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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: March 19, 2013.

**Yvette Lawrence,**

*IRS Reports Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

#### Information Reporting Program Advisory Committee (IRPAC); Nominations

**AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service, Department of Treasury.

**ACTION:** Request for Nominations.

**SUMMARY:** The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) requests nominations of individuals for selection to the Information Reporting Program Advisory Committee (IRPAC). Nominations should describe and document the proposed member's qualifications for IRPAC membership, including the applicant's past or current affiliations and dealings with the particular tax segment or segments of

the community that he or she wishes to represent on the committee. In addition to individual nominations, the IRS is soliciting nominations from professional and public interest groups that wish to have representatives on the IRPAC. IRPAC will be comprised of 21 members. There are eight positions open for calendar year 2014. It is important that IRPAC continue to represent a diverse taxpayer and stakeholder base. Accordingly, to maintain membership diversity, selection is based on the applicant's qualifications as well as the taxpayer or stakeholder base he/she represents.

The IRPAC advises the IRS on information reporting issues of mutual concern to the private sector and the federal government. The committee works with the Commissioner of Internal Revenue and other IRS leadership to provide recommendations on a wide range of information reporting administration issues.

Membership is balanced to include representation from the tax professional community, small and large businesses, banks, insurance companies, colleges and universities, and industries such as securities, payroll, finance and software.

**DATES:** Written nominations must be received on or before May 31, 2013.

**ADDRESSES:** Nominations should be sent to: Ms. Caryl Grant, National Public Liaison, CL:NPL:SRM, Room 7559 IR, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224, Attn: IRPAC Nominations. Applications may be submitted via fax to 202-622-8345. Application packages are available on the IRS Web site at <http://www.irs.gov/Tax-Professionals>. Application packages may also be requested by telephone from National Public Liaison, 202-622-6440 (not a toll-free number).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** MS. Caryl Grant at 202-622-6440 (not a toll-free number) or [PublicLiaison@irs.gov](mailto:PublicLiaison@irs.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Established in 1991 in response to an administrative recommendation in the final Conference Report of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1989, the IRPAC works closely with the IRS to provide recommendations on a wide range of issues intended to improve the information reporting program and achieve fairness to taxpayers. Conveying the public's perception of IRS activities to the Commissioner, the IRPAC is comprised of individuals who bring substantial, disparate experience and diverse backgrounds to the Committee's activities.

Each IRPAC member is nominated by the Commissioner with the concurrence of the Secretary of Treasury to serve a

three-year term. Working groups address policies and administration issues specific to information reporting. Members are not paid for their services. However, travel expenses for working sessions, public meetings and orientation sessions, such as airfare, per diem, and transportation are reimbursed within prescribed federal travel limitations.

Receipt of applications will be acknowledged, and all individuals will be notified when selections have been made. In accordance with Department of Treasury Directive 21-03, a clearance process including fingerprints, annual tax checks, a Federal Bureau of Investigation criminal check and a practitioner check with the Office of Professional Responsibility will be conducted. Federally registered lobbyists cannot be members of the IRPAC.

Equal opportunity practices will be followed for all appointments to the IRPAC in accordance with the Department of Treasury and IRS policies. The IRS has special interest in assuring that women and men, members of all races and national origins, and individuals with disabilities are welcomed for service on advisory committees: and therefore, extends particular encouragement to nominations from such appropriately qualified candidates.

Dated: March 22, 2013.

**John Lipold,**

*Designated Federal Official, National Public Liaison.*

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## U.S.-CHINA ECONOMIC AND SECURITY REVIEW COMMISSION

### Notice of Open Public Hearing

**AGENCY:** U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of open public hearing—April 4, 2013, Washington, DC.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of the following hearing of the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission.

*Name:* William A. Reinsch, Chairman of the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission. The Commission is mandated by Congress to investigate, assess, and report to Congress annually on "the national security implications of the economic relationship between the United States and the People's Republic of China." Pursuant to this mandate, the Commission will hold a public hearing

in Washington, DC on April 4, 2013, "China's Maritime Disputes in the East and South China Seas."

*Background:* This is the third public hearing the Commission will hold during its 2013 report cycle to collect input from academic, industry, and government experts on national security implications of the U.S. bilateral trade and economic relationship with China. The hearing will explore the security, political, and economic drivers of China's maritime disputes in the East and South China Seas. In addition, this hearing will examine the implications of these disputes for the United States as well as prospects for resolution.

The hearing will be co-chaired by Commissioners Peter Brookes and Katherine C. Tobin. Any interested

party may file a written statement by April 4, 2013, by mailing to the contact below. A portion of each panel will include a question and answer period between the Commissioners and the witnesses.

*Location, Date and Time:* Room G-50 Dirksen Senate Office Building. Thursday, April 4, 2013, 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. Eastern Time. A detailed agenda for the hearing is posted to the Commission's Web site at [www.uscc.gov](http://www.uscc.gov). Also, please check our Web site for possible changes to the hearing schedule. *Reservations are not required to attend the hearing.*

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Any member of the public seeking further information concerning the hearing should contact Reed Eckhold, 444 North

Capitol Street NW., Suite 602, Washington DC 20001; phone: 202-624-1496, or via email at [reckhold@uscc.gov](mailto:reckhold@uscc.gov). *Reservations are not required to attend the hearing.*

**Authority:** Congress created the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission in 2000 in the National Defense Authorization Act (Pub. L. 106-398), as amended by Division P of the Consolidated Appropriations Resolution, 2003 (Pub. L. 108-7), as amended by Public Law 109-108 (November 22, 2005).

Dated: March 26, 2013.

**Michael Danis,**

*Executive Director, U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission.*

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