

selection is based on the applicant's qualifications as well as the segment or group that he/she represents.

The Internal Revenue Service Advisory Council (IRSAC) provides an organized public forum for IRS officials and representatives of the public to discuss relevant tax administration issues. The council advises the IRS on issues that have a substantive effect on federal tax administration. As an advisory body designed to focus on broad policy matters, the IRSAC reviews existing tax policy and/or recommends policies with respect to emerging tax administration issues. The IRSAC suggests operational improvements, offers constructive observations regarding current or proposed IRS policies, programs, and procedures, and advises the IRS with respect to issues having substantive effect on federal tax administration.

DATES: Written nominations must be received on or before July 31, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Nominations should be sent to Ms. Jacqueline Tilghman, National Public Liaison, CL:NPL:P, Room 7559 IR, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224, Attn: IRSAC Nominations; or by e-mail:

public_liaison@irs.gov. Applications may be submitted by mail to the address above or faxed to 202-927-5253.

However, if submitted via a facsimile, the original application must be received by mail, as National Public Liaison cannot consider an applicant nor process his/her application prior to receipt of an original signature.

Application packages are available on the Tax Professional's Page, which is located on the IRS Internet Web site at <http://www.irs.gov/taxpros/index.html>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Jacqueline Tilghman, 202-622-6440 (not a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: IRSAC was authorized under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, the first Advisory Group to the Commissioner of Internal Revenue—or the Commissioner's Advisory Group ("CAG")—was established in 1953 as a "national policy and/or issue advisory committee."

Renamed in 1998, the Internal Revenue Service Advisory Council (IRSAC) reflects the agency-wide scope of its focus as an advisory body to the entire agency. The IRSAC's primary purpose is to provide an organized public forum for senior IRS executives and representatives of the public to discuss relevant tax administration issues.

Conveying the public's perception of IRS activities, the IRSAC is comprised

of individuals who bring substantial, disparate experience and diverse backgrounds on the Council'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.

IRSAC members are appointed by the Commissioner of the Internal Revenue Service and serve a term of three years. IRSAC working groups mirror the reorganized IRS and address policies and administration issues specific to three Operating Divisions (Small Business/Self Employed; Large Mid-Size Business; and Wage & Investment). Members are not paid for their services. However, travel expenses for working sessions, public meetings and orientation sessions, such as airfare, per diem, and transportation to and from airports, train stations, etc., are reimbursed within prescribed federal travel limitations.

Receipt of nominations will be acknowledged, nominated individuals contacted, and immediately thereafter, biographical information must be completed and returned to Ms. Jacqueline Tilghman in National Public Liaison within fifteen (15) days of receipt. In accordance with Department of Treasury Directive 21-03, a clearance process including, fingerprints, annual tax checks, a Federal Bureau of Investigation criminal and subversive name check, and a practitioner check with the Office of Professional Responsibility will be conducted.

Equal opportunity practices will be followed for all appointments to the IRSAC in accordance with the Department of Treasury and IRS policies. To ensure that the recommendations of the IRSAC have taken into account the needs of the diverse groups served by the IRS, membership shall include individuals who demonstrate the ability to represent minorities, women, and persons with disabilities.

Dated: April 25, 2006.

Chris Neighbor,

Designated Federal Official, National Public Liaison.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Low Income Taxpayer Clinic Grant Program; Availability of 2007 Grant Application Package

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This document contains a notice that the IRS has made available the grant application package and guidelines (Publication 3319) for organizations interested in applying for a Low Income Taxpayer Clinic (LITC) matching grant for the 2007 grant cycle (January 1, 2007, through December 31, 2007). The IRS will award a total of up to \$6,000,000 (unless otherwise provided by specific Congressional appropriation) to qualifying organizations, subject to the limitations of Internal Revenue Code section 7526, for LITC matching grants.

DATES: Grant applications for the 2007 grant cycle must be received by the IRS no later than 4 p.m. EDT on July 7, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Send completed grant applications to: Internal Revenue Service, Taxpayer Advocate Service, LITC Program Office, TA:LITC, Attention: LITC Applications, 1111 Constitution Ave. NW., Room 1034, Washington, DC 20224. Copies of the 2007 Grant Application Package and Guidelines, IRS Publication 3319 (Rev. 5-2006), can be downloaded from the IRS Internet site at <http://www.irs.gov/advocate> or ordered from the IRS Distribution Center by calling 1-800-829-3676. Applicants can also file electronically at <http://www.grants.gov>. For applicants applying through the Federal Grants Web site, the Funding Number is TREAS-GRANTS-052007-001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The LITC Program Office at 202-622-7186 (not a toll-free number) or by e-mail at LITCProgramOffice@irs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Section 7526 of the Internal Revenue Code authorizes the IRS, subject to the availability of appropriated funds, to award organizations matching grants of up to \$100,000 per year for the development, expansion, or continuation of qualified low income taxpayer clinics. Section 7526 authorizes the IRS to provide grants to qualified organizations that represent low income taxpayers in controversies

with the IRS or inform individuals for whom English is a second language of their tax rights and responsibilities. The IRS may award grants to qualifying organizations to fund one-year, two-year or three-year project periods. Grant funds may be awarded for start-up expenditures incurred by new clinics during the grant period. The costs of preparing and submitting an application are the responsibility of each applicant. Each application will be given due consideration and the LITC Program Office will mail notification letters to each applicant no later than November 30, 2006.

