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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

#### **Open Meeting of the Area 5 Taxpayer Advocacy Panel (Including the States of Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma, and Texas)**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** An open meeting of the Area 5 Taxpayer Advocacy Panel will be conducted. The Taxpayer Advocacy Panel is soliciting public comment, ideas, and suggestions on improving customer service at the Internal Revenue Service.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held Monday, December 12, 2005, at 2 p.m. Central Time.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mary Ann Delzer at 1-888-912-1227, or (414) 297-1604.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. (1988) that a meeting of the Area 5 Taxpayer Advocacy Panel will be held Monday, December 12, 2005, at 2 p.m. Central Time via a telephone conference call. You can submit written comments to the panel by faxing to (414) 297-1623, or by mail to Taxpayer Advocacy Panel, Stop1006MIL, 310 West Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53203-2221, or you can contact us at <http://>

[www.improveirs.org](http://www.improveirs.org). This meeting is not required to be open to the public, but because we are always interested in community input, we will accept public comments. Please contact Mary Ann Delzer at 1-888-912-1227 or (414) 297-1604 for additional information.

The agenda will include the following: Various IRS issues.

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**Martha Curry,**

*Acting Director, Taxpayer Advocacy Panel.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### **Advisory Committee on Minority Veterans; Notice of Meeting**

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under the Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Minority Veterans will be held on December 6-8, 2005 in the Monticello Room at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 1480 Crystal Drive, Arlington, Virginia. The sessions will begin at 9 a.m. each day. The sessions will end at 2 p.m. on December 6, 5 p.m. on December 7 and 1 p.m. on December 8. The meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Secretary on the administration of VA benefits and services to minority veterans, to assess the needs of minority veterans and to evaluate whether VA compensation, medical and rehabilitation services, outreach, and other programs are meeting those needs. The Committee will make recommendations to the Secretary regarding such activities.

On December 6, the Committee will hold discussions with key staff members

of the Veterans Health Administration and the VA Office of Human Resources and Administration regarding healthcare challenges and successes, as well as hiring practices for minority veterans. Additionally, the Committee will meet with staff of the National Guard Bureau regarding transition concerns for returning combat wounded Operation Enduring Freedom/Operation Iraqi Freedom Service members.

On December 7, the Committee will meet with staff members of the Veterans Benefits Administration regarding benefit services and delivery of benefits to minority veterans. The Committee will also discuss burial benefits delivery for minority veterans with staff members of the National Cemetery Administration.

On December 8, the Committee will engage in discussions with the Executive Director of the Veterans Disability Benefits Commission and the Director of the VA Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization.

The Committee will accept written comments from interested parties on issues outlined in the meeting agenda, as well as other issues affecting minority veterans. Such comments should be referred to the Committee at the following address: Advisory Committee on Minority Veterans, Center for Minority Veterans (00M), U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420.

For additional information about the meeting, please contact Ms. Elizabeth Olmo at (202) 273-6708.

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By Direction of the Secretary.

**E. Philip Riggins,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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