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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.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Requesting Comments on Form 8498

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 proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The IRS is soliciting comments concerning Form 8498, Continuing Education Provider Application and Request for Provider Number.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before March 13, 2023 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Andres Garcia, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6526, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20224, or by email to pra.comments@irs.gov. Include OMB Control No. 1545-1459 in the subject line of the message.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of this collection should be directed to Jon Callahan, (737) 800-7639, at Internal Revenue Service, Room 6526, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20224, or through the internet at jon.r.callahan@irs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The IRS is currently seeking comments concerning the following information collection tools, reporting, and record-keeping requirements:

Title: Continuing Education Provider Application and Request for Provider Number.

OMB Number: 1545-1459.

Form Number: Form 8498.

Abstract: Form 8498 is used to: (1) register as a new provider of continuing educational programs being offered to IRS enrolled agents, enrolled retirement plan agents, and other tax return preparers; (2) annually renew the status as an IRS-approved continuing educational provider; and (3) add new programs to an existing IRS-approved provider continuing education curriculum.

Current Actions: There is no change to the existing collection.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Responses: 800.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 36 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 480.

The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information covered by this notice:

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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: January 5, 2023.

Jon R. Callahan,
Tax Analyst.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Requesting Comments on Special Rules for Long-Term Contracts Under Section 460

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 proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The IRS is soliciting comments concerning Form 8697, Interest Computation Under the Look-Back Method for Completed Long-Term Contracts, and final regulations in Treasury Decisions (TD) 8775, 8929, 8995, and 9137 relating to special rules for long-term contracts under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) section 460.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before March 13, 2023 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Andres Garcia, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6526, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20224, or by email to pra.comments@irs.gov. Include OMB Control No. 1545-1732 in the subject line of the message.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of this collection should be directed to Jon Callahan, (737) 800-7639, at Internal Revenue Service, Room 6526, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20224, or through the internet at jon.r.callahan@irs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The IRS is currently seeking comments concerning the following information collection tools, reporting, and record-keeping requirements:

Title: Special Rules for Long-Term Contracts Under Section 460.

OMB Number: 1545-1732.

Form Number: 8697.

Regulation Project Number: 8775, 8929, 8995, and 9137.

Abstract: IRC section 460 generally provides rules that requires taxpayers to determine taxable income from a long-term contract using the percentage-of-completion (PCM) method and pay, or be entitled to receive, interest computed using the look-back method.

Form 8697 is used by taxpayers to figure the interest due or to be refunded under the look-back method of IRC section 460(b)(2) on certain long-term contracts that are accounted for under either the PCM method or the percentage-of-completion capitalized cost method.

TD 8775 added Treasury Regulations section 1.460-6(j), providing taxpayers with the requirements to make an election not to apply the look-back method to long-term contracts in de minimis cases.

TD 8929 added Treasury Regulations section 1.460-1(e)(4), requiring taxpayers to attach a statement with specific information to their income tax return if they sever an agreement or aggregate two or more agreements during the taxable year.

TD 8995, as amended by TD 9137, added Treasury Regulations section 1.460-6(g)(3)(ii)(D) providing rules concerning a mid-contract change in taxpayer of a contract accounted for under a long-term contract method of accounting. The regulation requires the previous taxpayer to provide specific information to the new taxpayer to help the new taxpayer apply the look-back method when the income from a long-term contract has been previously reported by another taxpayer.

Current Actions: There is no change to the existing collection. However, the estimated burden for individuals filing Form 8697 is approved under OMB control number 1545-0074. The estimated burden for businesses filing Form 8697 is approved under OMB control number 1545-0123.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Individuals and households, and business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Responses: 75,010.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 22 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 26,668.

The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information covered by this notice:

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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: January 5, 2023.

Jon R. Callahan,

Tax Analyst.

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U.S.-CHINA ECONOMIC AND SECURITY REVIEW COMMISSION

Notice of Open Public Hearing

AGENCY: U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission.

ACTION: Notice of open public hearing.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following hearing of the U.S.-China

Economic and Security Review Commission. The Commission is mandated by Congress to investigate, assess, and report to Congress annually on "the national security implications of the economic relationship between the United States and the People's Republic of China." Pursuant to this mandate, the Commission will hold a public hearing in Washington, DC on January 26, 2023 on "China's Military Diplomacy and Overseas Security Activities."

DATES: The hearing is scheduled for Thursday, January 26, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES: Members of the public will be able to view a live webcast via the Commission's website at www.uscc.gov. *Reservations are not required to view the hearing. If available, instructions for in-person attendance will be posted on the Commission's website, based on the status of public access to Capitol grounds.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Any member of the public seeking further information concerning the hearing should contact Jameson Cunningham, 444 North Capitol Street NW, Suite 602, Washington, DC 20001; telephone: 202-624-1496, or via email at jcunningham@uscc.gov. *Reservations are not required to attend the hearing.*

ADA Accessibility: For questions about the accessibility of the event or to request an accommodation, please contact Jameson Cunningham via email at jcunningham@uscc.gov. Requests for an accommodation should be made as soon as possible, and at least five business days prior to the event.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: This is the first public hearing the Commission will hold during its 2023 report cycle. The hearing will start with a review of the concepts and strategy of China's military diplomacy. Next, the hearing will evaluate how China uses overseas military activities to improve capabilities and access for the People's Liberation Army. Finally, the hearing will examine China's foreign military sales and acquisition of foreign military technology.

The hearing will be co-chaired by Chairman Carolyn Bartholomew and Commissioner Randall Schriver. Any interested party may file a written statement by January 26, 2023 by transmitting to the contact above. A portion of the hearing will include a question and answer period between the Commissioners and the witnesses.

Authority: Congress created the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission in 2000 in the National Defense Authorization Act (Pub. L. 106-398), as amended by Division P of the