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If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*.

GTW has filed an environmental report which addresses the abandonment's effects, if any, on the environment and historic resources. The Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) will issue an environmental assessment (EA) by July 15, 1998. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA by writing to SEA (Room 500, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423) or by calling SEA, at (202) 565-1545. Comments on environmental and historic preservation matters must be filed within 15 days after the EA becomes available to the public.

Environmental, historic preservation, public use, or trail use/rail banking conditions will be imposed, where appropriate, in a subsequent decision.

Pursuant to the provisions of 49 CFR 1152.29(e)(2), GTW shall file a notice of consummation with the Board to signify that it has exercised the authority granted and fully abandoned the line. If consummation has not been effected by GTW's filing of a notice of consummation by July 10, 1999, and there are no legal or regulatory barriers to consummation, the authority to abandon will automatically expire.

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Decided: July 2, 1998.

By the Board, David M. Konschnik, Director, Office of Proceedings.

**Vernon A. Williams,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Departmental Offices, Debt Management Advisory Committee; Meeting

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. App. 10(a)(2), that a meeting will be held at the U.S. Treasury Department, 15th and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., on August 4, 1998, of the following debt management advisory committee: The Bond Market Association, Treasury Borrowing Advisory Committee.

The agenda for the meeting provides for a technical background briefing by Treasury staff, followed by a charge by the Secretary of the Treasury or his designate that the committee discuss

particular issues, and a working session. Following the working session, the committee will present a written report of its recommendations.

The background briefing by Treasury staff will be held at 9:30 a.m. Eastern time and will be open to the public. The remaining sessions and the committee's reporting session will be closed to the public, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. App. 10(d).

This notice shall constitute my determination, pursuant to the authority placed in heads of departments by 5 U.S.C. App. 10(d) and vested in me by Treasury Department Order No. 101-05, that the closed portions of the meeting are concerned with information that is exempt from disclosure under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(A). The public interest requires that such meetings be closed to the public because the Treasury Department requires frank and full advice from representatives of the financial community prior to making its final decision on major financing operations. Historically, this advice has been offered by debt management advisory committees established by the several major segments of the financial community. When so utilized, such a committee is recognized to be an advisory committee under 5 U.S.C. App. 3.

Although the Treasury's final announcement of financing plans may not reflect the recommendations provided in reports of the advisory committee, premature disclosure of the committee's deliberations and reports would be likely to lead to significant financial speculation in the securities market. Thus, these meetings fall within the exemption covered by 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(A).

The Office of the Assistant Secretary for Financial Markets is responsible for maintaining records of debt management advisory committee meetings and for providing annual reports setting forth a summary of committee activities and such other matters as may be informative to the public consistent with the policy of 5 U.S.C. 552b.

Dated: July 6, 1998.

**Gary Gensler,**

Assistant Secretary (Financial Markets).

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form 8862

**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 8862, Information To Claim Earned Income Credit After Disallowance.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before September 8, 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 the form and instructions should be directed to Martha R. Brinson, (202) 622-3869, Internal Revenue Service, room 5571, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Title:** Information To Claim Earned Income Credit After Disallowance.

**OMB Number:** To be assigned later.

**Form Number:** 8862.

**Abstract:** Section 32 of the Internal Revenue Code allows taxpayers to claim an earned income credit (EIC) for each of their qualifying children. Code section 32(k), as enacted by section 1085(a)(1) of the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997, disallows the EIC for a statutory period if the taxpayer improperly claimed it in a prior year. Form 8862 is used by taxpayers to reestablish their eligibility to claim the EIC.

**Current Actions:** This is a new collection of information.

**Type of Review:** New OMB approval.

**Affected Public:** Individuals or households.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 1,000,000

**Estimated Time Per Respondent:** 2 hr., 26 min.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:** 2,430,000

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 3 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: July 2, 1998.

