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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Information Reporting Program Advisory Committee; Renewal of Charter

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS),
Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Charter for the Information Reporting Program Advisory Committee will renew for a two-year period beginning November 5, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Lorenza Wilds; National Public Liaison, 202-622-6440 (not a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. (1988), and with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury to announce the renewal of the Information Reporting Program Advisory Committee (IRPAC). The primary purpose of the Advisory Committee is to provide an organized forum for senior Internal Revenue Service executives and representatives of the public to consider relevant information reporting issues. As such, the IRPAC: (i) Conveys the public's perception of IRS activities; (ii) advises with respect to specific information reporting administration issues; (iii) provides constructive observations regarding current or proposed IRS policies, programs, and procedures; and (iv) proposes significant improvements in information reporting operations. Because each Operating Division relies on the Information Reporting Program, the IRS must ensure application of a coordinated approach when addressing information reporting issues. Therefore, acknowledging the critical role of information reporting, emphasizing its commitment to the Information Reporting Program, and as a measure of the IRPAC's importance, a centralized coordinating mechanism, the Information Reporting Program Policy Council (IRP Policy Council) was established to formulate and coordinate strategic and crosscutting information reporting issues. A counterpart to the IRPAC consisting of IRS executives from each Operating Division, the IRP Policy

Council facilitates cross-divisional consistency in information reporting and provides strategic leadership for the Service-wide direction of the Information Reporting Program. In addition, the IRP Policy Council considers and prioritizes the recommendations of the IRPAC as part of the strategic planning process, and meets regularly with Committee members to identify and recommend strategic issues for consideration.

To accomplish its objective of close alignment with the needs and strategic goals of the IRS while remaining a strong external feedback mechanism, it is essential that IRPAC members comprise a diverse group of dedicated and talented professionals who bring substantial disparate experience and backgrounds to bear on Committee activities. Membership is balanced to include, representation from the taxpaying public, the tax professional community, small and large businesses, state tax administration, and the payroll community.

Dated: November 5, 2001.

Nancy A. Thoma,

*Designated Federal Official, Acting Director,
National Public Liaison.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Internal Revenue Service Advisory Council; Renewal of Charter

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS),
Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Charter for the Internal Revenue Service Advisory Council will renew for a two-year period beginning November 5, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Lorenza Wilds; National Public Liaison, 202-622-6440 (not a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. (1988), and with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury to announce the renewal of the Internal Revenue Service Advisory Council (IRSAC). The primary purpose of the Advisory Council is to provide an organized public forum for senior Internal Revenue Service executives and representatives of the public to discuss relevant tax administration issues. As an advisory body designed to focus on broad policy matters, the IRSAC reviews existing tax

policy and/or makes recommendations with respect to emerging tax administration issues. As such, the IRSAC suggests operational improvements, offers constructive observations regarding current or proposed IRS policies, programs, and procedures, and advises the Commissioner with respect to issues having substantive effect on federal tax administration. Conveying the public's perception of IRS activities to the Commissioner, the IRSAC is comprised of individuals who bring substantial, disparate experience and diverse backgrounds to bear on the IRSAC's activities. Membership is balanced to include representation from the taxpaying public, the tax professional community, small and large businesses, state tax administration, and the payroll community.

Dated: November 5, 2001.

Nancy A. Thoma,

*Designated Federal Official, Acting Director,
National Public Liaison.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Open Meeting of the New York Metro Citizen Advocacy Panel

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS),
Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: An open meeting of the New York Metro Citizen Advocacy Panel will be held in Brooklyn, New York.

DATES: The meeting will be held
Thursday December 6, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Eileen Cain at 1-888-912-1227 or 718-
488-3555.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. (1988) that an operational meeting of the Citizen Advocacy Panel will be held Thursday December 6, 2001, 6 p.m. to 9:20 p.m. at the Internal Revenue Service, 625 Fulton Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201.

