

*Regulation Project Number:* FI-221-83 (notice of proposed rulemaking) and FI-100-83 (temporary regulation).

*Abstract:* These regulations relate to the treatment of Indian tribal governments as States for certain Federal tax purposes. The regulations provide that if the governing body of a tribe, or its subdivision, is not designated as an Indian tribal government or subdivision thereof for purpose of sections 7701(a)(40) and 7871 of the Internal Revenue Code, it may apply for a ruling to that effect from the Internal Revenue Service.

*Current Actions:* There is no change to these existing regulations.

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

*Affected Public:* State, local or tribal governments.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 25.

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:* 1 hour.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 25.

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.

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**Garrick R. Shear,**

*IRS Reports Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Revenue Procedure 98-22

**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 Revenue Procedure 98-22, Employee Plans Compliance Programs.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before May 18, 1998 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 revenue procedure should be directed to Carol Savage, (202) 622-3945, Internal Revenue Service, room 5569, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Employee Plans Compliance Programs.

*OMB Number:* 1545-1598.

*Revenue Procedure Number:* Revenue Procedure 98-22.

*Abstract:* This revenue procedure provides a comprehensive system of correction programs for sponsors of retirement plans that are intended to satisfy the requirements of section 401(a) or 403(a) of the Internal Revenue Code, but that have not met these requirements for a period of time. This system permits plan sponsors to correct these qualification failures and thereby continue to provide their employees with retirement benefits on a tax-favored basis.

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

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

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households, business or other-for-profit organizations, not-for-profit institutions and state, local, or tribal governments.

*Estimated Number of Respondents/Recordkeepers:* 2,000.

*Estimated Time Per Respondent/Recordkeeper:* 21 hours, 30 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Reporting/Recordkeeping Burden Hours:* 43,000.

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## UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY

### USIA Seeks Private Sector Support for U.S. Pavilion at Hannover Expo 2000

**AGENCY:** United States Information Agency.