

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**Customs Service****Reopening of Application Period for Participation in a National Customs Automation Program Test: First Phase of the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) for the ACE Account Portal****AGENCY:** Customs Service, Treasury.**ACTION:** General notice.

SUMMARY: A notice appeared in the **Federal Register** on May 1, 2002, announcing a 30 day application period for participation in the National Customs Automation Program test of the first phase of the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) for the Account Portal. The testing of this ACE Account Portal is scheduled to commence no earlier than October 28, 2002 and will run for approximately two years. The test will allow participating importers and authorized parties to access their Customs data via a web-based Account Portal. The test is the first step toward the full electronic processing of commercial importations in the ACE with a focus on defining and establishing the importer's account structure. This document announces a reopening of the application period.

EFFECTIVE DATES: The test application period is reopened until August 1, 2002, for purposes of establishing the initial forty importers to participate in the test. Comments concerning this notice and all aspects of the announced test may be submitted at any time.

ADDRESSES: Written comments regarding this notice may be submitted to Ms. Hedwig Lock at U.S. Customs Service, 2850 Eisenhower Ave.—First Floor, Alexandria, Virginia 22314; e:mail address: eisenhower@customs.treas.gov; FAX number: (703) 329-5235. Applications to participate will only be accepted via e:mail sent to eisenhower@customs.treas.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Hedwig Lock, U.S. Customs Service, Office Of Field Operations, Trade Programs, Commercial Compliance, Account Management; Tel. (703) 317-3657; e:mail address: eisenhower@customs.treas.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

On May 1, 2002, Customs published a general notice in the **Federal Register** (67 FR 21800) announcing Customs plan to conduct a National Customs Automation Program (NCAP) test of the

first phase of the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) for the Account Portal. The testing of this ACE Account Portal is scheduled to commence no earlier than October 28, 2002 and will run for approximately two years. The test will allow participating importers and authorized parties to access their Customs data via a web-based Account Portal. The test is the first step toward the full electronic processing of commercial importations in the ACE with a focus on defining and establishing the importer's account structure. The Account Portal has the ability to access, manage, and disseminate information in an efficient and secure manner.

Participants in this test will eventually have the opportunity to use the account management functions such as account access to their profile and transactional data via the web portal. Eventually the account owner will also have the option to delegate portal access. In the initial phase of the test program participants will only have access to static data and basic account profile information necessary to establish an account. In the later stages of the test, participants will have access to more extensive operational transaction data through the web portal.

In the notice announcing the test, Customs stated that it planned to select approximately forty importer accounts from the list of qualified applicants for the initial deployment of this test and stated that to be considered as eligible as one of the initial participants, applications must be received by June 1, 2002. (A primary benefit for the initial participants will be an early opportunity to provide direct input into the initial design of the Account Portal.) Customs also stated that additional participants may be selected throughout the duration of this test.

Because of insufficient applications received by Customs within the initial 30-day time frame, Customs is extending the application period until August 1, 2002, for those desiring to be one of the initial participants. While applications for participation may be submitted to Customs at any time, any applications received after Customs has selected forty participants will be considered on a waiting list basis pending expansion of the technology.

Anyone interested in participating in the test should refer to the test notice published in the **Federal Register** on May 1, 2002, for eligibility and application information.

Dated: June 13, 2002.

Bonni G. Tischler,*Assistant Commissioner, Office of Field Operations.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**Internal Revenue Service****Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form W-2G****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 Form W-2G, Certain Gambling Winnings.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before August 19, 2002 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Glenn Kirkland, Internal Revenue Service, room 6411, 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 Larnice Mack, (202) 622-3179, or through the internet (Larnice.Mack@irs.gov), Internal Revenue Service, room 6407, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:*Title:* Certain Gambling Winnings.*OMB Number:* 1545-0238.*Form Number:* Form W-2G.

Abstract: Internal Revenue Code sections 6041, 3402(q), and 3406 require payers of certain gambling winnings to withhold tax and to report the winnings to the IRS. IRS uses the information to verify compliance with the reporting rules and to verify that the winnings are properly reported on the recipient's tax return.

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: Businesses or other for-profit organizations, state or local

governments, and non-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Responses: 4,104,771.

Estimated Time Per Response: 19 min.

Estimated Total Annual Burden

Hours: 1,272,479.

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: June 6, 2002.

Glenn Kirkland,

IRS Reports Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Tax Counseling for the Elderly Program Availability of Application Packages

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Availability of tax counseling for the elderly (TCE) application packages.

SUMMARY: This document provides notice of the availability of Application

Packages for the 2003 Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) Program.

DATES: Application Packages are available from the IRS at this time. The deadline for submitting an application package to the IRS for the 2003 Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) Program is August 10, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Application Packages may be requested by contacting: Internal Revenue Service, 5000 Ellin Road, Lanham, MD, 20706, Attention: Program Manager, Tax Counseling for the Elderly Program, W:CAR:SPEC:FO:GA, Building C-7, Room 185.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mrs. Lynn Tyler, W:CAR:SPEC:FO:GA, Building C-7, Room 185, Internal Revenue Service, 5000 Ellin Road, Lanham, MD 20706. The non-toll-free telephone number is (202) 283-0189.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Authority for the Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) Program is contained in Section 163 of the Revenue Act of 1978, Public Law 95-600, (92 Stat. 12810), November 6, 1978. Regulations were published in the **Federal Register** at 44 FR 72113 on December 13, 1979. Section 163 gives the IRS authority to enter into cooperative agreements with private or public non-profit agencies or organizations to establish a network of trained volunteers to provide free tax information and return preparation assistance to elderly individuals. Elderly individuals are defined as individuals age 60 and over at the close of their taxable year.

Cooperative agreements will be entered into based upon competition among eligible agencies and organizations. Because applications are being solicited before the FY 2003 budget has been approved, cooperative agreements will be entered into subject to appropriation of funds. Once funded, sponsoring agencies and organizations will receive a grant from the IRS for administrative expenses and to reimburse volunteers for expenses incurred in training and in providing tax return assistance. The Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) Program is referenced in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance in Section 21.006.

Dated: May 12, 2002.

Jim Grimes,

Director, Field Operations, Stakeholder Partnership, Education & Communication.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

ACTION: Notice of establishment of new system of records.

SUMMARY: The Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552(e) (4)) requires that all agencies publish in the **Federal Register** a notice of the existence and character of their systems of records. Notice is hereby given that the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is establishing a new system of records entitled "The Revenue Program—Billing and Collections Records—VA" (114VA17).

DATES: Comments on this new system of records must be received no later than July 18, 2002. If no public comment is received, the new system will become effective July 18, 2002.

ADDRESSES: You may mail or hand-deliver written comments concerning the proposed new system of records to the Office of Regulations Management (02D), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420; or fax comments to (202) 273-9289; or email comments to "OGCRegulations@mail.va.gov". All relevant material received before July 18, 2002 will be considered. Comments will be available for public inspection at the above address in the Office of Regulations Management, Room 1158, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (except holidays).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Veterans Health Administration (VHA) Privacy Act Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420, telephone (727) 320-1839.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Description of the Proposed Systems of Records

In 1986, Pub. L. 99-272, Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985, enacted April 7, 1986, established the means test program and gave VA the authority to seek reimbursement from third party health insurance carriers for care provided to nonservice-connected veterans. Pub. L. 101-508, Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990, enacted November 5, 1990, established per diem copayments, prescription copayments and gave VA the authority to seek reimbursement from third party health insurance carriers for care provided to service-connected veterans