

other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The IRS is soliciting comments concerning Application To Adopt, Change, or Retain a Tax Year.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before January 24, 2020 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Dr. Philippe Thomas, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6526, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20224.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the form and instructions should be directed to Martha R. Brinson, at (202)317-5753, or at Internal Revenue Service, Room 6526, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20224, or through the internet at Martha.R.Brinson@irs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Application To Adopt, Change, or Retain a Tax Year.

OMB Number: 1545-0134.

Form Number: 1128.

Abstract: Section 442 of the Internal Revenue Code requires that a change in a taxpayer's annual accounting period be approved by the Secretary. Under regulation section 1.442-1(b), a taxpayer must file Form 1128 to secure prior approval unless the taxpayer can automatically make the change. The IRS uses the information on the form to determine whether the application should be approved.

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

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations, Individuals, Not-for-profit institutions, and Farms.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 9,788.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 23 hours, 43 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 232,066.

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.

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: November 19, 2019.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Small Business Electronic Capabilities Statement (SB-eCS)

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

ACTION: Notice.

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 comment on the proposed information collections listed below, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before January 24, 2020.

ADDRESSES: Send comments regarding the burden estimate, or any other aspect of the information collection, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to Treasury PRA Clearance Officer, 1750 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Suite 8100, Washington, DC 20220, or email at PRA@treasury.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Copies of the submissions may be obtained from Spencer W. Clark by emailing PRA@treasury.gov, calling (202) 927-5331, or viewing the entire information collection request at www.reginfo.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Small Business Electronic Capabilities Statement (SB-eCS).

OMB Control Number: 1505-0220.

Type of Review: Reinstatement with change.

Description: The Electronic Capability Statement will be used by firms that wish to do business with the Department of the Treasury. The form will capture key information such as NAICS, contract and subcontract award information, and past performance. The information will be stored in a database. The database will be used by OSDBU, Treasury Acquisition staff and the Troubled Asset Relief Program to conduct research when searching for small businesses to perform on Treasury contracts.

Form: None.

Affected Public: All businesses who are interested in doing business with Treasury.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 537.

Frequency of Response: Once.

Estimated Total Number of Annual Responses: 537.

Estimated Time per Response: 30-45 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 403.

Request for Comments: Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget 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 technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services required to provide information.

Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

Dated: November 20, 2019.

Spencer W. Clark,

Treasury PRA Clearance Officer.

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