

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**Submission for OMB Review;
Comment Request**

April 8, 1999.

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DATES: Written comments should be received on or before May 17, 1999 to be assured of consideration.

Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

OMB Number: 1545-1581.

Regulation Project Number: REG-209485-86 Final.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Continuation Coverage Requirements Applicable to Group Health Plans.

Description: The statute and the regulations require group health plans to provide notices to individuals who are entitled to elect the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985 (COBRA) continuation coverage of their election rights. Individuals who wish to obtain the benefits provided under the statute are required to provide plans notices in the cases of divorce from the covered employee, a dependent child's ceasing to be dependent under the terms of the plan, and disability. Most plans will require that elections of COBRA continuation coverage be made in writing. In cases where qualified beneficiaries are short by an insignificant amount in a payment made to the plan, the regulations require the plan to notify the qualified beneficiary if the plan does not wish to treat the tendered payment as full payment. If a health care provider contacts a plan to confirm coverage of a qualified beneficiary, the regulations require that the plan disclose the qualified beneficiary's complete rights to coverage.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit, Individuals or households, Not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,800,000.

Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent: 14 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Total Reporting Burden: 404,640 hours.

Clearance Officer: Garrick Shear, Internal Revenue Service, Room 5571, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20224.

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

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Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

OMB Number: 1545-1483.

Form Number: IRS Form W-7.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Application for IRS Individual Taxpayer Identification Number.

Description: Regulations under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) section 6109 provide for a type of taxpayer identifying number called the "IRS Individual Taxpayer Identification Number" (ITIN). Individuals who currently do not have, and are not eligible to obtain, social security numbers can apply for this number on Form W-7. Taxpayers may use this number when required to furnish a taxpayer identifying number under regulations. An ITIN is intended for tax use only.

Respondents: Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 500,000.

Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent:

Learning about the law or the form 13 minutes

Preparing the form—29 minutes

Copying, assembling and sending the form to the IRS—20 minutes

Frequency of Response: Other (Individuals file once to get an ITIN.)

Estimated Total Reporting Burden: 525,000 hours.

OMB Number: 1545-1645.

Revenue Procedure Number: Revenue Procedure 99-13.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Section 403(b) Plan Corrections and Closing Agreements.

Description: This revenue procedure modifies and amplifies Revenue Procedure 98-22, 1998-12 I.R.B. 11, and provides guidance to employers, custodians and individual taxpayers with respect to the administration of tax-sheltered annuity arrangements within the meaning of section 403(b) of the Code. In so doing, a mechanism to make certain corrections to section 403(b) plans.

Respondents: Not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents/Recordkeeping: 500.

Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent/Recordkeeper: 3 hours, 48 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Total Reporting/Recordkeeping Burden: 1,899 hours.

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Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

OMB Number: 1545-0152.

Form Number: IRS Form 3115.
Type of Review: Extension.
Title: Application for Change in Accounting Method.
Description: Form 3115 is used by taxpayers who wish to change their method of computing their taxable income. The form is used by the IRS to determine if electing taxpayers have met

the requirements and are able to change to the method requested.
Respondents: Business or other for-profit, Individuals or households, Not-for-profit institutions, Farms.
Estimated Number of Respondents/Recordkeepers: 6,400
Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent/Recordkeeper:

Form	Recordkeeping	Learning about the law or the form	Preparing and sending the form to the IRS
Form 3115	20 hr., 34 min	3 hr., 15 min	4 hr., 56 min.
Schedule A	4 hr., 18 min	1 hr., 41 min	1 hr., 50 min.
Schedule B	4 hr., 47 min	46 min	2 hr., 4 min.
Schedule C	27 hr., 1 min	1 hr., 40 min	3 hr., 22 min.
Schedule D	5 hr., 1 min	1 hr., 59 min	2 hr., 9 min.

Frequency of Response: Other (when needed).

Estimated Total Reporting/Recordkeeping Burden: 272,062 hours.

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organization, public administration, and business and trade. The grantee organization should work closely with hosts in planning and implementing internships to ensure rich and meaningful educational experiences, professionally and culturally.

Institutions with less than four years of international exchange experience are not eligible to apply for a grant under this program.

Interested applicants should read the complete **Federal Register** announcement before sending inquiries or submitting proposals. Once the RFP deadline has passed, Agency staff may not discuss this competition with applicants until the proposal review process has been completed.

Announcement Name and Number

All correspondence with USIA concerning this RFP should reference the above title and number *E/P-99-51*.

Deadline for Proposals

All proposal copies must be received at the U.S. Information Agency by 5 p.m. Washington, DC time on Monday, May 17, 1999. Faxed documents will not be accepted at any time. Documents postmarked the due date but received on a later date will *not* be accepted. It is the responsibility of each grant applicant to ensure that proposals are received by the above deadline.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Interested organizations/institutions may contact the Office of Citizen Exchanges, (E/P), Room 220, United States Information Agency, 301 Fourth Street, SW, Washington, DC 20547, telephone (202) 260-2745, email: otamches@usia.gov to request a Solicitation Package. The Solicitation Package contains detailed award criteria, required certification forms, specific budget instructions and

standard guidelines for proposal preparation. Please specify USIA Program Officer Orna Tamches on all inquiries and correspondence.

To Download a Solicitation Package via Internet

The entire Solicitation Package may be downloaded from USIA's website at <http://e.usia.gov/education/rfps>. Please read all information before downloading.

To Receive a Solicitation Package via Fax on Demand

The entire Solicitation Package may be requested from the Bureau's "Grants Information Fax on Demand System," which is accessed by calling 202/401-7616. The "Table of Contents" listing available documents and order numbers should be the first order when entering the system.

ADDRESSES: Applicants must follow all instructions given in the Solicitation Package. The original and 10 copies of the application should be sent to: U.S. Information Agency, Ref.: E/P-99-51, Office of Grants Management, E/XE, Room 326, 301 4th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20547.

Program Information

Overview

The Office of Citizen Exchanges works with U.S. private sector, non-profit organizations on cooperative projects that introduce American and foreign participants to each others' social, economic, and political structures, and international interests. The Office has launched a new Africa Regional Internship Program, a practical exchange program designed to promote democratic leadership and citizen participation among key sectors of society. The ARIP will link mid-career professionals from Sub-Saharan Africa

UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY

Africa Regional Internship Program; Notice: Request for Proposals

SUMMARY: The Africa/Near East/South Asia Division of the Office of Citizen Exchanges of the United States Information Agency's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs announces an open competition for an assistance award to manage the Africa Regional Internship Program (ARIP). One award is anticipated. Public and private non-profit organizations meeting the provisions described in IRS regulation 26 CFR 1.501(c) may submit proposals to assume management of the citizen exchange program. Grants are subject to the availability of funds. The goal of the ARIP is to promote democratic leadership and citizen participation among key sectors of society. The ARIP will link mid-career professionals from Sub-Saharan Africa with U.S. counterpart institutions and groups for internships in the areas of education, non-governmental