

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 29,409

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 69 hr., 19 min.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 2,038,354

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

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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: January 29, 1998.

Garrick R. Shear,

IRS Reports Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form 973

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 973, Corporation Claim for Deduction for Consent Dividends.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before April 20, 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: Corporation Claim for Deduction for Consent Dividends.

OMB Number: 1545-0044.

Form Number: 973.

Abstract: Corporations file Form 973 to claim a deduction for dividends paid. If shareholders consent and the IRS approves, the corporation may claim a deduction for dividends paid, which reduces the corporation's tax liability. IRS uses Form 973 to determine if shareholders have included the dividend in gross income.

Current Actions: There are no changes being made to the form at this time.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 500.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 4 hr., 57 min.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 2,475.

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 27, 1998.

Garrick R. Shear,

IRS Reports Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Art Advisory Panel of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of determination of necessity for renewal of the Art Advisory Panel.

SUMMARY: It is in the public interest to continue the existence of the Art Advisory Panel.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Karen E. Carolan, C:AP:AS, 901 D Street, SW, Room 224, Box 68 Washington, DC 20024, Telephone No. (202) 401-4128, (not a toll free number)

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. (1982), the Commissioner of Internal Revenue announces the renewal of the following advisory committee:

Title. The Art Advisory Panel of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue.

Purpose. The Panel assists the Internal Revenue Service by reviewing and evaluating the acceptability of property appraisals submitted by taxpayers in support of the fair market value claimed on works of art involved in Federal Income, Estate or Gift taxes in accordance with sections 170, 2031, and 2512 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

In order for the Panel to perform this function, Panel records and discussions must include tax return information. Therefore, the Panel meetings will be closed to the public since all portions of the meetings will concern matters that are exempted from disclosure under the provisions of section 552b(c)(3), (4), (6) and (7) of Title 5 of the U.S. Code. This determination, which is in accordance with section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, is necessary to protect the confidentiality of tax returns and return information as required by section 6103 of the Internal Revenue code.

Statement of Public Interest

It is in the public interest to continue the existence of the Art Advisory Panel. The Secretary of Treasury, with the concurrence of the General Services Administration, has also approved renewal of the Panel. The membership of the Panel is balanced between museum directors and curators, art dealers and auction representatives to afford differing points of view in determining fair market value.

Authority for this Panel will expire two years from the date the Charter is approved by the Assistant Secretary for

Management and Chief Financial Officer and filed with the appropriate congressional committees unless, prior to the expiration of its Charter, the Panel is renewed.

The Commissioner of Internal Revenue has determined that this document is not a major rule as defined in Executive Order 12291 and that a regulatory impact analysis therefore is not required. Neither does this document constitute a rule subject to the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. Chapter 6).

Michael P. Dolan,

Deputy Commissioner of Internal Revenue.

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DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Notice of Meeting With Current and Prospective Tax Software Developers

SUMMARY: This announcement serves as notice that the Internal Revenue Service plans to hold a meeting of current and prospective tax software developers to share the current thinking about the strategic direction of electronic tax

administration, to obtain meaningful input to the IRS direction as it impacts software to be used by the public, and to get initial reactions from software developers to these strategies. The meeting will be held at the New Carrollton Federal Building from 8:00 a.m. Tuesday, March 3, 1998 through 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 4, 1998.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Registered attendees will receive a package of material prior to the meeting in order to come prepared with comments and questions. To register to attend this meeting, please call Patti Washburn at (202) 283-6852.

ADDRESSES: Questions or concerns should be directed to Patti Washburn at IRS, Electronic Tax Administration, T:ETA:E:P, 5000 Ellin Road C4-332, Lanham, MD 20706.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions or concerns will also be taken over the telephone. Call Patti Washburn at (202) 283-6852 (not a toll-free number).

Larry Faulkner,

*Alternative Payments Project Director,
Electronic Tax Administration.*

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