

subsection 6018(b)(2). The Working Group will operate in accordance with the provisions of the *Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA)* and the rules and regulations issued in implementation of that Act.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on July 15, 2016, from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Eastern Standard Time.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be at U.S. Department of Transportation; 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590. Any person requiring accessibility accommodations should contact Matthew Chambers at (202) 366-1270 or via email at: [portstatistics@dot.gov](mailto:portstatistics@dot.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** U.S. Department of Transportation, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Research and Technology, Bureau of Transportation Statistics, Attn: Port Performance Freight Statistics Working Group, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Room #E32-342, Washington, DC 20590.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Background:* The Port Performance Freight Statistics Working Group has been created in accordance with Section 6018 of the *Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act* (Pub. L. 114-94; Dec. 4, 2015; 129 Stat. 1312). The Working Group supports development of the newly-established BTS Port Performance Freight Statistics Program. The goal of the program is "to provide nationally consistent measures of performance" of the nation's largest ports, and to report annually to Congress on port capacity and throughput.

The Working Group is established in the FAST Act to provide recommendations to the BTS Director on matters related to port performance measures; to identify a standard for port data; to specify standards for consistent port performance measures; to recommend statistics for measuring port capacity and throughput; and to develop a process to collect timely and consistent data. The FAST Act also identifies the membership of the Working Group, and sets a due date for recommendations to the BTS Director of December 4, 2016.

*Agenda:* This will be the Working Group's first meeting and will include a nonpublic administrative work session, including briefings on their responsibilities as Special Government Employees before the public session. The public session, starting at 10:30 a.m., will include U.S. Department of Transportation staff providing an overview of FAST ACT and an update of the Department's progress implementing its Port Performance

Freight Statistics Program and related provisions. The Working Group will commence development of a list of tasks and subtask necessary for it to:

(a) Identify a generally accepted industry standard for port data collection and reporting.

(b) Specify standards for collecting data and reporting nationally consistent port performance measures.

(c) Make recommendations for statistics measuring on U.S. port capacity and throughput.

(d) Develop a process for the U.S. Department of Transportation (hereafter, "Department") to collect timely and consistent data, including identifying safeguards to protect proprietary information.

The final meeting agenda will be posted on the BTS Web site at [www.bts.gov/port\\_performance](http://www.bts.gov/port_performance) in advance of the meeting.

*Public Participation:* The meeting will be open to the public on a first-come, first served basis, especially because space is limited. Members of the public who wish to attend in-person are asked to send RSVPs, including name and affiliation to [portstatistics@dot.gov](mailto:portstatistics@dot.gov) by July 11, 2016 in order to request a seat and to facilitate entry. Any person requiring accessibility accommodation, such as sign language interpretation, should contact Matthew Chambers at (202) 366-1270 or via email at: [portstatistics@dot.gov](mailto:portstatistics@dot.gov) five (5) business days before the meeting.

*Written Comments:* Persons who wish to submit written comments for consideration by the Working Group must send them via email to [portstatistics@dot.gov](mailto:portstatistics@dot.gov) or mail to Matthew Chambers, Designated Federal Officer, Port Performance Freight Statistics Working Group, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Room #E32-342, Washington, DC 20590, which must be received on or before July 11, 2016.

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## 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)).

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before August 15, 2016 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Tuawana Pinkston, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6526, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224, or at [Elaine.H.Christophe@irs.gov](mailto:Elaine.H.Christophe@irs.gov). Please send separate comments for each specific information collection listed below. You must reference the information collection's title, form number, reporting or record-keeping requirement number, and OMB number (if any) in your comment.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To obtain additional information, or copies of the information collection and instructions, or copies of any comments received, contact Elaine Christophe, at Internal Revenue Service, Room 6526, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224, or through the internet, at [Elaine.H.Christophe@irs.gov](mailto:Elaine.H.Christophe@irs.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Request for Comments

The Department of the Treasury and the Internal Revenue Service, as part of their continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invite the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the proposed or continuing information collections listed below in this notice, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

*Request for Comments:* Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in our request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval of the relevant information collection. All comments will become a matter of public record. Please do not include any confidential or inappropriate material in your comments.

*We invite comments on:* (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the agency's functions, including whether the information has 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 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 the requested information. Currently, the IRS is seeking comments concerning the following forms, and reporting and record-keeping requirements:

1. *Title:* Certain Payments Made Pursuant to a Securities Lending Transaction.

*OMB Number:* 1545–1566.

*Notice Number:* Notice 97–66 and Notice 2010–46.

*Abstract:* Notice 97–66 modifies final regulations which were effective November 14, 1997. The notice relaxes the statement requirement with respect to substitute interest payments relating to securities loans and sale-repurchase transactions. It also provides a withholding mechanism to eliminate excessive withholding on multiple payments in a chain of substitute dividend payments. Notice 2010–46 modifies Notice 97–66, by providing necessary information to ensure taxpayers are not subject to excessive tax pursuant to IRC section 871(l). The information will allow a withholding agent to make a substitute dividend payment to certain counterparties in a series of securities lending transactions without withholding and depositing additional excessive tax.

*Current Actions:* There are no changes being made to the notices at this time.

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

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

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 383,500.

*Estimated Time per Respondent:* 10 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 62,750.

2. *Title:* Volunteer Return Preparation Critical Intake Sheet—NR.

*OMB Number:* 1545–2075.

*Form Number:* 13614–NR.

*Abstract:* This form will be used at the nonresident alien VITA sites by volunteers to gather information—relevant to tax preparation—from taxpayer's.

*Current Actions:* There are no changes being made to the revenue procedure at this time.

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

*Affected Public:* Individuals or Households.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 565,039.

*Estimated Time per Respondent:* 15 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Reporting Burden Hours:* 141,260.

3. *Title:* Minimum Tax—Tax Benefit Rule.

*OMB Number:* 1545–1093.

*Regulation Project Number:* IA–56–87 and IA–53–87 (TD 8416).

*Abstract:* Section 58(h) of the Internal Revenue Code provides that the Secretary of the Treasury shall prescribe regulations that adjust tax preference items where such items provided no tax benefit for any taxable year. This regulation provides guidance for situations where tax preference items did not result in a tax benefit because of available credits or refund of minimum tax paid on such preferences.

*Current Actions:* There is no change to this existing regulation.

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

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

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 200.

*Estimated Time per Respondent:* 12 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 40.

4. *Title:* Form 8871, Political Organization Notice of Section 527 Status; Form 8453–X, Political

Organization Declaration for Electronic Filing of Notice of Section 527 Status.

*OMB Number:* 1545–1693.

*Form Number:* Forms 8871 and 8453–X.

*Abstract:* Public Law 106–230 as amended by Public Law 107–276, amended Internal Revenue Code section 527(i) to require certain political organizations to provide information to the IRS regarding their name and address, their purpose, and the names and addresses of their officers, highly compensated employees, Board of Directors, and related entities within the meaning of section 168(h)(4)). Forms 8871 and 8453–X are used to report this information to the IRS.

*Current Actions:* There are no changes being made to the revenue procedure at this time.

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

*Affected Public:* Not-for-profit institutions.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 5,500.

*Estimated Time per Respondent:* 7 hrs., 2 min.

*Estimated Total Annual Reporting Burden Hours:* 35,195.

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.

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**Elaine Christophe,**

*IRS Tax Analyst.*

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