

*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

#### 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.improvers.org> to complete the on-line 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.*

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## 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, 44 U.S.C. 3507. OTS 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 at, [ira.mills@ots.treas.gov](mailto: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.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** OTS may not conduct or sponsor an information collection, and respondents are not required to respond to an information collection, unless the information collection displays a currently valid OMB control number. As part of the

approval process, we invite comments on the following information collection.

*Title of Proposal:* Notice of Hiring or Indemnifying Senior Executive Officers or Directors.

*OMB Number:* 1550-0047.

*Form Numbers:* 1606; 1624.

*Description:* 12 U.S.C. 1831i requires OTS to make a determination as to the hiring or appointment of senior executive officers or directors at savings institutions or thrift holding companies. The OTS's determination must be based upon an evaluation of the individual's competence, experience, character, and integrity. The information required by the collection is necessary to make this determination. Without this

information, the OTS cannot accomplish the statutory requirement designed to protect the interests of the Deposit Insurance Fund. The OTS has delegated the Regional Director, or his designee, at each Regional Office the authority to approve or deny these requests. They evaluate the individual's educational and professional experience to determine competence in the proposed position. An evaluation of the individual's proprietary interests identifies conflicts of interest that may render such person unsuitable for the position. Finally, information such as an individual's criminal offenses, lawsuits, and related disclosures, enable further

evaluation of the individual's integrity and character.

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

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 120.

*Estimated Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Total Burden:* 280 hours.

Dated: March 2, 2011.

**Ira L. Mills,**

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