

noninterest expense (and other noninterest income). These disclosures would be made only if the dollar amount for a particular category of expense (or income) exceeded the revised disclosure threshold discussed above.

One state banking trade group recommended that the agencies combine two items in Schedule RC-A—Cash and Balances Due From Depository Institutions—so that the amount of a bank's "Currency and coin" is not separately reported. This trade group stated that having the amount of a bank's currency and coin available to the public on the Call Report could facilitate and encourage more people to commit robberies and burglaries at those institutions that disclose a large amount of cash on hand. While the current Call Report requirements call upon all banks to report the amount of currency and coin they have, this commenter may have overlooked the agencies' proposal to eliminate this reporting requirement for all banks with less than \$300 million in total assets that do not have foreign offices. Thus, only the largest banks must continue to disclose the amount of their "Currency and coin" in the Call Report, which essentially achieves this trade group's objective.

One bank trade group stated that differences in the information required for Call Reports versus the information required by the Board in the quarterly holding company reports on form FR Y-9C is a source of frustration for bankers. The trade group suggested that differences in these reports should be minimized. As the agencies noted in their proposal, some of their proposed revisions were designed to reduce these differences. Furthermore, in its notice requesting comment on revisions to the FR Y-9C for 2001, which was published on November 17, 2000 (65 FR 69525), the Board proposed several reporting changes that will introduce more uniformity to certain aspects of regulatory reporting. These reporting changes include bringing a number of items on the FR Y-9C, as well as the overall reporting format of the FR Y-9C, into closer alignment with the Call Report.

Request for Comment

Comments are invited on:

(a) Whether the proposed revisions to the Call Report collections of information are necessary for the proper performance of the agencies' functions, including whether the information has practical utility;

(b) The accuracy of the agencies' estimates of the burden of the information collections as they are

proposed to be revised, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(c) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;

(d) Ways to minimize the burden of information collections 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.

Comments submitted in response to this Notice will be shared among the agencies. All comments will become a matter of public record. Written comments should address the accuracy of the burden estimates and ways to minimize burden as well as other relevant aspects of the information collection request.

Dated: February 26, 2001.

Mark J. Tenhundfeld,

Assistant Director, Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, February 26, 2001.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Secretary of the Board.

Dated at Washington, DC., this 27th day of February, 2001.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Robert E. Feldman,

Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

[INTL-24-94]

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 an existing final regulation, INTL-24-94

(TD 8671), Taxpayer Identifying Numbers (TINs) (§ 301.6109-1).

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before May 4, 2001 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Garrick R. Shear, Internal Revenue Service, room 5244, 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 Larnice Mack, (202) 622-3179, Internal Revenue Service, room 5244, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Taxpayer Identifying Numbers (TINs).

OMB Number: 1545-1461.

Regulation Project Number: INTL-24-94.

Abstract: This regulation relates to requirements for furnishing a taxpayer identifying number on returns, statements, or other documents. Procedures are provided for requesting a taxpayer identifying number for certain alien individuals for whom a social security number is not available. The regulation also requires foreign persons to furnish a taxpayer identifying number on their tax returns.

Current Actions: There is no change to this existing regulation.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Individuals.

The burden for the collection of information is reflected in the burden for Form W-7, Application for IRS Individual Tax Identification Number (For Non-U.S. Citizens or Nationals).

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: February 27, 2001.

Garrick R. Shear,

IRS Reports Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Open Meeting of Citizen Advocacy Panel, Midwest District

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: A meeting of the Midwest Citizen Advocacy Panel will be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

DATES: The meeting will be held Thursday, March 22, 2001, and Friday, March 23, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sandra McQuin at 1-888-912-1227, or 414-297-1604.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. (1988) that an open meeting of the Citizen Advocacy Panel (CAP) will be held Thursday, March 22, 2001, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Friday, March 23, 2001, from 8:00 a.m. to Noon at the Reuss Federal Building, Meeting Room 290B, 310 West Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, WI. The Citizen Advocacy Panel is soliciting public comment, ideas, and suggestions on improving customer service at the Internal Revenue Service. Public comments will be welcome during the meeting, or you can submit written comments to the panel by faxing to (414) 297-1623, or by mail to Citizen Advocacy Panel, Mail Stop 1006 MIL, 310 West Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53203-2221.

The Agenda will include the following: Reports by the CAP sub-

groups, presentation of taxpayer issues by individual members, discussion of issues, and an update on the recruitment for new panel members.

Note: Last minute changes to the agenda are possible and could prevent effective advance notice.

Dated: February 26, 2001.

M. Cathy VanHorn,

Director, Citizen Advocacy Panel (CAP) Communication and Liaison.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Veterans' Advisory Committee on Education, Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs gives notice that a meeting of the Veterans' Advisory Committee on Education, authorized by 38 U.S.C. 3692, will be held on March 12 and March 13, 2001. The meeting will take place at the Department of Veterans Affairs, Room 542, 1800 G Street, NW., Washington, DC. The meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, March 12. On Tuesday, March 13, the meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at 12:00 p.m. The purpose of the Committee is to assist in the evaluation of existing programs and services, and recommend needed programs and services. The focus of this meeting will be "Partnership for Veterans' Education". The Committee will also review recently proposed legislation increasing GI Bill benefits for the 21st century and submit their recommendations for necessary improvements to the GI Bill to the Secretary.

The meeting will be open to the public. Those wishing to attend should contact Mr. Bill Susling, Education Policy and Program Administration, (phone 202-273-7187) prior to the meeting.

Interested persons may attend, appear before, or file statements with the Committee. Statements, if in written form, may be filed before or within 10 days after the meeting. Oral statements will be heard at 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, March 13, 2001.

Dated: February 23, 2001.

By direction of the Secretary.

Ventris C. Gibson,

Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Veterans' Advisory Committee on Environmental Hazards, Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92-463 that a meeting of the Veterans' Advisory Committee on Environmental Hazards will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, March 21-22, 2001, in room 930 of VA Central Office, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420. The meeting will convene at 9:00 a.m. and adjourn at 5:00 p.m. on both days.

The purpose of the meeting is to review information relating to the health effects of exposure to ionizing radiation. The major items on the agenda for both days will be discussions and analyses of medical and scientific papers concerning the health effects of exposure to ionizing radiation. On the basis of their analyses and discussions, the Committee may make recommendations to the Secretary concerning diseases that are the result of exposure to ionizing radiation. The agenda for the second day will include planning future Committee activities and assignment of tasks among the members.

The meeting is open to the public on both days. Those who wish to attend should contact Ersie Farber-Collins of the Department of Veterans Affairs, Compensation and Pension Service, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, prior to March 16, 2001. Ms. Farber-Collins may also be reached at 202-273-7268.

Members of the public may submit written questions or prepared statements for review by the Advisory Committee in advance of the meeting. Submitted material must be received at least five (5) days prior to the meeting and should be sent to Ms. Farber-Collins' attention at the address given above. Those who submit material may be asked to clarify it prior to its consideration by the Advisory Committee.

Dated: February 23, 2001.

By direction of the Secretary.

Ventris C. Gibson,

Committee Management Officer.

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