

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of regulations should be directed to Carol Savage, (202) 622-3945, or through the Internet (CAROL.A.SAVAGE@irs.gov.), Internal Revenue Service, room 6407, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Title:

REG-105316-98, Credit for Increasing Research Activities; REG-105316-98; REG-161424-01; and REG-107184-00 (TD 8992), Information Reporting for Qualified Tuition and Related Expenses; Magnetic Media Filing Requirements for Information Returns.

OMB Number: 1545-1678.

Regulation Project Numbers: REG-105316-98; REG-161424-01; and REG-107184-00.

Abstract: These regulations relate to the information reporting requirements in section 6050S of the Internal Revenue Code for payments of qualified tuition and related expenses and interest on qualified education loans. These regulations provide guidance to eligible education institutions, insurers, and payees required to file information returns and to furnish information statements under section 6050S.

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 not-for-profit institutions.

The burden is reflected in the burdens for Form 1098-T and Form 1098E.

Estimated total annual reporting burden for 2002 for Form 1098-T: 4,848,090 hours.

Estimated average annual burden hours per response for Form 1098-T: 13 minutes.

Estimated number of responses for 2002 for Form 1098-T: 21,078,651.

Estimated total annual reporting burden for 2002 for Form 1098-E: 1,051,357 hours.

Estimated average annual burden hours per response for Form 1098-E: 7 minutes.

Estimated number of responses for 2002 for Form 1098-E: 8,761,303.

The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information covered by this notice:

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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: November 12, 2002.

Carol Savage,

Program Analyst.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**Internal Revenue Service****Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Tip Rate Determination Agreement (Gaming Industry)**

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, Pub. L. 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning the Tip Rate Determination Agreement (Gaming Industry).

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before January 17, 2003 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Glenn P. Kirkland, Internal Revenue

Service, room 6411, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the Tip Rate Determination Agreement (Gaming Industry) should be directed to Carol Savage, (202) 622-3945, or through the Internet (CAROL.A.SAVAGE@irs.gov.), Internal Revenue Service, room 6407, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Title: Tip Rate Determination Agreement (Gaming Industry).

OMB Number: 1545-1530.

Abstract: Information is required by the Internal Revenue Service in its compliance efforts to assist employers and their employees in understanding and complying with Internal Revenue Code section 6053(a), which requires employees to report all their tips monthly to their employers.

Current Actions: There is no change to this existing information collection.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 100.

Estimated Average Time Per Respondent: 43 hr., 40 min.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 4,367.

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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: November 12, 2002.

Carol Savage,

Program Analyst.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of Thrift Supervision

[AC-9: OTS Nos. H-3917 and 01680]

Sound Federal Bancorp, Inc., Mamaroneck, New York; Approval of Conversion Application

Notice is hereby given that on November 12, 2002, the Director, Supervision, Office of Thrift Supervision ("OTS"), or her designee, acting pursuant to delegated authority, approved the application of Sound Federal Savings and Loan Association, Mamaroneck, New York, to convert to the stock form of organization. Copies of the application are available for inspection by appointment (phone number: 202-906-5922 or e-mail: Public.Info@OTS.Treas.gov) at the Public Reading Room, OTS, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552, and the OTS Northeast Regional Office, 10 Exchange Place, 18th Floor, Jersey City, New Jersey 07302.

Dated: November 13, 2002.

By the Office of Thrift Supervision.

Nadine Y. Washington,

Corporate Secretary.

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UNITED STATES INSTITUTE OF PEACE

Announcement of the Spring 2003 Solicited Grant Competition Grant Program

AGENCY: United States Institute of Peace.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Agency announces its Upcoming Spring 2003 Solicited Grant Competition. The solicited grant competition is restricted to projects that fit specific themes and topics identified in advance by the Institute of Peace.

The themes and topics for the Spring 2003 solicited competition are:

- *Solicitation A:* Democracy and governance in Muslim countries.
- *Solicitation B:* Education, conflict, and peacebuilding in ethnically divided societies and regions.

Deadline (Receipt of Application Material): March 1, 2003.

Notification of Awards: September 30, 2003.

Applications Material: Available upon request.

ADDRESSES: For more information and an application package: United States Institute of Peace, Grant Program, Solicited Grants, 1200 17th Street, NW., Suite 200, Washington, DC 20036-3011, (202) 429-3842 (phone), (202) 833-1018 (fax), (202) 457-1719 (TTY), E-mail: grant_program@usip.org.

Application material available on-line now at: <http://www.usip.org/grants.html>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Grant Program, phone (202) 429-3842.

Dated: November 12, 2002.

Bernice J. Carney,

Director, Office of Administration.

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UNITED STATES INSTITUTE OF PEACE

Announcement of the Spring Unsolicited Grant Competition Grant Program

AGENCY: United States Institute of Peace.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Agency announces its Upcoming Unsolicited Grant Program, which offers support for research, education and training, and the dissemination of information on international peace and conflict resolution. The unsolicited competition is open to any project that falls within the Institute's broad mandate of international conflict resolution.

Deadline (Receipt of Application Material): March 1, 2003.

Notification of Awards: September 30, 2003.

Applications Material: Available upon request.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Grant Program, phone (202) 429-3842. E-mail: grant_program@usip.org.

Dated: November 12, 2002.

Bernice J. Carney,

Director, Office of Administration.

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