For more information or to confirm attendance, notification of intent to attend the meeting must be made with Eileen Cain. Mrs. Cain can be reached at 1-888-912-1227 or 718-488-3555. The public is invited to make oral comments from 9 p.m. to 9:20 p.m. on Thursday December 6, 2001.

Individual comments will be limited to 5 minutes. If you would like to have

the CAP consider a written statement, please call 1-888-912-1227 or 718-488-3555, or write Eileen Cain, CAP Office, P.O. Box R, Brooklyn, NY, 11201. The Agenda will include the following: various IRS issues.

Note: Last minute changes to the agenda are possible and could prevent effective advance notice.

Dated: November 7, 2001.

John Mannion,

Director, Program Planning & Quality.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Open Meeting of Citizen Advocacy Panel, Midwest District

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: A meeting of the Midwest Citizen Advocacy Panel will be held in Clive, Iowa.

DATES: The meeting will be held Thursday, December 6, 2001, and Friday, December 7, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sandra McQuin at 1-888-912-1227, or 414-297-1604.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. (1988) that an open meeting of the Citizen Advocacy Panel (CAP) will be held Thursday, December 6, 2001, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Friday, December 7, 2001, from 8 a.m. to Noon at the Country Inn & Suites, 1350 N.W. 118th Street, Clive, Iowa. The Citizen Advocacy Panel is soliciting public comment, ideas, and suggestions on improving customer service at the Internal Revenue Service. Public comments will be welcome during the meeting, or you can submit written comments to the panel by faxing to (414) 297-1623, or by mail to Citizen Advocacy Panel, Mail Stop 1006 MIL, 310 West Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53203-2221.

The Agenda will include the following: Reports by the CAP sub-groups, presentation of taxpayer issues by individual members, and discussion of issues.

Note: Last minute changes to the agenda are possible and could prevent effective advance notice.

Dated: November 2, 2001.

Cathy VanHorn,

Director, CAP, Communication and Liaison.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of Thrift Supervision

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of Thrift Supervision (OTS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comment.

SUMMARY: The proposed information collection requirement described below has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. OTS is soliciting public comments on the proposal.

DATES: Submit written comments on or before December 14, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Send comments, referring to the collection by title of the proposal or by OMB approval number, to OMB and OTS at these addresses: Alexander Hunt, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503, or e-mail to ahunt@omb.eop.gov; and Information Collection Comments, Chief Counsel's Office, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552, fax to (202) 906-6518, or e-mail to infocollection.comments@ots.treas.gov. OTS will post comments and the related index on the OTS Internet Site at www.ots.treas.gov. In addition, interested persons may inspect comments at the Public Reference Room, 1700 G Street, NW., by appointment. To make an appointment, call (202) 906-5922, send an e-mail to publicinfo@ots.treas.gov, or send a facsimile transmission to (202) 906-7755.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To obtain a copy of the submission to OMB, contact Sally W. Watts at sally.watts@ots.treas.gov, (202) 906-7380, or facsimile number (202) 906-6518, Regulations and Legislation Division, Chief Counsel's Office, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: OTS may not conduct or sponsor an information collection, and respondents are not required to respond to an information collection, unless the information

collection displays a currently valid OMB control number. As part of the approval process, we invite comments on the following information collection.

Title of Proposal: Merger Applications.

OMB Number: 1550-0016.

Form Number: Interagency Bank Merger Application.

Regulation requirement: 12 CFR 563.22(a), 12 CFR 546, and 12 CFR 552.13.

Description: The Bank Merger Act and the OTS merger regulations require a savings association that proposes to combine with either another savings association or insured depository institution to obtain written approval from the OTS.

Type of Review: Renewal.

Affected Public: Savings Associations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 16.

Estimated Frequency of Response: Annually.

Estimated Burden Hours per Response: 31 hours.

Estimated Total Burden: 496 hours.

Clearance Officer: Sally W. Watts, (202) 906-7380, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552.

OMB Reviewer: Alexander Hunt, (202) 395-7860, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: November 6, 2001.

Deborah Dakin,

Deputy Chief Counsel, Regulations and Legislation Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0095]

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