

(4) The degree to which proposals are designed to reflect the needs of low-income or other transportation-disadvantaged groups.

In addition, area-wide and region-wide pricing proposals will be evaluated based on:

(5) The degree to which proposals include evaluation of benefits, costs, revenues, environmental impacts, distributional impacts, and financial feasibility of each alternative package of transportation improvements, in comparison with the region's currently adopted long-range transportation plan;

(6) The degree to which further development of alternative packages will involve stakeholder groups, including (among others) business groups, environmental groups, and advocates for social equity;

(7) The degree to which they are likely to lead to relatively near-term implementation;

(8) The scale of the congestion pricing strategy, i.e., the extent of the geographic area, or the number of roadway facilities or corridors that are to be priced;

(9) The degree to which the proposed pricing scenarios are comprehensive involving synergistic combinations of multimodal investment strategies, Intelligent Transportation System technologies and travel demand management strategies; and

(10) The degree to which proposed pricing scenarios have a probability of getting public support.

Further, non-toll pricing proposals will be evaluated based on the degree to which they demonstrate especially promising strategies such that their implementation will likely then be replicated broadly.

Post-Selection Process

If approved, a formal cooperative agreement will be prepared between the FHWA and the State. The cooperative agreement will include a refined scope of work developed from the original funding application and subsequent discussions with FHWA. Federal statutes will govern the cooperative agreement. Regulations cited in the agreement, and 49 CFR Part 18, Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments, will also apply. Each congestion pricing project must have a separate cooperative agreement. Although, in the past, the FHWA has allowed some States to have a master cooperative agreement that is subsequently amended for each approved project, in the future the FHWA will execute a separate agreement for each project. For

congestion pricing projects that involve only toll authority and that do not involve requests for Federal funds, a cooperative agreement must still be executed.

Where the implementation of tolling is part of the VPP project, Federal tolling authority is required. To secure such authority for a VPP project, a cooperative agreement will be executed, regardless of whether VPP program funding is being provided. The cooperative agreement must include all of the information normally required as part of a tolling agreement (stipulating the terms of the tolling, providing details on the dispensation of revenues, etc.). A separate tolling agreement will not be required. As discussed previously, revenues must generally first be used to cover the project's operating costs, including debt service, provide reasonable return on private party investments, and be used for the costs necessary to properly operate and maintain the facility. Any remaining revenues may then be used for other Title 23, United States Code eligible purposes.

Where tolling authority is secured through a VPP program cooperative agreement, such an agreement, like tolling agreements providing the authority to toll under other Federal provisions and programs, will be signed by the Executive Director of FHWA. If tolling authority is not required, the cooperative agreement will be signed by the FHWA Division Administrator of the State Division Office. All cooperative agreements will be administered jointly by FHWA's Office of Operations and FHWA's State Division Office.

Other Requirements

Prior to FHWA approval of pricing project implementation, congestion pricing programs must be shown to be consistent with Federal metropolitan and statewide planning requirements (23 U.S.C. 134 and 135; and, if applicable, 49 U.S.C. 5303 and 5304).

Implementation projects involving tolls outside metropolitan areas must be included in the approved statewide transportation improvement program and be selected in accordance with the requirements set forth in section 1204(f)(3) of TEA-21.

Implementation projects involving tolls in metropolitan areas must be: (a) Included in, or consistent with, the approved metropolitan transportation plan (if the area is in nonattainment for a transportation-related pollutant, the metropolitan plan must be in conformance with the State air quality implementation plan); (b) included in

the approved metropolitan and statewide transportation improvement programs (if the metropolitan area is in a nonattainment area for a transportation related pollutant, the metropolitan transportation improvement program must be in conformance with the State air quality implementation plan); (c) selected in accordance with the requirements in section 1203(h)(5) or (i)(2) of TEA-21; and (d) consistent with any existing congestion management system in Transportation Management Areas, developed pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 134(i)(3).

(Authority: 23 U.S.C. 315; sec. 1216(a), Public Law 105-178, 112 Stat. 107; Public Law 109-59; 117 Stat. 1144)

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form 8928

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 8928, Return of Certain Excise Taxes Under Chapter 43 of the Internal Revenue Code.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before October 5, 2009 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to R. Joseph Durbala, Internal Revenue Service, room 6129, 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 Dawn Bidne, (202) 622-3933, at Internal Revenue Service, room 6129, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224, or through the Internet at Dawn.E.Bidne@irs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Title:* Return of Certain Excise Taxes Under Chapter 43 of the Internal Revenue Code.

OMB Number: 1545–2148.

Form Number: Form 8928.

Abstract: Form 8928 is used by employers, group health plans, HMOs, and third party administrators to report and pay excise taxes due for failures under sections 4980B, 4980D, 4980E, and 4980G.

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

Type of Review: This is an extension of a previously approved collection.

Affected Public: Businesses and other for-profit organizations, and not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 100.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 18 hours 33 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,858.

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: July 28, 2009.

R. Joseph Durbala,

IRS Reports Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for the Limited Payability Claim Against the United States for Proceeds of an Internal Revenue Refund Check

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 the Limited Payability Claim Against the United States for Proceeds of an Internal Revenue Refund Check.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before October 5, 2009 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to R. Joseph Durbala, Internal Revenue Service, room 6129, 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 Dawn Bidne, (202) 622–3933, at Internal Revenue Service, room 6129, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224, or through the Internet at Dawn.E.Bidne@irs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Title:* Limited Payability Claim Against the United States for Proceeds of an Internal Revenue Refund Check.

OMB Number: 1545–2024.

Form Number: Not applicable.

Abstract: This form is used by taxpayers for completing a claim against the United States for the proceeds of an Internal Revenue refund check.

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: Individuals or households, businesses and other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 4,000.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 1 hour.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 4,000.

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.

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R. Joseph Durbala,

IRS Reports Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form 13460

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort