

Dated: March 24, 1999.

Raymond W. Kelly,

Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Fiscal Service

Financial Management Service; Proposed Collection of Information: Annual Letter—Certification of Authority

AGENCY: Financial Management Service, Fiscal Service, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Financial Management Service, 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 a continuing information collection. By this notice, the Financial Management Service solicits comments concerning the form "Annual Letter—Certification of Authority."

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before June 1, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Financial Management Service, 3361-L 75th Avenue, Landover, Maryland 20785.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the form(s) and instructions should be directed to the Surety Bond Branch, 3700 East-West Highway, Hyattsville, Maryland 20782, (202) 874-6850.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), the Financial Management Service solicits comments on the collection of information described below.

Title: Annual Letter—Certification of Authority.

OMB Number: 1510-0057.

Form Number: None.

Abstract: This letter is used to collect information from companies to determine their acceptability and solvency to write or reinsure federal surety bonds.

Current Actions: Extension of currently approved collection.

Type of Review: Regular.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 312.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 62 hours 30 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 19,500.

Comments: Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget 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.

Dated: March 25, 1999.

Judith R. Tillman,

Assistant Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Information Reporting Program Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting of the Information Reporting Program Advisory Committee.

SUMMARY: In 1991 the IRS established the Information Reporting Program Advisory Committee (IRPAC) in response to a recommendation made by the United States Congress. The primary purpose of IRPAC is to provide an organized public forum for discussion of relevant information reporting issues between the officials of the IRS and representatives of the payer/practitioner community. IRPAC offers constructive observations about current or proposed policies, programs, and procedures and, when necessary, suggests ways to improve the operation of the Information Reporting Program (IRP).

There will be a meeting of IRPAC on Wednesday, April 28, 1999. The meeting will be held in Room 126 of the Senate Dirksen Office Building, which is located at Constitution Avenue and 1st Street, NE., Washington, DC. It is

suggested that meeting attendees enter the building through the Constitution Avenue entrance. A summarized version of the agenda along with a list of topics that are planned to be discussed are listed below.

Summarized Agenda for Meeting on April 28, 1999

Wednesday, April 28, 1999

9:00—Meeting Opens
11:30—Break for Lunch
1:00—Meeting Resumes
5:00—Meeting Adjourns

The topics that are planned to be covered are as follows:

- (1) Counting the Number of B-12 Notices
- (2) Schedule K-1 (Form 1065) Substitute Statements
- (3) Distributions from Conduit IRAs of Former U.S. Residents and NRA Withholding Rules
- (4) Revision of the Form 5472
- (5) Changes to IRS Instructions to Clarify Education IRA Reporting Requirements
- (6) Resolving Excess Contributions in a Roth IRA after the Tax Filing Deadline
- (7) Qualified Settlement Fund Proposed Guidance
- (8) Form 1441 Requirements and the Form W-9
- (9) Follow-up on Combined Filing of Information Returns by Paying Agents
- (10) Follow-up on Guidance on Claiming Exemptions on Form W-4—Frustrated Non-Filers
- (11) IRS Update on Martinsburg Computing Center Initiatives
- (12) IRS Update on Electronic Tax Administration IRP Initiatives
- (13) IRS Update on HOPE Credit/Lifetime Learning Credit

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: IRPAC reports to the National Director, Office of Specialty Taxes, who is the executive responsible for information reporting payer compliance.

IRPAC is instrumental in providing advice to enhance the IRP Program. Increasing participation by external stakeholders in the planning and improvement of the tax system will help achieve the goals of increasing voluntary compliance, reducing burden, and improving customer service. IRPAC is currently comprised of 20 representatives from various segments of the information reporting payer/practitioner community. IRPAC members are not paid for their time or services, but consistent with Federal regulations, they are reimbursed for

their travel and lodging expenses to attend two public meetings each year.

DATES: The meeting will be open to the public, and will be in a room that accommodates approximately 100 people, including members of IRPAC and IRS officials. Seats are available to members of the public on a first-come, first-served basis. In order to get your name on the list of public attendees, *please call Ms. Gloria Wilson at 202-622-4393, no later than Friday, April 23, 1999.* Notification of intent to attend should include your name, organization and phone number. If you leave this information for Ms. Wilson in a voice-

mail message, please spell out all names. A draft of the agenda will be available via facsimile transmission the week prior to the meeting. Please call Ms. Gloria Wilson at 202-622-4393 on or after Monday, April 19, 1999, to have a copy of the agenda faxed to you. Please note that a draft agenda will not be available until that date.

ADDRESSES: If you would like to have IRPAC consider a written statement at a future IRPAC meeting (not this upcoming meeting), please write to Ms. Kate LaBuda at the IRS, Office of Payer Compliance, OP:EX:ST:PC, Room 2013,

1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC, 20224.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To get on the list of public attendees for this meeting, or to have a copy of the agenda faxed to you (on or after April 19, 1999), call Ms. Gloria Wilson at 202-622-4393. For general information about IRPAC call Ms. Kate LaBuda at 202-622-3404.

Dated: March 23, 1999.

Kate LaBuda,

(Acting) Director, Office of Payer Compliance, Office of Examination.

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