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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: December 2, 2020.

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IRS Tax Analyst.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request Relating to CPEO Forms

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 general public and 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 Form 14737, Request for Voluntary IRS Certification of a Professional Employer Organization (Application), Form 14737-A, CPEO Responsible Individual Personal Attestation, Form 14751 Certified Professional Employer Organization Surety Bond, Form 8973, Certified Professional Employer Organization/Customer Reporting Agreement and TD 9860, Certified Professional Employer Organizations.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before February 8, 2021 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Paul Adams, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6526, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20224. 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. To obtain additional information, or copies of the information collection and instructions, or copies of any comments received, contact Sara Covington, (737) 800-6149, or Internal Revenue Service, Room 6526, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20224, or through the internet, at Sara.L.Covington@irs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The IRS is seeking comments concerning the following forms, and reporting and record-keeping requirements:

Title: Certified Professional Employer Organization (CPEO).

OMB Number: 1545-2266.

Form Numbers: 14737 and 14737-A, 14751, 8973 and TD 9860.

Abstract: Section 206 of the Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Act passed Dec. 19, 2014) created the Certified Professional Employer Organization (CPEO) designation. The application, attestation and supporting information will be used by IRS to qualify professional employer organizations to become and remain a Certified Professional Employer Organization, which entitles them to certain tax benefits. This certification is renewed annually and the CPEO will submit annual and quarterly financial statements in addition to supporting documentation. Responsible individuals will submit annual attestation forms and fingerprint cards. Form 14737, Request for Voluntary IRS Certification of a Professional Employer Organization (Application), Form 14737-A, CPEO

Responsible Individual Personal Attestation, Form 14751, Certified Professional Employer Organization Surety Bond, Form 8973, Certified Professional Employer Organization/Customer Reporting Agreement, and TD 9860, Certified Professional Employer Organizations, will only be used by program applicants and related responsible individuals.

Current Actions: There are no changes being made to the forms previously approved by OMB. However, there were an increase in the total estimated number of filers from (1,725 to 42,205) and a total burden increase from (90,830, to 91,065). This collection is being submitted for renewal purposes.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations & individuals.

Form 14737:

Estimated Number of Respondents: 120.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 145 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 17,400.

Form 14737-A:

Estimated Number of Respondents: 565.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 20 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 11,300.

Form 14751:

Estimated Number of Respondents: 170.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 2 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 340.

Form 8973:

Estimated Number of Respondents: 41,350.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 1.5 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 62,025.

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 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.

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UNIFIED CARRIER REGISTRATION PLAN

Sunshine Act Meeting; Unified Carrier Registration Plan Board of Directors Meeting

TIME AND DATE: December 10, 2020, from Noon to 3:00 p.m., Eastern time.

PLACE: This meeting will be accessible via conference call and screen sharing. Any interested person may call 877-853-5247 (US toll free), 888-788-0099 (US toll free), +1 929-205-6099 (US toll), or +1 669-900-6833 (US toll), Conference ID 977 6073 0690, to participate in the meeting.

STATUS: This meeting will be open to the public.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: The Unified Carrier Registration Plan Board of Directors (the "Board") will continue its work in developing and implementing the Unified Carrier Registration Plan and Agreement. The subject matter of the meeting will include:

Agenda

I. Welcome and Call to Order—UCR Board Chair

The UCR Board Chair will welcome attendees, call the meeting to order, call roll for the Board, confirm the presence of a quorum, and facilitate self-introductions.

II. Verification of Meeting Notice—UCR Executive Director

The UCR Executive Director will verify publication of the meeting notice on the UCR website and distribution to the UCR contact list via email followed by subsequent publication of the notice in the **Federal Register**.

III. Review and Approval of Board Agenda—UCR Board Chair

For Discussion and Possible Action

Agenda will be reviewed and the Board will consider adoption.

Ground Rules

- Board actions taken only in designated areas on agenda

IV. Approval of Minutes of the November 5, 2020 UCR Board Meeting—UCR Board Chair

For Discussion and Possible Action

Draft Minutes of the November 5, 2020 UCR Board meeting will be reviewed. The Board will consider action to approve.

V. Report of FMCSA—FMCSA Representative

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) will provide a report on any relevant activity.

VI. Updates Concerning UCR Legislation—UCR Board Chair

The UCR Board Chair will call for any updates regarding UCR legislation since the last Board meeting.

VII. Discussion Regarding Development of Board Policy for the Mailing of Postcards—UCR Executive Director

For Discussion and Possible Action

The UCR Executive Director will lead a discussion regarding the need for states and the Board to mail postcards to unregistered carriers. Items to consider may include defining the window of time for states/Board to mail postcards and require states to participate in solicitation campaigns. After discussing options, the Board may decide to adopt a policy regarding the requirements for mailing postcards to unregistered carriers.

VIII. Potential Contract Extensions for AAG3 LLC and DSL Transportation Services, Inc.—UCR Board Chair

For Discussion and Possible Action

The UCR Chair will lead a discussion of the annual renewal of existing contracts with AAG3 LLC (Avelino Gutierrez) and DSL Transportation Services, Inc. (Dave Lazarides). The Board may decide to renew the

contracts for an additional one-year term.

IX. Chief Legal Officer Report—UCR Chief Legal Officer

The UCR Chief Legal Officer will provide an update on the status of the March 2019 data event, the Twelve Percent Logistics litigation, several cease and desist letters sent to third party permitting service providers, and other matters.

X. Update on the RSM Security Assessment Pertaining to the NRS Audit—UCR Technology Director

The UCR Technology Director will provide an update on the security assessment deliverables from RSM's security team pertaining to the NRS Audit.

- AWS Security Assessment
- Cloud Vulnerability and Configuration Review Sample
- RSM Sample Penetration Testing Report

XI. Subcommittee Reports

Audit Subcommittee—UCR Audit Subcommittee Chair

A. Next Steps Regarding the 2019 Audit Deficiencies by Idaho and Utah—UCR Audit Subcommittee Chair

For Discussion and Possible Action

The UCR Audit Subcommittee Chair will discuss the next steps regarding the 2019 Audit Deficiencies by Idaho and Utah. The Board may authorize additional action to be taken against Idaho and Utah.

B. Consideration of the Addition of a UCR Auditor/Enforcement Manager—UCR Audit Subcommittee Chair

For Discussion and Possible Action

The UCR Audit Subcommittee Chair will lead a discussion considering the potential addition of a UCR Auditor/Enforcement Manager to provide mentoring and other audit assistance to participating states. The Board may take action to add a UCR Auditor/Enforcement Manager and include that position in the budget for fiscal year 2021.

C. Discuss the Possible Requirement for the States to Declare in Writing Their Audit Policy with Respect to UCR—UCR Audit Subcommittee Chair

The UCR Audit Subcommittee Chair will lead a discussion of the possibility of requiring the states to formally declare, in writing, certain goals, objectives, and procedures with regard to their UCR audit policy. In addition, the Board may discuss a desire to