

The purpose of this notice is to publish IPTC's request and seek public comment from all interested parties in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 5323(j)(3)(A). Comments will help FTA understand completely the facts surrounding the request, including the merits of the request. A full copy of the request has been placed in docket number FTA-2016-0003.

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**Dana Nifosi,**

*Deputy Chief Counsel.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Office of the Secretary of Transportation

#### Notice of Increase in Civil Penalty for Violations of National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary of Transportation, Department of Transportation.

**ACTION:** Public notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice is to inform the public that NHTSA has satisfied the requirements in the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act) necessary for increases in the maximum amount of civil penalties that NHTSA may collect for violations of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act (Vehicle Safety Act) to become effective.

**DATES:** *Effective date:* The amendments to 49 U.S.C 30165(a) authorized by Section 24110(a) of the FAST Act are effective March 17, 2016.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Thomas Healy, Office of the Chief Counsel, NHTSA, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE., West Building, W41-211, Washington, DC 20590. Telephone: (202) 366-2992 Fax: (202) 366-3820.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On December 4, 2015, the FAST Act, Public Law 114-94, was signed into law. Section 24110 of the FAST Act increases the maximum civil penalty that NHTSA may collect for each violation of the Vehicle Safety Act to \$21,000 per violation (currently \$7,000) and the maximum amount of civil penalties that NHTSA can collect for a related series of violations to \$105 million (currently \$35 million). In order for these increases to become effective, the Secretary of Transportation must certify to Congress that NHTSA has issued the final rule required by Section 31203 of the Moving Ahead for Progress

in the 21st Century Act. Section 31203 required NHTSA to provide an interpretation of civil penalty factors in 49 U.S.C. 30165 for NHTSA<sup>1</sup> to consider in determining the amount of penalty or compromise for violations of the Vehicle Safety Act. Pub. L. 112-141, § 31203, 126 Stat. 758 (2012). The increases in maximum civil penalties in Section 24110 of the FAST Act became effective the date of the Secretary's certification.

NHTSA issued the final rule required by Section 31203 of MAP-21 on February 24, 2016. On March 17, 2016, the Secretary certified to Congress by letter to the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, and to the Chairman and Ranking Member of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce that NHTSA had issued the Final Rule. Therefore, NHTSA shall enforce the increased maximum civil penalties for violation of the Vehicle Safety Act in 49 U.S.C. 30165 effective March 17, 2016.

**Authority:** Pub. L. 114-94.

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**Anthony Foxx,**

*Secretary of Transportation.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

#### Tax Design Challenge; Requirements and Procedures

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This Notice announces the requirements and procedures for the Tax Design Challenge ("the Challenge). The Challenge is a crowdsourcing competition, with cash prizes, that the IRS is hosting to begin reimagining the taxpayer experience of the future. The goal of this design challenge is to develop new concepts for designing, organizing and presenting tax information in a way that makes it easier for taxpayers to understand their taxpayer responsibilities and effectively use their own taxpayer data.

**DATES:** Effective on April 17, 2016. Challenge submission period ends May 10, 2016, 11:59 a.m. ET.

**ADDRESSES:**

<sup>1</sup>NHTSA has been delegated the Secretary of Transportation's authority to determine the amount of civil penalty or compromise for violations of the Vehicle Safety Act. 49 CFR 1.95.

1. The kickoff meeting for the Tax Design Challenge will take place at 1776, 1133 15th Street NW., Washington, DC 20005.

2. Challenge submissions must be submitted electronically at [www.taxdesignchallenge.com](http://www.taxdesignchallenge.com).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Christopher Daggett, 503-330-6311 or Michael Lin, 202-317-6381.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### Subject of Challenge Competition

Tax information is available to taxpayers across multiple IRS channels and contains a wealth of information. Many taxpayers, however, might not know where to find this information or how to use it, as much of this information reads like a receipt and can be incomprehensible to those who are not financial professionals.

The Challenge asks: How might we design, organize, and present tax information in a way that makes it easier for taxpayers to manage their taxpayer responsibilities, and to use their own taxpayer data to make informed and effective decisions about their personal finances?

This is an incredible opportunity for civic-minded technologists, designers, and innovative thinkers to improve and shape the user experience of one of the most visited government Web sites in the U.S.

#### Challenge entrants will submit a design that

- \* Improves the visual layout and style of the information for the taxpayer
- \* Makes it easier for a taxpayer to manage his/her taxpayer responsibilities
- \* Empowers a taxpayer to make informed and effective decisions about his/her personal finances.

Entrants should consider end users in developing their design. Our tax system includes people from many different socioeconomic backgrounds, with different needs and responsibilities.

The Challenge is an opportunity for talented individuals to touch the lives of Americans across the country through design. The most innovative designs will be showcased in an online gallery. Winning submissions will receive monetary prizes.

The IRS enthusiastically supports crowdsourcing competitions, as they have proven to be cost-efficient vehicle for catalyzing innovation in government.

#### Submission Requirements

In order for an entry to be eligible to win the Challenge, it must meet the following requirements: