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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form 712

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 712, Life Insurance Statement.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before May 2, 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 at (202) 622-3179, Internal Revenue Service, room 6516, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224 or through the Internet at RJoseph.Durbala@irs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Life Insurance Statement.

OMB Number: 1545-0022.

Form Number: 712.

Abstract: Form 712 provides taxpayers and the IRS with information to determine if insurance on the decedent's life is includible in the gross estate and to determine the value of the policy for estate and gift tax purposes. The tax is based on the value of the life insurance policy.

Current Actions: There are no changes being made to Form 712 at this time.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Responses: 60,000.

Estimated Time Per Response: 18 hrs. 40 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,120,200.

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

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form 8300

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 8300, Report of Cash Payments Over \$10,000 Received in a Trade or Business.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before May 2, 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: Report of Cash Payments Over \$10,000 Received in a Trade or Business.

OMB Number: 1545-0892.

Form Number: Form 8300.

Abstract: Internal Revenue Code section 6050I requires any person in a trade or business who, in the course of the trade or business, receives more than \$10,000 in cash or foreign currency in one or more related transactions to report it to the IRS and provide a statement to the payer. Form 8300 is used for this purpose.

Section 365 of the USA Patriot Act of 2001 (Pub. Law 107-56), adding new section 5331 to title 31 of the United States Code, authorized the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network to collect the information reported on Form 8300. In a joint effort to develop a dual use form, IRS and FinCEN worked together to ensure that the transmission of the data collected to FinCEN on Forms 8300 does not violate the provisions of section 6103. FinCEN makes the Forms 8300 available to law enforcement through its Bank Secrecy Act information sharing agreements.

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: Business or other for-profit organizations, farms, and the Federal government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 46,800.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 1 hour 22 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 63,539.¹

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.

¹ The burden for the information collection in 31 CFR 103.30 (also approved under control number 1506-0018) relating to the Form 8300, is reflected in the burden of the form.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Recruitment Notice for the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice for Recruitment of IRS Taxpayer Advocacy Panel (TAP) members and alternates.

DATES: March 21 through April 28, 2006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bernard Coston at 404-338-8408.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that the Department of Treasury and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) are inviting individuals to help improve the nation's tax agency by applying to be members and alternates of the TAP. The mission of the TAP is to provide citizen input into enhancing IRS customer satisfaction and service by identifying problems and making recommendations for improvement of IRS systems and procedures and elevating the identified problems to the appropriate IRS official. The TAP serves as an advisory body to the Secretary of the Treasury, the Commissioner of Internal Revenue and the National Taxpayer Advocate. TAP members will participate in subcommittees comprised of 10 to 17 members who channel their feedback to the IRS.

The IRS is seeking applicants who have an interest in good government, a personal commitment to volunteer approximately 300 to 500 hours a year, and a desire to help improve IRS

customer service. To the extent possible, the IRS would like to ensure a balanced TAP membership representing a cross-section of the taxpaying public throughout the United States. Potential candidates must be U.S. citizens, compliant with Federal, state and local taxes, and able to pass a background investigation.

For the TAP to be most effective, members should have experience and knowledge in some of the following areas: Experience helping people resolve problems with a government organization; experience formulating and presenting proposals; knowledge of taxpayer concerns; experience representing the interests of your community, state or region; experience working with people from diverse backgrounds; and experience in helping people resolve disputes.

Interested applicants should visit the TAP Web site at <http://www.improveirs.org> to complete the on-line application or call the toll free number 1-866-912-1227 to complete the initial phone screen and request that an application be mailed. The opening date for submitting applications is March 21, 2006 and the deadline for submitting applications is April 28, 2006. The most qualified candidates will complete a panel interview. Finalists will be ranked by experience and suitability. The Secretary of Treasury will review the recommended candidates and make final selections.

Questions regarding the selection of TAP members may be directed to Bernard Coston, Director, Taxpayer Advocacy Panel, Internal Revenue Service at 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room 7704, Washington, DC 20224 or 404-338-8408.

Dated: February 24, 2006.

John Fay,

Acting Director, Taxpayer Advocacy Panel.

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