

Telephone Screener (Taxpayers With Penalties)—5 minutes  
 Telephone Screener (Taxpayers Without Penalties)—5 minutes  
 Focus Group Interviews—2 hours  
 Travel Time—1 hour

*Frequency of Response:* Other.

*Estimated Total Reporting Burden:* 280 hours.

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*OMB Reviewer:* Alexander T. Hunt (202) 395-7860, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10226, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Lois K. Holland,

*Departmental Reports Management Officer.*  
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### Fiscal Service

[Dept. Circ. 570, 1996 Rev., Supp. No. 5]

#### Surety Companies Acceptable on Federal Bonds; Greenwich Insurance Company

A Certificate of Authority as an acceptable surety on Federal Bonds is hereby issued to the following company under Sections 9304 to 9308, Title 31, of the United States Code. Federal bond-approving officers should annotate their reference copies of the Treasury Circular 570, 1996 Revision, on page 34294 to reflect this addition:

*Greenwich Insurance Company.* One Greenwich Plaza, P.O. Box 2568, Greenwich, Connecticut 06836-2568. Phone: (203) 622-5200. Underwriting Limitation: \$2,842,000. Surety Licenses: AL, AK, AS, AZ, AR, CA, CO, CT, DE, DC, FL, GA, GU, HI, ID, IL, IN, IA, KS, KY, LA, ME, MD, MA, MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NE, NV, NH, NJ, NM, NY, NC, ND, OH, OK, OR, PA, PR, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VT, VA, VI, WA, WV, WI, WY. Incorporated in: California.

Certificates of Authority expire on June 30 each year, unless revoked prior to that date. The Certificates are subject to subsequent annual renewal as long as the companies remain qualified (31 CFR part 223). A list of qualified companies is published annually as of July 1 in Treasury Department Circular 570, with details as to underwriting limitations, areas in which licensed to transact surety business and other information.

The Circular may be viewed and downloaded through the Internet (<http://www.fms.treas.gov/c570.html>) or through our computerized public bulletin board system (FMS Inside Line)

at (202) 874-6887. A hard copy may be purchased from the Government Printing Office (GPO), Subscription Service Washington, DC, telephone (202) 512-1800. When ordering the Circular from GPO, use the following stock number: 048-000-00499-7.

Questions concerning this Notice may be directed to the U.S. Department of the Treasury, Financial Management Service, Funds Management Division, Surety Bond Branch, 3700 East-West Highway, Room 6F04, Hyattsville, MD 20782, telephone (202) 874-6765.

Dated: January 13, 1997.

Charles F. Schwan III,

*Director, Funds Management Division, Financial Management Service.*

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### Internal Revenue Service

[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 and Office of Federal Procurement Policy Letter 84-1. 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. This is the second of three announcements issued under the authority of 48 CFR 5.205 (b).

**DATES:** Please submit comments on this proposed action no later than February 21, 1997. 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 using, user ID and a password of your choice. At the Main System Menu the following will appear "Make your selection (T,F,E, etc. . .):" Type "L" and press the <ENTER> Key. Type "S" to select a library and press the <ENTER> Key. Type "RFP" and press the <ENTER> Key. Type "F" and press the <ENTER> Key to list files. Press the <ENTER> Key to view the list of files. Type "C" to view the file list. Download the file "FFRDC.DOC". The system operates 24 hours a day 7 days a week. Send a written request, for a copy of the statement of work, to the contracting officer at the address specified above. No oral communication will be accepted. Qualification or Capability

Statement, should be submitted in written form to the Contracting Officer at the address specified above.

Responses to this notice should make reference to Project No. TIRNO-97-R-00018.

Gregory D. Rothwell,

*Assistant Commissioner (Procurement).*

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