

entrance at Jefferson Drive). The room will accommodate approximately 100 persons and seating is available on a first-come, first-serve basis, unless space has been reserved in advance. Due to limited seating, prospective attendees are encouraged to contact the person listed below prior to May 7, 1996. If you would like to have the Advisory Committee consider a written statement, material must be submitted to the U.S. Community Adjustment and Investment Program, Advisory Committee, Department of the Treasury, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Room 1124, Washington, DC 20220 no later than May 3, 1996. If you have any questions, please call Dan Decena at (202) 622-0637. (Please note that this telephone number is not toll-free.)

Mozelle W. Thompson,

*Deputy Assistant Secretary, Government Financial Policy.*

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## Internal Revenue Service

### Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form 9041

**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 9041, Application for Electronic/Magnetic Media Filing of Business and Employee Benefit Plan Returns.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before June 24, 1996, to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Garrick R. Shear, Internal Revenue Service, room 5571, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection should be directed to Carol Savage, (202) 622-3945, Internal Revenue Service, room 5569, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Form 9041, Application for Electronic/Magnetic Media Filing of

Business and Employee Benefit Plan Returns.

*OMB Number:* 1545-1079.

*Form Number:* Form 9041.

*Abstract:* Form 9041 is used by fiduciaries, partnerships, and plan sponsors/administrators as an application to file Forms 1041, 1065, 5500, 5500-C/R, or 5500EZ electronically or on magnetic media; and by software firms, service bureaus, and electronic transmitters to develop auxiliary services.

*Current Actions:* Form 9041 is being revised to delete line 5, because this information is no longer needed.

*Type of Review:* Revision.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit organizations.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 3,000.

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:* 18 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 900 hours.

#### 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; and (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.

Approved: April 19, 1996,

Garrick R. Shear,

*IRS Reports Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

**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). 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 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 Tuesday and Wednesday, May 14-15, 1996. The meeting will be held in Room 3313 of the Internal Revenue Service Building, which is located at 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC. A summarized version of the agenda along with a list of topics that will be discussed are listed below.

Summarized Agenda for Meeting on May 14-15, 1996

#### Tuesday, May 14, 1996

9:30 Public Meeting Opens

11:30 Break for Lunch

1:00 IRPAC Presentations Continue

4:00 Adjourn for the Day

#### Wednesday, May 15, 1996

9:30 Public Meeting Reconvenes

12:00 Adjourn

The topics that will be covered are as follows:

- (1) Combined Filing by Successor Corporations
- (2) Non-Resident Alien Reporting Issues and Update
- (3) Discharge of Indebtedness for Foreign Subsidiaries
- (4) Bar Coding on Recipient/State Copies of Information Returns
- (5) Renumbering of Boxes on Form 1099-B
- (6) Tax Deposit Reconciliations of Form 945 with Form 1099 Withholding
- (7) Clarifications in Annual Instructions for Forms 1099, 1098, and W-2G
- (8) Simplified Tax and Wage Reporting System (STAWRS) Update
- (9) Form W-9 Instructions Clarifications
- (10) Closing Agreements in lieu of Corrected 1099's
- (11) Dividends on Employee Stock Ownership Plans (ESOP)
- (12) Rollovers of Ineligible Amounts
- (13) Form 5498, New Box 5 for 1996
- (14) Logos on Form 1099 Payee Statements
- (15) Electronic Financial Tax Payment System (EFTPS) Update
- (16) Updates on Martinsburg Computing Center Seminars and Faxback of IRP Forms
- (17) SS-8 Determination Centers Update
- (18) Update on Federal/State Information Reporting Initiatives
- (19) Form 1040 Instructions Regarding Mortgage Interest

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** IRPAC reports to the National Director, Office of Service Center Compliance, who is the executive responsible for information reporting and is charged with its system wide planning and improvement. 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 and reduction of burden. IRPAC is currently comprised of 20 representatives from various segments of the private sector payer 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 meetings each year.

**DATES:** The meeting will be open to the public, and will be in a room that accommodates approximately 90 people, including members of IRPAC and IRS officials. Seats are available to 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. Tommie Matthews no later than Friday, May 10, 1996. Ms. Matthews can be reached at 202-622-4214 (not a toll-free number).* Notification of intent to attend should include your name, organization and phone number. If you leave this information for Ms. Matthews in a voice-mail message, please spell out all names. A draft of the agenda will be available via facsimile transmission the week prior to the meeting. Please call Ms. Matthews on or after Monday May 6, 1996 to have a copy of the agenda faxed to you. Please note that a draft agenda will not be available until Monday, May 6.

