

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Forms 5310 and 6088

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 5310, Application for Determination Upon Termination, and Form 6088, Distributable Benefits from Employee Pension Benefit Plans.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before March 14, 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: Form 5310, Application for Determination Upon Termination, and Form 6088, Distributable Benefits from Employee Pension Benefit Plans.

OMB Number: 1545-0202.

Form Number: Forms 5310 and 6088.

Abstract: Employers who have qualified deferred compensation plans can take an income tax deduction for contributions to their plans. Form 5310 is used to request an IRS determination letter about the plan's qualification status (qualified or non-qualified) under Internal Revenue Code section 401(a). Form 6088 is used to show the amounts of distributable benefits to participants in the plan.

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 Respondents: 30,000.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 34 hr., 35 min.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,037,700.

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: January 6, 1997.

Garrick R. Shear,

IRS Reports Clearance Officer.

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[Project no. TIRNO-97-R-00018]**Proposed Establishment of a Federally Funded Research and Development Center**

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) intends to sponsor a Federally Funded Research and Development Center (FFRDC) to provide system engineering and technical assistance along with strategic advice and guidance. Also required will be technical management capabilities to facilitate the operation and modernization of Tax Systems. The FFRDC will be established under the authority of 48 CFR Subpart 35.017. The

FFRDC shall provide technical advice and assistance to the IRS and/or its contractors in the areas of program and project management. This will consist of expert advice/guidance focused on increasing the effectiveness and efficiency of strategic information management and technical activities. The FFRDC will be available for IRS's Chief Information Officer (CIO) or the CIO's designees or Department of the Treasury executive support. Examples of this support may include, but are not limited to the following:—Information Systems (IS) input to business case development—Business Process Analysis—IS management and oversight of IRS contractors—Evaluation of IRS contractors' performance and development of performance measures—Development of recommendations regarding a prime integration contractor—Evaluation of IRS effectiveness—Ad hoc technical advice—Acquisition Support as necessary. This procurement will not involve a request for proposals. However, expressions of interest and qualification or capability statements should be submitted by interested entities who are capable of fulfilling this requirement. The qualification or capability statements received will be used to select potentially qualified entities, which may at a later date be requested to submit additional information and/or provide an oral presentation as part of a final selection. Please submit comments on this action no later than January 28, 1997. This is the first of three announcements issued under the authority of 48 CAR 5.205 (b).

DATES: The IRS will appreciate receiving qualification or capability statements at your earliest convenience, however, this information must be received within 15 days after the third (3rd) publication of this announcement to be considered.

ADDRESSES: Responses to this notice must be mailed to the Internal Revenue Service, A/C Procurement, Office of End Users Systems Branch, 6009 Oxon Hill Road, Oxon Hill, MD 20745 7th floor/ Constellation Building M:P:I:E

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Upon request, a copy of a scope of work for the intended FFRDC will be mailed to any interested party or interested parties can download the information from the IRS Procurement Bulletin Board System (PBBS). Please follow these instructions to access the PBBS, dial the following number (202) 799-0943. Your system must be set at the following defaults: Baud Rate of 9600, No Parity, 8 Data Bits, 1 Stop Bit. The system will prompt you for your name, business name and address, the kind of system you are