

is based on investment rates set for purposes of Pub. L. 95-147, 91 Stat. 1227. Computed each year by averaging investment rates for the 12-month period ending every September 30 for applicability effective January 1, the rate is subject to quarterly revisions if the annual average, on the moving basis, changes by 2 per centum. The rate in effect for calendar year 2001 reflects the average investment rates for the 12-month period that ended September 30, 2000.

Dated: October 25, 2000.

Bettsey H. Lane,

Assistant Commissioner, Federal Finance.

[FR Doc. 00-27895 Filed 10-30-00; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4810-35-M

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Forms 12813, 12814, 12815 and 12816

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)). Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning Forms 12813, 12814, 12815, and 12816, Return Post Card for the Community Based Outlet Participants.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before January 2, 2001 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Garrick R. Shear, Internal Revenue Service, room 5244, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the forms and instructions should be directed to Carol Savage, (202) 622-3945, Internal Revenue Service, room 5242, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Return Post Card for the Community Based Outlet Participants.
OMB Number: 1545-1703.

Form Numbers: 12813, 12814, 12815, and 12816.

Abstract: These post card forms are to be used by the community based outlet participants (i.e. grocery stores, credit unions, copy centers, and corporations) to order tax products. The post card will be returned to the Western Area Distribution Center for processing and order fulfillment.

Current Actions: There are no changes being made to these forms at this time.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 18,000.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 5 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,501.

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: October 24, 2000.

Garrick R. Shear,

IRS Reports Clearance Officer.

[FR Doc. 00-27961 Filed 10-30-00; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4830-01-P

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Information Reporting Program Advisory Committee; Meeting

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of Open Meeting of the Information Reporting Program Advisory Committee.

SUMMARY: In 1991 the IRS established the Information Reporting Program Advisory Committee (IRPAC) in response to a recommendation made by the United States Congress. The primary purpose of IRPAC is to provide an organized public forum for discussion of relevant information reporting issues between the officials of the IRS and representatives of the payer/practitioner community. IRPAC offers constructive observations about current or proposed policies, programs, and procedures and, when necessary, suggests ways to improve the operation of the Information Reporting Program (IRP).

There will be a meeting of IRPAC on Thursday, November 16, 2000. The meeting will be held in Room 3313 of the Internal Revenue Service Main Building, which is located at 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC. A summarized version of the agenda along with a list of topics that are planned to be discussed are listed below.

Summarized Agenda For Meeting

9:00—Meeting Opens
11:30—Break for Lunch
1:00—Meeting Resumes
4:00—Meeting Adjourns

The topics that are planned to be covered are as follows:

- (1) Electronic Payee Statements
- (2) Proposed Regulations under Sections 6041 & 6045 ("Middleman" Regulation)
- (3) Hope and Lifetime Learning Credit Proposed Regulation
- (4) Section 1441 Regulation and Related Forms & Instructions
- (5) Employment Tax Administration and Compliance
- (6) IRPAC's Articles in the "IRS/SSA Reporter"
- (7) File Information Returns Electronically (FIRE) System
- (8) Expansion of the Combined Federal/State Information Return Filing Program
- (9) Medical Service Provider and Sole Proprietor Alerts
- (10) Proposed IRP Web-Site
- (11) Section 457 (b) Plans
- (12) Usage of Multiple Codes for Reporting Roth and Education IRA Distributions

- (13) Reporting Excess Contributions under 403 (b) Plans
- (14) Information Reporting Forms and Publications
- (15) Underreporter and the Substitute-for-Return Programs

Note: Last minute changes to these topics are possible and could prevent advance notice.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: IRPAC currently reports to the Director, National Public Liaison, who is the executive responsible for administering this formally chartered federal advisory committee. IRPAC is instrumental in providing advice to enhance the IRP Program. Increasing participation by external stakeholders in the planning and improvement of the tax system will help achieve the goals of increasing voluntary compliance, reducing burden, and improving customer service.

IRPAC is currently comprised of representatives from various segments of the information reporting payer/practitioner community. IRPAC members are not paid for their time or services, but consistent with Federal regulations, they are reimbursed for their travel and lodging expenses to attend two public meetings each year.

DATES: The meeting will be open to the public, and will be in a room that accommodates approximately 80 people, including members of IRPAC and IRS officials. Seats are available to members of the public on a first-come, first-served basis. In order to get your name on the building access list, *notification of intent to attend this meeting must be made with Ms. Romona Johnson no later than Monday,*

November 13, 2000. Ms. Johnson can be reached by e-mail at romona.e.johnson@irs.gov, or by telephone at 202-622-6440. Notification of intent to attend should include your name, organization and phone number. If you leave this information for Ms. Johnson in a voice-mail message, please spell out all names. A draft of the agenda will be available via e-mail or facsimile transmission the week prior to the meeting. Please call or e-mail Ms. Romona Johnson on or after Wednesday, November 8, 2000, to have a copy of the agenda faxed or e-mailed to you. Please note that a draft agenda will not be available until that date.

ADDRESSES: If you would like to have IRPAC consider a written statement at a future IRPAC meeting (not this upcoming meeting), please write to Ms. Kate LaBuda at the IRS, National Public Liaison, CL:NPL:PAC, Room 7559, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC, 20224, or e-mail her at *kate.labuda@irs.gov*.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To get on the access list to attend this meeting, or to have a copy of the agenda faxed to you on or after November 8, 2000, please e-mail Ms. Romona Johnson at romona.e.johnson@irs.gov, or call her at 202-622-6440. For general information about IRPAC, please e-mail Ms. Kate LaBuda at kate.labuda@irs.gov or call her at 202-622-8028.

Susanne M. Sottile,

Director, National Public Liaison, Office of Communication and Liaison.

[FR Doc. 00-27962 Filed 10-30-00; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4830-01-P

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

National Research Advisory Council; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that the Veterans Affairs National Research Advisory Council will meet at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center, Continental Room, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20004, on November 13, 2000, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 to 3 p.m. The agenda for the first session of the inaugural meeting will include the history and overview of the policies of VA research, followed by a background session on the challenges for the direction of the research and development program as related to policy, research centers, staffing, and operations. Established by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, the purpose of the Council is to provide external advice and review for VA's research mission. Those planning to attend the open meeting should contact Ms. Sandra Young, Office of Research and Development at (202) 273-8284.

Dated: October 24, 2000.

Marvin R. Eason,

Committee Management Officer.

[FR Doc. 00-27960 Filed 10-30-00; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 8320-01-M