

(2) Disclose to Federal agencies, departments and agencies for whom payments are made, and payees;

(3) Disclose pertinent information to appropriate Federal, State, local or foreign agencies responsible for investigating or prosecuting violations of, or for enforcing or implementing, a statute, rule, regulation, order, or license, where the disclosing agency becomes aware of an indication of a violation or potential violation of civil or criminal law or regulation;

(4) Disclose information to a Federal, State, or local agency, maintaining civil, criminal or other relevant enforcement information or other pertinent information, which has requested information relevant to or necessary to the requesting agency's or the bureau's hiring or retention of an individual, or issuance of a security clearance, license, contract, grant, or other benefit;

(5) Disclose information to a court, magistrate, or administrative tribunal in the course of presenting evidence, including disclosures to opposing counsel or witnesses in the course of civil discovery, litigation, or settlement negotiations, in response to a subpoena, or in connection with criminal law proceedings;

(6) Disclose information to foreign governments in accordance with formal or informal international agreements;

(7) Provide information to a congressional office in response to an inquiry made at the request of the individual to whom the record pertains;

(8) Provide information to the news media in accordance with guidelines contained in 28 CFR 50.2 which relate to an agency's functions relating to civil and criminal proceedings;

(9) Provide information to unions recognized as exclusive bargaining representatives under the Civil Service Reform Act of 1978, 5 U.S.C. 7111 and 7114;

(10) Provide information to third parties during the course of an investigation to the extent necessary to obtain information pertinent to the investigation;

(11) Disclose information concerning delinquent debtors to Federal creditor agencies, their employees, or their agents for the purpose of facilitating or conducting Federal administrative offset, Federal tax refund offset, Federal salary offset, or for any other authorized debt collection purpose;

(12) Disclose information to any State, Territory or Commonwealth of the United States, or the District of Columbia to assist in the collection of State, Commonwealth, Territory or District of Columbia claims pursuant to a reciprocal agreement between FMS

and the State, Territory, Commonwealth or the District of Columbia; and

(13) Disclose to the Defense Manpower Data Center and the United States Postal Service and other Federal agencies through authorized computer matching programs for the purpose of identifying and locating individuals who are delinquent in their repayment of debts owed to the Department or other Federal agencies in order to collect those debts through salary offset and administrative offset, or by the use of other debt collection tools.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

STORAGE:

Storage is on magnetic media and hard copy.

RETRIEVABILITY:

Records are retrieved by name, employer identification number (EIN) and social security number.

SAFEGUARDS:

These records are available only to those persons whose official duties require such access. Records are kept in limited access areas during duty hours and in locked cabinets at all other times. Records are password protected and are maintained in a building subject to 24-hour security.

RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:

Records are retained for three years. Records are disposed of in accordance with Treasury Directive 25-02, Records Disposition Management Program.

SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:

Chief Disbursing Officer, Financial Management Service, 401 14th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20227.

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:

Inquiries under the Privacy Act of 1974 shall be sent to the Disclosure Officer at 401 14th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20227. All individuals making inquiries should provide with their request as much descriptive matter as is possible to identify the particular record desired. The system manager will advise as to whether the Service maintains the record requested by the individual.

RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:

Individuals requesting information under the Privacy Act of 1974 concerning procedures for gaining access or contesting records should write to the Disclosure Officer at the address shown above. All individuals are urged to examine the rules of the U.S. Department of the Treasury

published in 31 CFR part 1, subpart C concerning requirements of this department with respect to the Privacy Act of 1974.

CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:

See Record Access Procedures above.

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

Information is obtained from vouchers, payment tapes and electronic data transmissions via the Electronic Certification System by departments and agencies for whom payments are made.

EXEMPTIONS CLAIMED FOR THE SYSTEM:

None.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Cognitive and Psychological Research Coordinated by Statistics of Income on Behalf of All IRS Operations Functions

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 Cognitive and Psychological Research Coordinated by Statistics of Income on Behalf of All IRS Operations Functions.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before October 22, 2001 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Garrick R. Shear, Internal Revenue Service, room 5244, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection should be directed to Carol Savage, (202) 622-3945, Internal Revenue Service, room 5242, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Cognitive and Psychological Research Coordinated by Statistics of

Income on Behalf of All IRS Operations Functions.

OMB Number: 1545–1349.

Abstract: The proposed research will improve the quality of data collection by examining the psychological and cognitive aspects of methods and procedures such as: interviewing processes, forms redesign, survey and tax collection technology and operating procedures (internal and external in nature).

Current Actions: We will be conducting different opinion surveys, focus group sessions, think-aloud interviews, and usability studies regarding cognitive research surrounding forms submission or IRS system/product development.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Individuals and businesses or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 30,000.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 35 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 17,500.

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: August 16, 2001.

Garrick R. Shear,

IRS Reports Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

[PS–268–82]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Regulation Project

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 an existing final regulation, PS–268–82 (TD 8696), Definitions Under Subchapter S of the Internal Revenue Code (Section 1.1377–1).

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before October 22, 2001 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Garrick R. Shear, Internal Revenue Service, room 5244, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the regulation should be directed to Martha Brinson (202) 622–3869, Internal Revenue Service, room 5244, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Definitions Under Subchapter S of the Internal Revenue Code.

OMB Number: 1545–1462.

Regulation Project Number: PS–268–82.

Abstract: Section 1.1377–1(b)(4) of the regulation provides that an S corporation making a terminating election under Internal Revenue Code section 1377(a)(2) must attach a statement to its timely filed original or amended return required to be filed

under Code section 6037(a). The statement must provide information concerning the events that gave rise to the election and declarations of consent from the S corporation shareholders.

Current Actions: There is no change to this existing regulation.

Type of Review: Extension of OMB approval.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations, and individuals.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 4,000.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 15 mins.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,000.

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: August 15, 2001.

Garrick R. Shear,

IRS Reports Clearance Officer.

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