

all interested parties and will be made available to additional parties upon request. The entire EA is also available on the Board's Web site (<http://www.stb.dot.gov>) by clicking on the "Decisions & Notices" button and searching by Service Date (November 7, 2003), Docket Number (FD 34305) or Full Text (key word "Quebecor"). SEA will consider all comments received when making its final environmental recommendations to the Board. The Board will then consider SEA's final recommendations and the complete environmental record in making its final decision in this proceeding.

DATES: The EA is available for public review and comment. Comments must be postmarked December 10, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Comments (an original and 10 copies) should be sent in writing to: Surface Transportation Board, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423. The lower left corner of the envelope should be marked: Attention: Mr. David Navecky, Environmental Comments, Finance Docket No. 34305.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Navecky by mail at the address above, by telephone at (202) 565-1593 (FIRS for the hearing impaired (1-800-877-8339)), or by e-mail at naveckyd@stb.dot.gov.

By the Board, Victoria Rutson, Chief, Section of Environmental Analysis.

Vernon Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

[REG-209682-94]

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, Pub. L. 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning final regulation, REG-209682-94 (TD 8847),

Adjustments Following Sales of Partnership Interests, (§§ 1.732-1 and 1.743-1).

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before January 6, 2004, to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to R. Joseph Durbala, Internal Revenue Service, room 6411, 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 at Internal Revenue Service, room 6407, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224, or at (202) 622-3945, or through the internet at carol.a.savage@irs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Adjustments Following Sales of Partnership Interests.

OMB Number: 1545-1588.

Regulation Project Number: REG-209682-94.

Abstract: Partnerships, with a section 754 election in effect, are required to adjust the basis of partnership property following certain transfers of partnership interests. This regulation relates to the optional adjustments to the basis of partnership property following certain transfers of partnership interests under section 743, the calculation of gain or loss under section 751(a) following the sale or exchange of a partnership interest, the allocation of basis adjustments among partnership assets under section 755, the allocation of a partner's basis in its partnership interest to properties distributed to the partner by the partnership under section 732(c), and the computation of a partner's proportionate share of the adjusted basis of depreciable property (or depreciable real property) under section 1017.

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

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents/Recordkeepers: 226,000.

Estimated Time Per Respondent/Recordkeeper: 4 hrs.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 904,000.

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: October 31, 2003.

R. Joseph Durbala,

IRS Reports Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Information Reporting Program Advisory Committee; Renewal of Charter

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Charter for the Information Reporting Program Advisory Committee will renew for a two-year period beginning November 5, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Lorenza Wilds, National Public Liaison, 202-622-6440 (not a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. (1988), and with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury to announce the renewal of the Information Reporting Program Advisory Committee (IRPAC). The primary purpose of the Advisory Committee is to provide an organized public forum for senior Internal Revenue Service executives and

representatives of the public to consider relevant information reporting issues. The IRPAC: (i) Conveys the public's perception of IRS activities; (ii) advises with respect to specific information reporting administration issues; (iii) provides constructive observations regarding current or proposed IRS policies, programs, and procedures; and (iv) proposes significant improvements in information reporting operations. Because each Operating Division relies on the Information Reporting Program, the IRS must ensure application of a coordinated approach when addressing information reporting issues. Therefore, acknowledging the critical role of information reporting, emphasizing its commitment to the Information Reporting Program, and as a measure of the IRPAC's importance, a centralized coordinating mechanism, the Information Reporting Program Policy Council (IRP Policy Council) was established to formulate and coordinate strategic and crosscutting information reporting issues. A counterpart to the IRPAC consisting of IRS executives from each Operating Division, the IRP Policy Council facilitates cross-divisional consistency in information reporting and provides strategic leadership for the Service-wide direction of the Information Reporting Program. In addition, the IRP Policy Council considers and prioritizes the recommendations of the IRPAC as part of the strategic planning process, and meets regularly with Committee members to identify and recommend strategic issues for consideration. To accomplish its objective of close alignment with the needs and strategic goals of the IRS while remaining a strong external feedback mechanism, it is essential that IRPAC members comprise a diverse group of dedicated and talented professionals who bring substantial disparate experience and backgrounds to the Committee activities. Membership is balanced to include representation from the taxpaying public, the tax professional community, small and large businesses, state tax administrators, academics, preparers, and the payroll community.

Dated: November 3, 2003.

Cynthia Vanderpool,

Designated Federal Official, Branch Chief, Liaison Tax Forum.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Advisory Group to the Commissioner of Internal Revenue; Renewal of Charter

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Charter for the Internal Revenue Service Advisory Council (IRSAC) will renew for a two-year period beginning November 5, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Lorenza Wilds, National Public Liaison, 202-622-6440 (not a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. (1988), and with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury to announce the renewal of the Internal Revenue Service Advisory Council (IRSAC). The primary purpose of the Advisory Council is to provide an organized public forum for senior Internal Revenue Service executives and representatives of the public to discuss relevant tax administration issues. As an advisory body designed to focus on broad policy matters, the IRSAC reviews existing tax policy and/or makes recommendations with respect to emerging tax administration issues. The IRSAC suggests operational improvements, offers constructive observations regarding current or proposed IRS policies, programs, and procedures, and suggest improvements with respect to issues having substantive effect on federal tax administration. Conveying the public's perception of IRS activities to Internal Revenue Service executives, the IRSAC is comprised of individuals who bring substantial, disparate experience and diverse backgrounds. Membership is balanced to include representation from the taxpaying public, the tax professional community, small and large businesses, state tax administration, and the payroll community.

Dated: November 3, 2003.

Cynthia Vanderpool,

Designated Federal Official, Branch Chief, Liaison Tax Forum.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Electronic Tax Administration Advisory Committee (ETAAC)

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: In 1998 the Internal Revenue Service established the Electronic Tax Administration Advisory Committee (ETAAC). The primary purpose of ETAAC is to provide an organized public forum for discussion of electronic tax administration issues in support of the overriding goal that paperless filing should be the preferred and most convenient method of filing tax and information returns. ETAAC offers constructive observations about current or proposed policies, programs, and procedures, and suggests improvements. Listed is a summary of the agenda along with the planned discussion topics.

Summarized Agenda

9 a.m. Meeting Opens

12:30 p.m. Meeting Adjourns

The planned discussion topics are:

(1) Modernized e-File Update

(2) e-Services Update

(3) Filing Season Readiness

(4) Overview of IRS Operations Support Organization

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

DATES: There will be a meeting of ETAAC on Thursday, December 4, 2003. This meeting will be open to the public, and will be in a room that accommodates approximately 40 people, including members of ETAAC and IRS officials. Seats are available to members of the public on a first-come, first-served basis.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel "Pentagon City, Diplomat Meeting Room, 1250 South Hayes Street, Arlington, VA 22202.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To get on the access list to attend this meeting, to have a copy of the agenda faxed to you or to receive general information about ETAAC, contact Kim Logan at (202) 283-1947 by November 26, 2003. Notification of intent should include your name, organization and telephone number. If you leave information for Ms. Logan in a voice-mail message, please spell out all names. A draft of the agenda will be available via e-mail or facsimile transmission the week prior to the meeting. Please call Ms. Logan on or