

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 8939, Allocation of Increase in Basis for Property Acquired From a Decedent.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before May 6, 2011 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Allan Hopkins, 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 Ralph Terry, (202) 622–8144, at Internal Revenue Service, Room 6129, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224, or through the Internet at Ralph.M.Terry@irs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Allocation of Increase in Basis for Property Acquired From a Decedent.

OMB Number: 1545–2203.

Form Number: Form 8939.

Abstract: Section 6018 of the Internal Revenue Code requires this return to be filed by an executor the fair market value of all property (other than cash) acquired from the decedent is more than $1.3 million; in the case of a decedent who was a nonresident not a citizen of the United States, the fair market value of tangible property situated in the United States and other property acquired from the decedent by a United States person is greater than $60,000; or appreciated property is acquired from the decedent that the decedent acquired by gift within three years of death and a gift tax return was required to be filed on the transfer to the decedent. Section 6018(e) also requires executors who must file Form 8939 to provide the same information to recipients of the property as the executor must provide to the IRS.

Current Actions: There is no change in the paperwork burden previously approved by OMB.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Individuals or households, business or other for-profit groups, nonprofit institutions, farms, Federal Government, State, Local, or Tribal Governments.

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form 8925

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 8925, Report of Employer-Owned Life Insurance Contracts.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before May 6, 2011 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Allan Hopkins, 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 Ralph Terry, (202) 622–8144, at Internal Revenue Service, room 6129, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224, or through the Internet at Ralph.M.Terry@irs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Report of Employer-Owned Life Insurance Contracts.

OMB Number: 1545–2089.

Form Number: Form 8925.

Abstract: Form 8925, Report of Employer-Owned Life Insurance Contracts, is used by a policyholder (who is engaged in a trade or business which employs the person insured and who is a direct or indirect beneficiary) to report certain information concerning the number of employees covered by employer-owned life insurance in force on those employees at the end of the tax year.

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, Farms.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 16,000.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 4 hours 28 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 71,360.

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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ralph.M.Terry@irs.gov.

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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: March 1, 2011.

Allan Hopkins,
Tax Analyst.

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
Internal Revenue Service
Recruitment Notice for the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice of Open Season for Recruitment of IRS Taxpayer Advocacy Panel (TAP) Members.

DATES: March 14, 2011 through April 29, 2011.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Shawn Collins at 202–622–1245.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that the Department of the Treasury and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) are inviting individuals to help improve the nation’s tax agency by applying to be members of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel (TAP). The mission of the TAP is to listen to taxpayers, identify issues that affect taxpayers, and make suggestions for improving IRS service and customer satisfaction. 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 that channel their feedback to the IRS through the Panel’s parent committee.

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 TAP Director will ensure that TAP membership is balanced and represents a cross-section of the taxpaying public with at least one member from each state, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. Potential candidates must be U.S. citizens and must pass an IRS tax compliance check and a Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) background investigation. Federally-registered lobbyists cannot be members of the TAP.

TAP members are a diverse group of citizens who represent the interests of taxpayers from their respective geographic locations by providing input from a taxpayer’s perspective on ways to improve IRS customer service and administration of the Federal tax system, and by identifying grassroots taxpayer issues. Members should have good communications skills and be able to speak to taxpayers about the TAP and TAP activities, while clearly distinguishing between TAP positions and their personal viewpoints.

Interested applicants should visit the TAP Web site at http://www.improveirs.org to complete the online application or call the TAP toll free number, 1–888–912–1227, if they have questions about TAP membership. The opening date for submitting applications is March 14, 2011, and the deadline for submitting applications is April 29, 2011. Interviews may be held. The Department of the Treasury will review the recommended candidates and make final selections. New TAP members will serve a three-year term starting in December 2011. (Note: highly-ranked applicants not selected as members may be placed on a roster of alternates who will be eligible to fill future vacancies that may occur on the Panel.)

Questions regarding the selection of TAP members may be directed to Shawn Collins, Director, Taxpayer Advocacy Panel, Internal Revenue Service, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room 1314, Washington, DC 20224, or 202–622–1245.

Dated: March 1, 2011.

Shawn Collins,
Director, Taxpayer Advocacy Panel.

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
Office of Thrift Supervision
Notice of Hiring or Indemnifying Senior Executive Officers or Directors

AGENCY: Office of Thrift Supervision (OTS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comment.

SUMMARY: The proposed information collection request (ICR) described below has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. OMB is soliciting public comments on the proposal.

DATES: Submit written comments on or before April 6, 2011. A copy of this ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, can be obtained from RegInfo.gov at http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain.

ADDRESSES: Send comments, referring to the collection by title of the proposal or by OMB approval number, to OMB and OTS at these addresses: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Desk Officer for OTS, U.S. Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, or by fax to (202) 393–6974; and Information Collection Comments, Chief Counsel’s Office, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552, by fax to (202) 906–6518, or by e-mail to infocollection.comments@ots.treas.gov. OTS will post comments and the related index on the OTS Internet Site at http://www.ots.treas.gov. In addition, interested persons may inspect comments at the Public Reading Room, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552 by appointment. To make an appointment, call (202) 906–5922, send an e-mail to public.info@ots.treas.gov, or send a facsimile transmission to (202) 906–7755.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information or to obtain a copy of the submission to OMB, please contact Ira L. Mills, ira.mills@ots.treas.gov, or on (202) 906–6531, or facsimile number (202) 906–6518, Regulations and Legislation Division, Chief Counsel’s Office, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552.

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