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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form 5884-A

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 5884-A, Credits for Employers Affected by Hurricane Katrina, Rita, or Wilma.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before March 27, 2006 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Glenn P. Kirkland, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6516, 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 R. Joseph Durbala, (202) 622-3634, at Internal Revenue Service, Room 6516, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224, or through the Internet at RJoseph.Durbala@irs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Credits for Employers Affected by Hurricane Katrina, Rita, or Wilma.

OMB Number: 1545-1978.

Form Number: 5884-A.

Abstract: Qualified employers will file Form 5884-A to claim a credit for wages paid to employees kept on the payroll for the period the business is rendered inoperable as a result of damages inflicted by Hurricane Katrina.

Current Actions: There is no change in the paperwork burden previously approved by OMB. This form is being submitted for renewal purposes only.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Businesses and other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 250,000.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 3 hours, 58 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 992,500.

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.

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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, West Virginia and the District of Columbia)

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Amended notice (change of date).

SUMMARY: An open meeting of the Area 2 Taxpayer Advocacy Panel will be conducted (via teleconference). The Taxpayer Advocacy Panel is soliciting public comments, ideas, and suggestions on improving customer service at the Internal Revenue Service.

DATES: The meeting will be held Wednesday, February 15, 2006, at 2:30 p.m. ET.

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 Wednesday, February 15, 2006 at 2:30 p.m. ET via a telephone conference call. 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, or post comments to the Web site: <http://www.improveirs.org>.

The agenda will include the following: Various IRS issues.

Dated: January 20, 2006.

Martha Curry,

Acting Director, Taxpayer Advocacy Panel.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Open Meeting of the Area 6 Taxpayer Advocacy Panel (Including the States of Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington and Wyoming)

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: An open meeting of the Area 6 committee of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel will be conducted (via teleconference). The Taxpayer Advocacy Panel (TAP) is soliciting public comments, ideas, and suggestions on improving customer service at the Internal Revenue Service. The TAP will use citizen input to make recommendations to the Internal Revenue Service.

DATES: The meeting will be held Thursday, February 23, 2006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dave Coffman 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 Area 6 Taxpayer Advocacy Panel will be held Thursday, February 23, 2006 from 10 a.m. Pacific Time to 11:30 a.m. Pacific Time via a telephone conference call. 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 Dave Coffman, TAP Office, 915 2nd Avenue, MS W-406, Seattle, WA 98174 or you can contact us at <http://www.improveirs.org>. Due to limited conference lines, notification of intent to participate in the telephone conference call meeting must be made with Dave Coffman. Mr. Coffman can be reached at 1-888-912-1227 or 206-220-6096.

The agenda will include the following: Various IRS issues.

Dated: January 23, 2006.

Martha Curry,

Acting Director, Taxpayer Advocacy Panel.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0227]

Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Veterans Health Administration (VHA), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on information

needed to determine whether VA is providing quality of health-care services to its patients.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before March 27, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information to Ann W. Bickoff (193E1), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail: ann.bickoff@hq.med.va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0227" in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ann W. Bickoff at (202) 273-8310 or FAX (202) 273-9381.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3501-3521), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. This request for comment is being made pursuant to Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA.

With respect to the following collection of information, VHA invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VHA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VHA's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology.

Title: Nation-wide Customer Satisfaction Surveys.

a. Survey of Healthcare Experiences of Patients Recently Discharged Inpatient, VA Form 10-1465-1.

b. Survey of Healthcare Experiences of Patients Ambulatory Care, VA Form 10-1465-3.

c. About Your VA Prosthetics Care and Service, VA Form 10-0142b.

d. Survey on Your VA Home Based Primary Care (HBPC), VA Form 10-1465-9.

e. Customer Satisfaction Survey for Nutritional and Food Service, VA Form 10-5387.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0227.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: VA Forms 10-0142b, 10-1465-1, 10-1465-3, 10-1465-9, and 10-5387 will be used to survey customers regarding their satisfaction with VA's

healthcare services. VA will use the data collected to identify areas where attention is needed and to improve its quality of health care services provided to veterans.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 200,507 hours.

a. Survey of Healthcare Experiences of Patients Recently Discharged Inpatient, VA Form 10-1465-1—37,500.

b. Survey of Healthcare Experiences of Patients Ambulatory Care, VA Form 10-1465-3—153,300.

c. About your VA Prosthetics Care and Service, VA Form 10-0142b—4,320.

d. Survey on Your Home Based Primary Care (HBPC), VA Form 10-1465-9—1,200.

e. Customer Satisfaction Survey for Nutritional and Food Service, VA Form 10-5387—4,187.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:

a. Survey of Healthcare Experiences of Patients Recently Discharged Inpatient, VA Form 10-1465-1—30 minutes.

b. Survey of Healthcare Experiences of Patients Ambulatory Care, VA Form 10-1465-3—30 minutes.

c. About your VA Prosthetics Care and Service, VA Form 10-0142b—24 minutes.

d. Survey on Your Home Based Primary Care, VA Form 10-1465-9—15 minutes.

e. Customer Satisfaction Survey Nutritional and Food Service, VA Form 10-5387—2 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 439,400.

a. Survey of Healthcare Experiences of Patients Recently Discharged Inpatient, VA Form 10-1465-1—75,000.

b. Survey of Healthcare Experiences of Patients Ambulatory Care, VA Form 10-1465-3—306,600.

c. About your VA Prosthetics Care and Service, VA Form 10-0142b—21,600.

d. Survey on Your Home Based Primary Care, VA Form 10-1465-9—4,800.

e. Customer Satisfaction Survey Nutritional and Food Service, VA Form 10-5387—31,400.

Estimated Total Annual Responses:

a. Survey of Healthcare Experiences of Patients Recently Discharged Inpatient, VA Form 10-1465-1—75,000.

b. Survey of Healthcare Experiences of Patients Ambulatory Care, VA Form 10-1465-3—306,600.

c. About your VA Prosthetics Care and Service, VA Form 10-0142b—10,800.