Selection Considerations

Applications that pass the eligibility screening process will be numerically ranked based on the information contained in each proposed program plan. Please note that the IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) Programs are independently funded and separate from the LITC Program. Organizations currently participating in the VITA or TCE Programs may also be eligible to apply for a LITC grant if they meet the criteria and qualifications outlined in the *2007 Grant Application Package and Guidelines*. Organizations that seek to operate VITA and LITC Programs, or TCE and LITC Programs, must maintain separate and distinct programs even if co-located to ensure proper cost allocation for LITC grant funds and adherence to the rules and regulations of the VITA, TCE, and LITC Programs, as appropriate. In addition to the criteria and qualifications outlined in the *2007 Grant Application Package and Guidelines*, to foster parity regarding clinic availability and accessibility for taxpayers nationwide, the IRS will consider the geographic areas served by applicants as part of the decision-making process. The IRS will also seek to attain a proper balance of academic and nonprofit organizations, as well as a proper balance of start-up and existing clinics.

Comments

Interested parties are encouraged to provide comments on the IRS's administration of the grant program on an ongoing basis. Comments may be sent to: Internal Revenue Service, Taxpayer Advocate Service, Attn: W.R. Swartz, LITC Program Office, 290

Broadway, 14th Floor, New York, NY 10007.

Nina E. Olson,

National Taxpayer Advocate, Internal Revenue Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Advisory Group to the Internal Revenue Service; Tax Exempt and Government Entities Division (TE/GE); Meeting

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Advisory Committee on Tax Exempt and Government Entities (ACT) will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, June 7, 2006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Steven J. Pyrek, Director, TE/GE Communications and Liaison; 1111 Constitution Ave., NW., SE:T:CL—Penn Bldg.; Washington, DC 20224. Telephone: 202-283-9966 (not a toll-free number). E-mail address: Steve.J.Pyrek@irs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: By notice herein given, pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. (1988), a public meeting of the ACT will be held on Wednesday, June 7, 2006, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., at the Internal Revenue Service; 1111 Constitution Ave., NW., Room 3313; Washington, DC. Issues to be discussed relate to Employee Plans, Exempt Organizations, and Government Entities.

Reports from four ACT subgroups cover the following topics:

- Document Compliance Program for 403(b) Arrangements
- Public Employers' Toolkit for Preparing Payrolls
- Policies and Guidelines for Form 990 Revision
- Effects of IRS Audit Information on the Tax-Exempt Bond Market

Last minute agenda changes may preclude advance notice. Due to limited seating and security requirements, attendees must call Cynthia PhillipsGrady to confirm their attendance.

Ms. PhillipsGrady can be reached at (202) 283-9954. Attendees are encouraged to arrive at least 30 minutes before the meeting begins to allow sufficient time for security clearance. Picture identification must be

presented. Please use the main entrance at 1111 Constitution Ave., NW., to enter the building.

Should you wish the ACT to consider a written statement, please call (202) 283-9966, or write to: Internal Revenue Service; 1111 Constitution Ave., NW., SE:T:CL—Penn Bldg.; Washington, DC 20224, or e-mail Steve.J.Pyrek@irs.gov.

Dated: May 2, 2006.

Steven J. Pyrek,

Designated Federal Official, Tax Exempt and Government Entities Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Open Meeting of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Issue Committee

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: An open meeting of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel VITA Issue Committee will be conducted. The Taxpayer Advocacy Panel is soliciting public comment, ideas, and suggestions on improving customer service at the Internal Revenue Service.

DATES: The meeting will be held Tuesday, June 6, 2006, at 3 p.m. eastern time.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Sandy McQuin at 1-888-912-1227, or (414) 231-2360.

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 a meeting of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel VITA Issue Committee will be held Tuesday, June 6, 2006, at 3 p.m. eastern time via a telephone conference call. You can submit written comments to the panel by faxing to (414) 231-2363, or by mail to Taxpayer Advocacy Panel, Stop 1006MIL, 211 West Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53203-2221, or you can contact us at <http://www.improveirs.org>. Public comments will also be welcome during the meeting. Please contact Sandy McQuin at 1-888-912-1227 or at (414) 231-2360 for additional information.

The agenda will include the following: Various IRS issues.

Dated: May 2, 2006.

John Fay,

Acting Director, Taxpayer Advocacy Panel.

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