

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.

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**Glenn P. Kirkland,**

*IRS Reports Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

#### Request for Nominations to the Electronic Tax Administration Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Electronic Tax Administration Advisory Committee (ETAAC), was established to provide continued input into the development and implementation of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) strategy for electronic tax administration. The ETAAC provides an organized public forum for discussion of electronic tax administration issues in support of the overriding goal that paperless filing should be the preferred and most convenient method of filing tax and information returns. ETAAC members convey the public's perception of IRS electronic tax administration activities, offer constructive observations about current or proposed policies, programs, and procedures, and suggest improvements. This document seeks nominations of individuals to be considered for selection as Committee members.

The Director, Electronic Tax Administration (ETA) will assure that the size and organizational representation of the ETAAC obtains balanced membership and includes representatives from various groups including: (1) Tax practitioners and preparers, (2) transmitters of electronic returns, (3) tax software developers, (4) large and small businesses, (5) employers and payroll service providers, (6) individual taxpayers, (7) financial industry (payers, payment options and best practices), (8) system integrators (technology providers), (9) academic (marketing, sales or technical perspectives), (10) trusts and estates, (11) tax exempt organizations, and (12)

state and local governments. We are soliciting nominations from professional and public interest groups, IRS officials, the Department of Treasury, and Congress. Members serve a three-year term on the ETAAC to allow a change in membership. The change of members on the Committee ensures that different perspectives are represented. All travel expenses within government guidelines will be reimbursed.

**DATES:** Written nominations must be received on or before May 3, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Nominations should be sent to Kim Logan, OS:CIO:I:ET:S:RM, C4-158, 5000 Ellin Road, Lanham, Maryland 20706. Application forms can be obtained from Kim Logan, who can be reached on (202) 283-1947 or at [kim.a.logan@irs.gov](mailto:kim.a.logan@irs.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kim Logan, (202) 283-1947.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The ETAAC will provide continued input into the development and implementation of the IRS strategy for electronic tax administration. The ETAAC members will convey the public's observations about current or proposed policies, programs, and procedures, and suggest improvements. The ETAAC will also provide an annual report to Congress on IRS progress in meeting the Restructuring and Reform Act of 1998 goals for electronic filing of tax returns. This activity is based on the authority to administer the Internal Revenue laws conferred upon the Secretary of the Treasury by section 7802 of the Internal Revenue Code and delegated to the Commissioner of the Internal Revenue. The ETAAC will research, analyze, consider, and make recommendations on a wide range of electronic tax administration issues and will provide input into the development of the strategic plan for electronic tax administration.

Nominations should describe and document the proposed member's qualifications for membership to the Committee. Equal opportunity practices will be followed in all appointments to the Committee. To ensure that the recommendations of the Committee have taken into account the needs of the diverse groups served by the Department, membership will include, to the extent practicable, individuals, with demonstrated ability to represent minorities, women, and persons with disabilities.

Dated: March 24, 2004.

**Jo Ann N. Bass,**

*Acting Director, Electronic Tax Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

#### Software Developers Conference

**AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

**ACTION:** Software Developers Conference Notification.

**SUMMARY:** The Software Developers Conference will be held on June 3-4, 2004. The conference will be held in the Ritz-Carlton Pentagon City Hotel in Arlington, VA. Listed is a summary of the agenda along with the planned discussion topics.

#### Summarized Agenda for June 3-4, 2004

8 a.m.—Conference Begins  
12 noon—Break for Lunch  
1 p.m.—Conference Resumes  
4:30 p.m.—Conference Adjourns

The planned discussion topics are:

- (1) Modernized e-File (MeF)
- (2) Electronic Return Originator (ERO) Application
- (3) e-Services
- (4) IRS Servicewide e-Strategy
- (5) 2-D Barcoding

**Note:** Last minute changes to these topics are possible and could prevent advance notice.

**DATES:** There will be a Software Developers Conference on Thursday and Friday, June 3 and 4, 2004. This conference will be held in a room that accommodates approximately 200 people, including IRS officials.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held in the Ritz-Carlton Pentagon City Hotel, 1250 South Hayes Street, Arlington, VA 22202.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Registration for the Software Developers Conference may be accessed at <http://www.eventhotline.com/irs>. Participants should register on-line for the conference by June 2, 2004.

If you need additional information you may contact Kim Logan at (202) 283-1947 or send an e-mail to [kim.a.logan@irs.gov](mailto:kim.a.logan@irs.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The IRS Software Developers Conference provides information and dialogue on issues of interest to IRS e-file software developers.

Dated: March 23, 2004.

**Jo Ann N. Bass,**

*Acting Director, Electronic Tax Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

#### Open Meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel

**AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** An open meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel will be conducted (via teleconference). The Taxpayer Advocacy Panel (TAP) will be discussing issues on IRS Customer Service.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held Monday, May 3, 2004.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Anne Gruber at 1 (888) 912-1227, or (206) 220-6096.

**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 Ad Hoc Committee of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel will be held Monday, May 3, 2004, from 8 a.m. Pacific time to 9 a.m. Pacific time via a telephone conference call. If you would like to have the TAP consider a written statement, please call 1 (888) 912-1227 or (206) 220-6096, or write to Anne Gruber, TAP Office, 915 2nd Avenue, MS W-406, Seattle, WA 98174.

The agenda will include the following: Various IRS issues.

Dated: March 29, 2004.

**Bernard Coston,**

*Director, Taxpayer Advocacy Panel.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### National Research Advisory Council; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Pub. L. 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that the National Research Advisory Council will hold a meeting on Tuesday, April 13, 2004, at the Sofitel Lafayette Square, 806 15th Street, NW., Washington, DC

20005, from 8:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. The meeting is open to the public. The purpose of the Council is to provide external advice and review for VA's research mission.

The meeting will begin with opening remarks by the Acting Chief Research and Development Officer. The Council will receive informational briefings on the status of the VA research program.

Any member of the public wishing to attend the meeting or wishing further information should contact Ms. Karen Scott, Designated Federal Officer, at (202) 254-0200. Oral comments from the public will not be accepted at the meeting. Written statements or comments should be transmitted electronically to [Karen.scott@hq.med.va.gov](mailto:Karen.scott@hq.med.va.gov) or mailed to Ms. Scott at Department of Veterans Affairs, Office of Research and Development (12C), 810 Vermont Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20420. Items mailed via United States Postal Service require 7-10 days for delivery due to delays resulting from security measures.

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By Direction of the Secretary.

**E. Philip Riggins,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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