

can be processed through normal channels the same as those with Forms W-2 or 1099R attached.

Current Actions: Line 7 is being changed to 7A and 7B. Line 7A will show the compensation information from Form W-2. Line 7B will show the distribution information from Form 1099R. Previously, there was no place on the form to report the distribution information.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Individuals or households, business or other for-profit organizations, farms, and Federal, state, local or tribal governments.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,500,000.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 18 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 450,000.

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: April 21, 1998.

Garrick R. Shear,

IRS Reports Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

[LR 2013 and EE-155-78]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request For Regulation Project

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 existing final regulations, LR 2013 (TD 7533), Disc Rules on Procedure and Administration; Rules on Export Trade Corporations, and EE-155-78 (TD 7896), Income From Trade Shows (§§ 1.6071-1 and 1.6072-2).

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before June 29, 1998, 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 regulations should be directed to Carol Savage, (202) 622-3945, Internal Revenue Service, room 5569, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: LR 2013 (TD 7533), Disc Rules on Procedure and Administration; Rules on Export Trade Corporations, and EE-155-78 (TD 7896), Income From Trade Shows.

OMB Number: 1545-0807.

Regulation Project Numbers: LR 2013 and EE-155-78.

Abstract: Regulation section 1.6071-1(b) requires that when a taxpayer files a late return for a short period, proof of unusual circumstances for late filing must be given to the District Director. Sections 6072(b), (c), (d), and (e) of the Internal Revenue Code deal with the filing dates of certain corporate returns. Regulation section 1.6072-2 provides additional information concerning these filing dates.

Current Actions: There is no change to these existing regulations.

Type of Review: Extension of OMB approval.

Affected Public: Individual or households, business or other for-profit organizations, not-for-profit institutions, farms, and state, local or tribal governments.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 12,417.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 15 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 3,104.

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: April 17, 1998.

Garrick R. Shear,

IRS Reports Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Announcement of Open Membership Application Period for the Information Reporting Program Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In 1991 the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) established the Information Reporting Program Advisory Committee (IRPAC) at the request of the United States Congress. 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. IRPAC is currently comprised of 18 representatives from various segments of the private sector payer community. Seven of these appointments to IRPAC will expire at the end of 1998. Additional members will be selected for two-year terms beginning in January 1999. National business, technical, and professional associations are encouraged to submit multiple nominees.

DATES: Completed questionnaires (or facsimiles) should be received by IRS no later than Friday, June 26, 1998. Questionnaires received after this date will not be considered. An acknowledgment letter will be sent upon receipt.

ADDRESSES: Internal Revenue Service, CP:EX:ST:PC, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room 2013, Washington, DC 20224.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To have a copy of the application questionnaire mailed or faxed to you, please call Ms. Thomasine Matthews at 202-622-4214 (not a toll-free number). For general information about the application process or IRPAC in general, call Kate LaBuda at 202-622-3404 (not a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: IRPAC reports to the National Director, Office of Specialty Taxes, who is the executive responsible for ensuring and facilitating compliance by payers with information reporting requirements. 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, reducing burden, and improving customer service. IRPAC members are not paid for their time or services, but consistent with Federal regulations, they will be reimbursed for their travel and lodging expenses to attend two two-day public meetings each year. IRPAC members are expected to attend and pay

their own way to between four and six working sessions each year, which are generally held in Washington, DC; New York, NY; or Martinsburg, WV.

The IRS is interested in representation from different areas of the payer community (e.g., educational institutions, software developers, forms developers, corporate compliance, small business compliance, international financial institutions, tax practitioners, etc.). Anyone wishing to be considered for membership on IRPAC should so advise the IRS. Please complete the following application questionnaire (or a facsimile thereof prepared on a word processor), and forward it to Ms. Kate LaBuda of the Office Payer Compliance, at the address above.

Dated: April 21, 1998.

