

regulated AMCs, it would allow a State to do so if the Federally regulated AMC chooses to register voluntarily with the State.

#### AMC Recordkeeping Requirements

Section 34.212(b) provides that an appraiser in an AMC's network or panel is deemed to remain on the network or panel until: (i) The AMC sends a written notice to the appraiser removing the appraiser with an explanation; or (ii) receives a written notice from the appraiser asking to be removed or a notice of the death or incapacity of the appraiser. The AMC would retain these notices in its files.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 200 AMCs; 55 States and Territories.

*Total Estimated Annual Burden:* 421. Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and 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 OCC, including whether the information has practical utility;

(b) The accuracy of the OCC's estimate of the information collection burden;

(c) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;

(d) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection 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.

Dated: March 15, 2018.

**Karen Solomon,**

*Acting Senior Deputy Comptroller and Chief Counsel.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

#### Proposed Extension of Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment; Employers' Identification Numbers

**AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Internal Revenue Service, as part of its continuing effort to reduce

paperwork and respondent burden, invites the 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. Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning information collection requirements related to the application for an employer identification number.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before May 22, 2018 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Roberto Mora-Figueroa, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6129, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20224. Requests for additional information or copies of the regulations should be directed to R. Joseph Durbala, at Internal Revenue Service, Room 6129, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20224, or through the internet, at [RJoseph.Durbala@irs.gov](mailto:RJoseph.Durbala@irs.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Employers' identification numbers.

*OMB Number:* 1545-0003.

*Form Number:* SS-4; SS-4-PR.

*Abstract:* Sections 6011 and 6109 of the Internal Revenue Code, section 31.6011(b) of the Employment Tax Regulations, and section 301.6109 1 of the Procedures and Administration Regulations require certain taxpayers to have an employer identification number (EIN), for use on returns, statements, or other documents. An EIN is a nine-digit number (for example, 12-3456789) assigned to sole proprietors, corporations, partnerships, estates, trusts, and other entities for tax filing and reporting purposes.

*Current Actions:* There is no change to the burden previously approved.

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

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

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1,612,708.

*Estimated Time per Respondent:* 33 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 903,116.

The following paragraph applies to all 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 if 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.

*Desired Focus of Comments:* The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) is particularly interested in comments that:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including using appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.*, by permitting electronic submissions of responses.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the ICR for OMB approval of the extension of the information collection; they will also become a matter of public record.

Approved: March 19, 2018.

**R. Joseph Durbala,**

*IRS Tax Analyst.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery

**AGENCY:** Departmental Offices, U.S. Department of the Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Treasury will submit the following information collection requests to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, on or after the date of publication of this notice. The public is invited to submit comments on these requests.