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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Optional Form To Record Redemption of Series EE and I U.S. Savings Bonds Issued After 1989.

*OMB Number:* 1545-1151.

*Form Number:* 8818.

*Abstract:* Under Internal Revenue Code section 135, if an individual redeems U.S. savings bonds issued after 1989 and pays qualified higher education expenses during the year, the interest on the bonds is excludable from income. Form 8818 can be used to keep a record of the bonds cashed so that the taxpayer can claim the proper interest exclusion.

*Current Actions:* There are no changes being made to the form at this time.

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

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 50,000.

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:* 38 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 32,000.

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: September 24, 2003.

**Glenn Kirkland,**

*IRS Reports Clearance Officer.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

##### Research and Development Office; Government Owned Invention Available for Licensing

**AGENCY:** Research and Development Office, Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice of Government owned invention available for licensing.

**SUMMARY:** The invention listed below is owned by the U.S. Government as represented by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and is available for licensing in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 207 and 37 CFR part 404 to achieve expeditious commercialization of results of federally funded research and development. Foreign patents are filed on selected inventions to extend market coverage for U.S. companies and may also be available for licensing.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Technical and licensing information on the invention may be obtained by writing to: Robert W. Potts, Department of Veterans Affairs, Director Technology Transfer Program, Research and Development Office, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420; fax: 202-254-0473; e-mail at [bob.potts@hq.med.va.gov](mailto:bob.potts@hq.med.va.gov). Any request for information should include the Number and Title for the relevant invention as indicated below. Issued patents may be obtained from the Commissioner of Patents, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The invention available for licensing is:

US Patent Application No. 08/956,518; Australian Patent No. 752331: "Alpha-7 Nicotinic Receptor"

Dated: September 24, 2003.

**Anthony J. Principi,**

*Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

##### Professional Certification and Licensure Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that the Professional Certification and Licensure Advisory Committee has scheduled a meeting on Wednesday, October 15, 2003, at the Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Benefits Administration Education Conference Room 601V, 1800 G Street, NW., Washington, DC, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on the requirements of organizations or entities offering licensing and certification tests to individuals for which payment for such tests may be made under chapters 30, 32, 34, or 35 of Title 38, United States Code.

The meeting will begin with opening remarks and introduction of new members by Ms. Sandra Winborne, Committee Chair. During the morning session, the Committee will receive a report on outreach activities, and a presentation on licensure and certification usage. The afternoon session will include a progress report on improvements to the Licensing and Certification Approval System (LACAS), and discussion of any old or new business.

Interested persons may file written statements to the committee before the meeting, or within 10 days after the meeting, with Mr. Giles Larrabee, Designated Federal Official, Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Benefits Administration (225B), 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420. Oral statements from the public will be heard at 1 p.m. Any member of the public wishing to attend the meeting should contact Mr. Giles Larrabee or Mr. Michael Yunker at (202) 273-7187.

Dated: September 17, 2003.

By Direction of the Secretary:

**E. Philip Riggins,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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