**Garrick R. Shear,**

*IRS Reports Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

#### Advisory Group to the Commissioner of Internal Revenue

**AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

**ACTION:** Announce new official title for one of IRS, Federal advisory committees.

**SUMMARY:** The official title for the Advisory Group to the Commissioner of Internal Revenue has been changed to Internal Revenue Service Advisory Council.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Merci del Toro, Office of Public Liaison and Small Business Affairs, CL:PL Room 7559 IR, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224, Telephone: 202-622-5081 (not a toll-free number).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The charter for the Advisory Group to the Commissioner of Internal Revenue was revised on May 13, 1998, in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, enacted October 6, 1972, to officially change the title of the Advisory Group to the Commissioner of Internal Revenue to Internal Revenue Service Advisory Council.

Dated: July 2, 1998.

**Susanne M. Sottile,**

*Director, Office of Public Liaison and Small Business Affairs/Designated Federal Official for the IRS Advisory Council.*

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## UNITED STATES INSTITUTE OF PEACE

### Announcement of Senior Fellowship Competition

**AGENCY:** United States Institute of Peace.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The agency is soliciting applications for Senior Fellowships from scholars or practitioners who conduct research related to the peaceful resolution of international conflict. Fellowship entails residence at agency in Washington, DC, for up to one year beginning September 1, 1999.

**DATES:** Application Material Available Upon Request Receipt Date for Return of Applications: October 1, 1998 Notification of Awards: April, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** For application materials, visit the Institute's website at [www.usip.org](http://www.usip.org), or contact: United States Institute of Peace, Jennings Randolph Program, 1550 M Street, NW, Suite 700, Washington, DC 20005-1708, (202) 429-6063 (fax), (202) 457-1719 (TTY), [jrprogram@usip.org](mailto:jrprogram@usip.org) (email).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jennings Randolph Program, Phone (202)-429-3886.

Dated: July 7, 1998.

**Bernice J. Carney,**

*Director, Office of Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Advisory Committee on the Readjustment of Veterans, Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92-

463 that a meeting of the Advisory Committee on the Readjustment of Veterans will be held July 23 through 25, 1998. This meeting will be a field meeting conducted primarily at VA facilities in Spokane, Washington, and Missoula and Fort Harrison, Montana. The Committee will also visit with Native American veterans on the Blackfeet and Flathead reservations in Montana to review the availability of services for rural and minority veterans. The purpose of the meeting is to provide the Committee a first-hand opportunity to review the provision and coordination of VA services for war related post-traumatic stress disorders (PTSD) and other readjustment difficulties specific to war veterans. For this purpose, the Committee will tour facilities, and engage in discussions with VA service providers and veteran consumers.

The meeting on July 23 will begin at 8 a.m. and conclude at 5 p.m. The day's agenda will be conducted concurrently at three different locations. Specifically, one Committee subgroup will visit the Fort Harrison VA Medical & Regional Office Center (VAM&ROC), Williams Street/Highway 19, Fort Harrison, Montana 59636, and one Committee subgroup will visit the VA Medical Center (VAMC), North 4815 Assembly, Spokane, Washington 99205. The day's agenda will consist of direct observations of VA mental health services with particular attention to PTSD programs, and a review of the PTSD claims process at the Fort Harrison VAM&ROC. An additional focus for the meeting is continuity of care and clinical follow-up between area VA medical facilities and Vet Centers. A third Committee subgroup will visit with Native American veterans on the Blackfeet reservation in Browning, Montana. The day's agenda will consist of assessing veterans needs and services provided by VA.

The meeting on July 24 will also begin at 8 a.m. and conclude at 5 p.m. The second day's agenda will also be conducted concurrently at three different locations. The day's agenda will consist of a continuation of direct observations of VA programs and facilities at the Vet Center, 500 N. Higgins Avenue, Missoula, Montana 59802, and Vet Center, West 1708 Mission Street, Spokane, Washington 99201. Concurrently, the third Committee subgroup will be visiting with Native American veterans on the Flathead reservation in Polson, Montana. The day's agenda will consist of assessing veterans needs and services provided by VA.