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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Open Season for Membership to the Electronic Tax Administration Advisory Committee (ETAAC)

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Request for Nominations and Applications.

SUMMARY: The Electronic Tax Administration Advisory Committee (ETAAC) was established to provide continued input into the development and implementation of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) strategy for electronic tax administration. The ETAAC provides an organized public forum for discussion of electronic tax administration issues in support of the overriding goal that paperless filing should be the preferred and most convenient method of filing tax and information returns. ETAAC members convey the public's perception of IRS electronic tax administration activities, offer constructive observations about current or proposed policies, programs, and procedures, and suggest improvements. Members of the ETAAC may not be federally registered lobbyists. This document seeks applicants for selection as committee members.

The Director, Return Preparer Office (RPO) will assure that the size and

organizational representation of the ETAAC obtains balanced membership and includes representatives from various groups including: (1) Tax practitioners and preparers, (2) transmitters of electronic returns, (3) tax software developers, (4) large and small business, (5) employers and payroll service providers, (6) individual taxpayers, (7) financial industry (payers, payment options and best practices), (8) system integrators (technology providers), (9) academic (marketing, sales or technical perspectives), (10) trusts and estates, (11) tax exempt organizations, and (12) state and local governments. We are soliciting applicants from professional and public interest groups. Members will serve a three-year term on the ETAAC to allow for a rotation in membership which ensures that different perspectives are represented. All travel expenses within government guidelines will be reimbursed. Potential candidates must pass an IRS tax compliance check and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) background investigation.

DATES: The complete application package must be received no later than Monday, April 1, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Completed applications should be submitted using one of the following methods:

- **Email:** Send to etaac@irs.gov.
- **Mail:** Send to Internal Revenue Service, Return Preparer Office, SE:RPO 5000 Ellin Road (M/Stop C4-470, Attn: ETAAC Analyst (C4-213), Lanham, Maryland 20706.
- **Fax:** Send via facsimile to (202) 283-2845 (not a toll-free number).

An application can be obtained by sending an email to etaac@irs.gov or calling (202) 283-2178 (not a toll-free number).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Cassandra Daniels, (202) 283-2178 or send an email to etaac@irs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The ETAAC will also provide an annual report to Congress on IRS progress in meeting the Restructuring and Reform Act of 1998 goals for electronic filing of tax returns. This activity is based on the authority to administer the Internal Revenue laws conferred upon the Secretary of the Treasury by section 7801 of the Internal Revenue Code and delegated to the Commissioner of the Internal Revenue under section 7803 of the Internal Revenue Code. The ETAAC will research, analyze, consider, and make recommendations on a wide range of electronic tax administration issues and will provide input into the development of the strategic plan for electronic tax administration.

Applicants should describe and document their qualifications for membership to the Committee. Equal opportunity practices will be followed in all appointments to the Committee. To ensure that the recommendations of the Committee have taken into account the needs of the diverse groups served by the Department, membership will include, to the extent practicable, individuals, with demonstrated ability to represent the interests of all racial and ethnic groups, women and men, and persons with disabilities. The Secretary of Treasury will review the recommended candidates and make final selections.

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