), is the prescribed form for Veterans Pension applications.

The following updates were made:

- Reorganized the layout to group instructions first, then questions.
- Income and asset types reorganized for easier completion by claimants and faster processing.
- Income and Asset information has been expanded.
- Updated instructions.
- New standardization data points; to include optical character recognition boxes. This is a non-substantive change.
- Date range added to better aid in processing and allows for claimants to report historical information.
- Specific options provided for specific questions to reduce ambiguity.
- Questions regarding trusts and annuities expanded to reduce development.
- Signature blocks added to allow for standalone submissions.

*Affected Public:* Individuals and households.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 22,917 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden per Respondent:* 25 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* One time, or as needed.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 55,000.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Maribel Aponte,**

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