

*Description:* This submission covers an existing regulation and involves no change to the regulation or to the information collection requirements. The OCC requests only that OMB extend its approval of the information collection.

These information collection requirements are required under the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act (Pub. L. 106-102) which required the OCC to issue regulations as necessary to implement notice requirements and restrictions on a financial institution's ability to disclose nonpublic personal information about consumers to nonaffiliated third parties.

The information collection requirements in part 40 are as follows: Section 40.4(a) requires a bank to provide an initial notice to consumers that accurately reflects its privacy policies and practices.

Section 40.5(a) requires a bank to provide a notice annually to customers during the continuation of the customer relationship that accurately reflects the bank's privacy policies and practices.

Section 40.7(a)(1) requires a bank to provide a clear and conspicuous notice to each of its consumers that accurately explains the right to opt out. The notice must state that the bank discloses or reserves the right to disclose nonpublic personal information to a nonaffiliated third party; that the consumer has the right to opt out of that disclosure; and a reasonable means by which the consumer may exercise the opt out right. Section 40.10(c) states that a bank may allow a consumer to select certain nonpublic personal information or certain nonaffiliated third parties with respect to which the consumer wishes to opt out (partial opt-out).

Section 40.8(a) requires a bank to provide consumers with a revised notice of the bank's policies and procedures and a new opt out notice, if the bank wishes to disclose information in a way that is inconsistent with the notices previously given to a consumer.

Part 40 also contains affirmative actions that consumers must take to exercise their rights. In order for consumers to prevent banks from sharing their information with nonaffiliated parties, they must opt out (§§ 40.7(a)(2)(ii), 40.10(a)(2) and 40.10(c)).

Consumers also have the right at any time during their continued relationship with the bank to change or update their opt out status with the bank (§§ 40.7(f) and (g)).

These information collection requirements ensure bank compliance with applicable Federal law. The requirements also inform banks of

consumers' preference regarding disclosure of their personal information and allow consumers to determine whether they want their personal information disclosed to nonaffiliated parties.

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

*Affected Public:* Businesses or other for-profit; individuals.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 2,400.

*Estimated Total Annual Responses:* 2,400.

*Estimated Burden Hours Per Response:* 43 hours (disclosure burden, includes initial notice).

*Estimated Burden Hours Per Response:* 2 hours (reporting burden).

*Frequency of Response:* Annually.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden:* 108,000 hours.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and 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 has 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 on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and

(e) Estimates of capital or startup costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Dated: December 18, 2002.

**Mark J. Tenhundfeld,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Financial Management Service; Fiscal Service

#### Proposed Collection of Information: Voucher for Payment of Awards

**AGENCY:** Financial Management Service; Fiscal Service, Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Financial Management Service, 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 a continuing information collection. By this notice, the Financial Management Service solicits comments concerning the form "Voucher for Payment of Awards."

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before February 24, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Financial Management Service, 3700 East West Highway, Records and Information Management Staff, Room 135, Hyattsville, Maryland 20782.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the form(s) and instructions should be directed to Rose Brewer, Manager, Judgment Fund Branch, Room 630F, 3700 East West Highway, Hyattsville, Maryland 20782, (202) 874-6664.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), the Financial Management Service solicits comments on the collection of information described below.

*Title:* Voucher for Payment of Awards.

*OMB Number:* 1510-0037.

*Form Number:* TFS 5135.

*Abstract:* Awards certified to Treasury are paid annually as funds are received from foreign Governments. Vouchers are mailed to awardholders showing payments due. Awardholders sign vouchers certifying that he/she is entitled to payment. Executed vouchers are used as basis for payment.

*Current Actions:* Extension of currently approved collection.

*Type of Review:* Regular.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1,400.

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:* 30 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 700.

*Comments:* Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget 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.

**Judith R. Tillman,**

*Assistant Commissioner, Financial Operations.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

#### **Open Meeting of the Area 2 Taxpayer Advocacy Panel (Including the States of Delaware, North Carolina, South Carolina, New Jersey, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia and the District of Columbia)**

**AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** An open meeting of the Area 2 Taxpayer Advocacy Panel will be conducted (via teleconference).

**DATES:** The meeting will be held Tuesday, February 4, 2003.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Inez E. De Jesus at 1-888-912-1227, or (954) 423-7977.

**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 open meeting of the Area 2 Taxpayer Advocacy Panel will be held

Tuesday, February 4, 2003 from 3 pm EST to 4 pm EST via a telephone conference call. The Taxpayer Advocacy Panel is soliciting public comments, ideas and suggestions on improving customer service at the Internal Revenue Service. Individual comments will be limited to 5 minutes. If you would like to have the TAP consider a written statement, please call 1-888-912-1227 or 954-423-7977, or write Inez E. De Jesus, TAP Office, 1000 South Pine Island Rd., Suite 340, Plantation, FL 33324. Due to limited conference lines, notification of intent to participate in the telephone conference call meeting must be made with Inez E. De Jesus. Ms. De Jesus can be reached at 1-888-912-1227 or 954-423-7977.

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: December 19, 2002.

**Maryclare Whitehead,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

#### **Open meeting of the Small Business/ Self-Employed Payroll Tax Issue Committee for the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel**

**AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** An open meeting of the Small Business/Self-Employed Payroll Tax

Issue Committee for the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel will be conducted.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held Saturday, January 11, 2003.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mary O'Brien at 1-888-912-1227, or (206) 220-6096.

**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 open meeting of the Small Business/Self-Employed Payroll Tax Issue Committee for the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel will be held Saturday, January 11, 2003 from 8 a.m. Central Time to 2 p.m. Central Time at the Hotel Monaco, 333 St. Charles Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70130. The public is invited to make oral comments. Individual comments will be limited to 5 minutes. If you would like to have the TAP consider a written statement, please call 1-888-912-1227 or 206-220-6096, or write to Mary O'Brien, TAP Office, 915 Second Avenue MS W-406, Seattle, WA 98174. Due to limited space, notification of intent to participate in the meeting must be made with Mary O'Brien. Ms. O'Brien can be reached at 1-888-912-1227 or (206) 220-6096.

*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: December 19, 2002.

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