

referring beneficiaries and recipients to alternate participants for services;

- Assuming complete responsibility for providing management information; and

- Developing and implementing procedures to monitor and review reimbursement claims submitted by alternate participants for completeness of documentation and compliance with SSA filing requirements.

At the conclusion of the RSVP demonstration project we will have determined: (1) The feasibility of a contractor performing certain administrative functions of SSA's VR referral and reimbursement program; (2) what type of VR service providers are willing to serve SSA beneficiaries and recipients under the expanded VR referral and reimbursement system; (3) what types of disability groups, alternate participants are willing to serve; (4) whether using alternate participants resulted in greater numbers of SSA beneficiaries and recipients engaging in SGA; (5) if a greater understanding of SSA's work incentive provisions both by providers of services and by beneficiaries and recipients resulted; (6) whether SSA received more claims for reimbursement; (7) if there is an improvement in the quality of claims filed for reimbursement which can be attributed to the contractor's reviews of claims for completeness of documentation and compliance with SSA filing requirements; and (8) whether beneficiaries, recipients, alternate participants, and SSA are satisfied with the management of the process by an outside organization.

**Authority:** Section 505(a) of Pub. L. 96-265, as amended by section 12101 of Pub. L. 99-272, section 10103 of Pub. L. 101-239, section 5120 of Pub. L. 101-508, and section 315 of Pub. L. 103-296; and section 1110(b) of the Social Security Act.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Programs Nos. 96.001, Social Security-Disability Insurance; 96.002 Social Security-Retirement Insurance; 96.004 Social Security-Survivors Insurance; 96.006-Supplemental Security Income.)

Dated: April 21, 1997.

**John J. Callahan,**

*Acting Commissioner of Social Security.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[STB Ex Parte No. 347 (Sub-No. 2)]

#### Rate Guidelines—Non-Coal Proceedings

**AGENCY:** Surface Transportation Board.

**ACTION:** Updated RSAM and Average R/VC > 1.8 percentages for the period 1992-1995.

**SUMMARY:** The Surface Transportation Board established guidelines for handling small maximum rate complaints in *Rate Guidelines—Non-Coal Proceedings*, Ex Parte No. 347 (Sub-No. 2) (served Dec. 31, 1996). In that decision, the Board provided tables containing composite "Revenue Shortfall Allocation Method" (RSAM) and "Average Revenue to Variable Cost > 1.80" (Average R/VC > 1.8) percentages for class I railroads for the period 1991-1994 for use in addressing small rail rate complaints.

The Board has now updated these tables to provide percentages for the period 1992-1995. In addition, the Board has computed regional (Eastern and Western) and national percentages for use in proceedings involving non-class I railroads.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** May 1, 1997.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** William H. Washburn, (202) 565-1550. TDD for the hearing impaired (202) 565-1695.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The updated tables are contained in the Board's notice. To purchase a copy of the notice, write to, call, or pick up in person from: DC NEWS & DATA, INC., Suite 210, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423, (202) 289-4357. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through TDD services (202) 565-1695.]

This action will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment or energy conservation.

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 605(b), we conclude that our action will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities within the meaning of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

Decided: April 18, 1997.

By the Board, Chairman Morgan and Vice Chairman Owen.

**Vernon A. Williams,**  
*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Forms 5712 and 5712-A

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

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning Form 5712, Election To Be Treated as a Possessions Corporation Under Section 936, and Form 5712-A, Election and Verification of the Cost Sharing or Profit Split Method Under Section 936(h)(5).

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before June 30, 1997 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Garrick R. Shear, Internal Revenue Service, room 5571, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the form and instructions should be directed to Martha R. Brinson, (202) 622-3869, Internal Revenue Service, room 5571, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Title:** Election To Be Treated as a Possessions Corporation Under Section 936 (Form 5712), and Election and Verification of the Cost Sharing or Profit Split Method Under Section 936(h)(5) (Form 5712-A).

**OMB Number:** 1545-0215

**Form Number:** 5712 and 5712-A

**Abstract:** Domestic corporations may elect to be treated as possessions corporations on Form 5712. This election allows the corporation to take a tax credit. Possession corporations may elect on Form 5712-A to share their taxable income with their affiliates under Internal Revenue Code section 936(h)(5). These forms are used by the IRS to ascertain if corporations are entitled to the credit and if they may share their taxable income with their affiliates.

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

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

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit organizations.

*Estimated Number of Responses:* 2,600

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 6hr., 59 min.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 18,138.

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: April 23, 1997.

**Garrick R. Shear,**

*IRS Reports Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form 9465

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

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort

to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning Form 9465, Installment Agreement Request.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before June 30, 1997 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Garrick R. Shear, Internal Revenue Service, room 5571, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the form and instructions should be directed to Martha R. Brinson, (202) 622-3869, Internal Revenue Service, room 5571, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Installment Agreement Request.

*OMB Number:* 1545-1350.

*Form Number:* 9465.

*Abstract:* Form 9465 is used by the public to provide identifying account information and financial ability to enter into an installment agreement for the payment of taxes. The form is used by IRS to establish a payment plan for taxes owed to the federal government, if appropriate, and to inform taxpayers about the application fee and their financial responsibilities.

*Current Actions:* The application fee was increased as a result of increased costs in handling and processing Form 9465.

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

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Number of Responses:* 2,500,000.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 47 min.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 1,950,000.

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: April 24, 1997.

**Garrick R. Shear,**

*IRS Reports Clearance Officer.*

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## UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY

### Public and Private Nonprofit Organizations in Support of International Educational and Cultural Activities: The Training of Personnel To Staff and Administer a Judicial Training Institution in the Palestinian Authority

**AGENCY:** The United States Information Agency.

**NOTICE:** Request for proposals.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Citizen Exchanges (E/P) of the United States Information Agency's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs announces an open competition for an assistance award. Public and private non-profit organizations meeting the provisions described in IRS regulation 26 CFR 1.501(c) may apply to develop, in close consultation with leading American specialists in judicial training and USIS Jerusalem, an educational project for the personnel who will staff and administer a soon-to-be-established judicial training institution in the Palestinian Authority. The project will provide ten Palestinians—directors and administrators of the proposed institution and judges who will teach there—orientation to and experience in curriculum and text development, training methodology, and