DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request

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)).

The following paragraph applies to all information collections open for comment, currently, the IRS is seeking comments concerning the following forms, and reporting and record-keeping requirements:

Title: Application or Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) Individual Identification Number. OMB Number: 1545–XXXX. Form Number: 8956.

Abstract: The IRS is developing New Form 8956 under the authority of IRC section 1471(b), which was added by Public Law 111–47, section 501(a). Section 1471 is part of the new Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) legislative framework to obtain reporting from foreign financial institutions on the accounts held in their institutions by U.S. persons.

Current Actions: This is a new form.

Affected Public: Business and other for profit and not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 260,000.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 8 hours seven minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 2,116,400.

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.

Approved: August 8, 2012.

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IRS Reports Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

National Research Advisory Council, Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92–463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that the National Research Advisory Council will hold a meeting on Wednesday, September 19, 2012, in conference room 23, at 131 M Street NE., Washington, DC. The meeting will convene at 9:30 a.m. and end at 3:30 p.m. The meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the Council is to provide external advice and review for VA’s research mission. The agenda will include a review of the VA research portfolio and a summary of special projects. The Council will also provide feedback on the direction/focus of VA’s research initiatives.

No time will be allocated at this meeting for receiving oral presentations from the public. Interested members of the public may submit written statements for the Council’s review to Margaret Hannon, Designated Federal