Approved:

Kate LaBuda,
Acting Director, Office of Payer Compliance.
Attachment

**Information Reporting Program
Advisory Committee Membership
Application Questionnaire**

The following questions must be answered by anyone interested in becoming a member of the Information Reporting Program Advisory Committee (IRPAC). Applications (or facsimiles produced on a word processor) must be received at the address listed below by June 26, 1998. Those received after this date will not be considered. All applications received will be acknowledged. Questions may be directed to Kate LaBuda at 202-622-3404. Ms. Kate LaBuda, CP:EX:ST:PC, Internal Revenue Service, Room 2013, 1111 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20224.

1. Name:
2. Title:
3. Employer Name:
4. Business Address:
5. Business Phone:
6. Fax Number:
7. E-Mail Address:
8. If you are applying on behalf of an organization or association other than your employer, please state the name, and address of that organization. Also, provide a letter of reference from that organization stating that you are nominated on their behalf. This letter should contain the name of a contact and this contact's phone number.
9. Home Address:
10. Home Phone:
11. Have you ever served on IRPAC or the Commissioner's Advisory Group (CAG)? If so, please explain. Do you currently have an application pending for CAG membership?
12. Check the *one* segment of the Information Reporting Program (IRP)

payer community to which the organization that you represent, and your experience, most closely relate:

- _____ Real Estate
- _____ Transmitter/Forms Developer
- _____ Software Developer
- _____ Insurance: Property & Casualty
- _____ Insurance: Life
- _____ Securities
- _____ Mutual Funds
- _____ Payroll
- _____ State & Local Government
- _____ Corporate Compliance
- _____ Small Business Compliance
- _____ Public Accounting
- _____ Employee Plans
- _____ Trust Company
- _____ Corporate Transfer Agent/
Utilities
- _____ Large Banks/Financial
Institution
- _____ Small Banks/Financial
Institution
- _____ Restaurant Industry
- _____ Other (Please specify).

13. List the number of years of IRP-related experience you have, and specific sources of this IRP experience. (Account for all years of IRP experience claimed.)

14. List professional credentials (e.g., Ph.D., CPA, Enrolled Agent, Attorney, Accountant, etc.)

15. Identify organizations to which you belong and any relevant leadership positions you have held.

16. List any previous IRS employment (please state position(s), title(s), and time in each position):

17. Please propose two topic ideas that you feel would be appropriate for discussion by IRPAC. Include a short description (three sentences) of each topic.

**The Following Three Items Are
Required for an FBI Name Check**

18. Date of Birth:
19. Place of Birth:
20. Other names ever used:

**The Following Items Are Required for
an IRS Tax Check. (Please Note That a
Tax Check Is Not a Tax Audit)**

The Internal Revenue Service will perform the standard Federal Advisory Committee member tax check, (pursuant to 26 U.S.C. 6103; 5 U.S.C. 1303; Executive Orders 9397, 11222, 10450; CFR 5.2; 31 CFR Part O, Treasury Department Order Nos. 82 (Revised) and 150-87) and provide the information obtained to the Assistant Secretary (Administration) of the Treasury Department. The purpose of this tax check is to promote public confidence in the integrity of the Treasury Department and its administration of

the Federal tax system. Your Social Security Number is required to identify your tax records accurately. This tax check must be completed prior to any appointment to this Federal Advisory Committee and you are now being asked to voluntarily provide the following information and, at a later time, you will be asked to sign a formal tax check waiver:

21. Social Security Number (SSN):

22. Spouse's name and SSN (if married and filing jointly):

The Following Item Is Required Because of the Foreign Agents Registration Act (FARA), as Amended

23. I presently _____ am / _____ am not required to register as an agent of a foreign principal under FARA, as amended.

Note: Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. sec. 219, an individual who is required to register as an agent of a foreign principal under FARA is prohibited from serving on IRPAC. By executing this questionnaire, you agree that (1) if you are required to register as an agent of a foreign principal under the FARA before your term commences on IRPAC, you will terminate any and all such agencies prior to beginning your tenure and will provide

appropriate verification therefor; and (2) you will immediately resign from IRPAC if you become such an agent at any time during your term.

Certification

24. I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, all of my statements are true, correct, complete, and made in good faith. I also agree to the background checks set forth herein.

Signature

Date

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