**ADDRESSES:** If you would like to have IRPAC consider a written statement at a future IRPAC meeting (not the May 1996 meeting), please write to Kate LaBuda at IRS, Office of Service Center Compliance, CP:CO:SC:P, Room 2013, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC, 20224.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To give notification of intent to attend this meeting, call Ms. Tommie Matthews at 202-622-4214 (not a toll-free number). For general information about IRPAC call Kate LaBuda at 202-622-3404 (not a toll-free number).

Dated: April 18, 1996.  
Bob Longford,  
(Acting) Director, Office of Payer Compliance,  
Service Center Compliance.  
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## UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY

### Edmund S. Muskie Fellowship Program

**ACTION:** Notice; request for proposals.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Academic Programs, Academic Exchange Programs Division, European Programs Branch of the United States Information Agency's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs announces an open competition for an assistance award. Public and private non-profit organizations meeting the provisions described in IRS regulation 26 CFR 1.501(c)(3)-1 may apply to administer the recruitment, selection, placement, monitoring, evaluation, and follow-on activities for the Edmund S. Muskie Fellowship Program. Organizations with less than four years of experience in conducting international exchange programs are not eligible for this competition.

The Edmund S. Muskie Fellowship Program selects outstanding citizens of the New Independent States (NIS) and the Baltics to receive scholarships for Master's-level study and professional development in the United States in the fields of business administration, economics, law, and public administration. Fellowships are awarded to qualified young and mid-career individuals who are citizens of Armenia, Azerbaijan\*, Belarus, Estonia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, the Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, or Uzbekistan. Interested organizations should read the complete Federal Register announcement and request a Solicitation Package from USIA prior to preparing a proposal.

\*Please note: Programs with Azerbaijan are subject to restrictions of Section 907 of the Freedom Support Act: Employees of the Government of Azerbaijan or any of its instrumentalities are excluded from participation, and no U.S. participant overseas may work for the Government of Azerbaijan or any of its instrumentalities. In addition, the Government of Azerbaijan or any of its instrumentalities will have no control in the actual selection of participants.

Edmund S. Muskie Fellows enroll in graduate degree, certificate, and non-degree programs lasting one-to-two academic years. It is estimated that

approximately 100-130 Fellows will participate in the 1997 program.

Overall grant making authority for this program is contained in the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961, Public Law 87-256, as amended, also known as the Fulbright-Hays Act. The purpose of the Act is "to enable the Government of the United States to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries \* \* \*; to strengthen the ties which unite us with other nations by demonstrating the educational and cultural interests, developments, and achievements of the people of the United States and other nations \* \* \* and thus to assist in the development of friendly, sympathetic and peaceful relations between the United States and the other countries of the world."

Programs and projects must conform with Agency requirements and guidelines outlined in the Solicitation Package. USIA projects and programs are subject to the availability of funds.

**ANNOUNCEMENT TITLE AND NUMBER:** All communications with USIA concerning this announcement should refer to the above title and reference number *E/AEE-97-01*.

**DEADLINE FOR PROPOSALS:** All copies must be received at the U.S. Information Agency by 5 p.m. Washington, D.C. time on Thursday, June 20, 1996. Faxed documents will not be accepted, nor will documents postmarked June 20, 1996, but received at a later date. It is the responsibility of each applicant to ensure that proposals are received by the above deadline.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The Office of Academic Programs, European Programs Branch, E/AEE, Room 246, U.S. Information Agency, 301 4th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20547, (P)202-205-0525, (F)202-260-7985, (E-Mail) LShane@USIA.gov to request a Solicitation Package containing more detailed award criteria, required application forms, and standard guidelines for preparing proposals, including specific criteria for preparation of the proposal budget.

**TO DOWNLOAD A SOLICITATION PACKAGE VIA INTERNET:** The Solicitation Package may be downloaded from USIA's website at <http://www.usia.gov/> or from the Internet Gopher at [gopher.usia.gov](http://gopher.usia.gov). Select "Education and Cultural Exchanges", then select "Current Request for Proposals (RFPs)." Please read "About the Following RFPs" before beginning to download.

Please specify USIA Program Officer/Specialist Laura Shane on all inquiries and correspondence. Interested