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 5300, Application for Determination for Employee Benefit Plan, and Schedule Q (Form 5300), Elective Determination Requests.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before December 17, 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 forms and instructions should be directed to Carol Savage, (202) 622–3945, Internal Revenue Service, room 5242, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Application for Determination for Employee Benefit Plan (Form 5300), and Elective Determination Requests (Schedule Q (Form 5300)).

OMB Number: 1545–0197.

Form Number: Form 5300 and Schedule Q (Form 5300).

Abstract: Internal Revenue Code sections 401(a) and 501(a) set out requirements for qualification of employee benefit trusts and the tax exempt status of these trusts. Form 5300 is used to request a determination letter from the IRS for the qualification of a defined benefit or a defined contribution plan and the exempt status of any related trust. The information requested on Schedule Q (Form 5300) relates to the manner in which the plan satisfies certain qualification requirements concerning minimum participation, coverage, and nondiscrimination.

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 and individuals.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 185,000.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 43 hours, 1 minute.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 7,955,750.

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: October 10, 2001.

Garrick R. Shear,

IRS Reports Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form 5307

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 5307, Application for Determination for Adopters of Master or Prototype or Volume Submitter Plans.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before December 17, 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 form and instructions should be directed to Carol Savage, (202) 622–3945, Internal Revenue Service, room 5242, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Application for Determination for Adopters of Master or Prototype or Volume Submitter Plans.

OMB Number: 1545–0200.

Form Number: 5307.

Abstract: Employers whose pension plans meet the requirements of Internal Revenue Code section 401(a) are permitted a deduction for their contributions to these plans. To have a plan qualified under Code section 401(a), the employer must submit an application to the IRS as required by regulation § 1.401–1(b)(2). Form 5307 is used as an application for this purpose by adopters of master or prototype or volume submitter plans.

Current Actions: There are no changes being made to the form at this time.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 100,000.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 45 hours, 40 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 4,566,000.

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: October 10, 1001.

Garrick R. Shear,

IRS Reports Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Advisory Group to the Tax Exempt and Government Entities Division of the Internal Revenue Service; Charter

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS); Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Treasury Department has determined that it is in the public interest to renew the Advisory Committee on Tax Exempt and Government Entities. The Department has filed a charter for an additional two-year term for the Committee.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steven J. Pyrek, Tax Exempt and Government Entities, T:CL, 6th Floor Penn Bldg., 1111 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20224. Telephone: 202–283–9966 (not a toll-free number). E-mail address: *steve.j.pyrek@irs.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The charter to renew the Advisory Committee on Tax Exempt and Government Entities was filed on August 6, 2001. The Committee's name has been changed from Tax Exempt Advisory Committee to more accurately reflect the membership and purpose of the Committee: To represent the customer base and stakeholders of the Tax Exempt and Government Entities Division of the IRS. The Advisory Committee consists of stakeholders from the communities of: Employee Plans: Exempt Organizations; Federal, State and Local Governments; Indian Tribal Governments; and Tax Exempt Bonds. The Committee is established to provide an organized public forum for discussion of relevant issues between these communities and officials of the IRS. The Committee members will present in an organized and constructive fashion the interested public's observations about current or proposed Tax Exempt and Government Entities Division programs and procedures and will suggest improvements in the on-going IRS modernization and restructuring process.

Dated: August 29, 2001.

Steven J. Pyrek,

Designated Federal Official, Director, Communications and Liaison, Tax Exempt and Government Entities Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Open Meeting of the New York Metro Citizen Advocacy Panel

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Amendment to notice.

SUMMARY: An open meeting of the New York Metro Citizen Advocacy Panel will be held in Brooklyn, New York.

DATES: The meeting will be held Wednesday, October 24, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Eileen Cain at 1–888–912–1227 or 718–488–3555.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. (1988) that an operational meeting of the Citizen Advocacy Panel will be held Wednesday, October 24, 2001, 6 p.m. to 9:20 p.m. at the Internal Revenue Service, 625 Fulton Street, Brooklyn, NY.

For more information or to confirm attendance, notification of intent to attend the meeting must be made with Eileen Cain. Mrs. Cain can be reached at 1–888–912–1227 or 718–488–3555.

The public is invited to make oral comments from 9 p.m. to 9:20 p.m. on Wednesday, October 24, 2001.

Individual comments will be limited to 5 minutes. If you would like to have the CAP consider a written statement, please call 1–888–912–1227 or 718–488–3555, or write Eileen Cain, CAP Office, P.O. Box R, Brooklyn, NY 11201. The Agenda will include the following: Various IRS issues.

Note: Last minute changes to the agenda are possible and could prevent effective advance notice.

Dated: October 10, 2001.

Cindy Vanderpool,

Detailed Director, Citizen Advocacy Panel Communications and Liaison.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Special Enrollment Examination Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service, Office of Director of Practice, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of Federal advisory committee meeting.

SUMMARY: Notice is given of a meeting of the Special Enrollment Examination Advisory Committee.

DATES: The meeting will be held Thursday, November 15, 2001 (8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.) and Friday, November 16 (8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.). Written requests to speak at the meeting or to attend the meeting must be received no later than November 8, 2001.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at offices of the Internal Revenue Service, Bankamerica Building, 200 W Adams Street, Room 608 A and B, Chicago, Illinois. Written requests to speak at the meeting or to attend the meeting must be mailed, faxed, or e-mailed to: Internal Revenue Service, Office of Director of Practice, N:C:SC:DOP, Attn: Kathy Hughes, Designated Federal Officer, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224; fax number 202–694–1934; e-mail address *Kathy.E.Hughes@irs.gov.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kathy Hughes, Designated Federal Officer, Special Enrollment Examination Advisory Committee, at 202–694–1851.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the meeting is to cover the following agenda:

Thursday, November 15, 2001

8:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m.
Public Session: Discussion of Continuing Professional Education Courses

1 p.m.–3 p.m.
Public Session: Formulation of Continuing Professional Education Guidelines

3 p.m.–4 p.m.