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| Alabama | Montgomery & south of Birmingham. |
| Alaska | Statewide excluding Anchorage area. |
| Arizona | Statewide. |
| Colorado | Statewide. |
| District of Columbia | Districtwide. |
| Idaho | Southern sections. |
| Iowa | Statewide excluding Des Moines area. |
| Maryland | Statewide. |
| Mississippi | Western & southern sections. |
| Missouri | Eastern & central sections including St. Louis. |
| Montana | Eastern sections. |
| Nebraska | Statewide excluding Omaha area. |
| New Mexico | Statewide. |
| North Dakota | Northern sections. |
| Puerto Rico | San Juan & eastern sections. |
| Texas | Western sections & Dallas. |
| Utah | Statewide. |
| Wisconsin | Statewide. |
| Wyoming | Statewide. |

DATES: Grant applications for the remainder of the 2005 grant cycle must be electronically filed or received no later than 4 p.m. on April 15, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Send completed grant applications to: Internal Revenue Service, Taxpayer Advocate Service, LITC Grant Program Administration Office, Mail Stop 211-D, 401 W. Peachtree St., NW., Atlanta, GA 30308. Copies of the 2005 Grant Application Package and Guidelines, IRS Publication 3319 (Rev. 5-2004), can be downloaded from the IRS Internet site at <http://www.irs.gov/advocate> or ordered from the IRS Distribution Center by calling 1-800-829-3676. Applicants can also file electronically at <http://www.grants.gov>. For applicants applying through the Federal Grants Web site, the Funding Number is TREAS-GRANTS-032005-002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The LITC Program Office at 404-338-7185 (not a toll-free number) or by e-mail at LITCProgramOffice@irs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Section 7526 of the Internal Revenue Code authorizes the IRS, subject to the availability of appropriated funds, to award organizations matching grants of up to \$100,000 for the development, expansion, or continuation of qualified low income taxpayer clinics. Section 7526 authorizes the IRS to provide grants to qualified organizations that represent low income taxpayers in controversies with the IRS or inform individuals for whom English is a second language of their tax rights and responsibilities. The IRS may award grants to qualifying organizations to fund one-year, two-year or three-year project periods. Grant funds may be awarded for start-up expenditures

incurred by new clinics during the grant period.

The 2005 *Grant Application Package and Guidelines*, Publication 3319 (Rev. 5-2004), includes several changes that are being implemented to improve delivery of clinic services, including additional oversight and assistance with the technical components of the LITC Program by the LITC Program Office. Among the changes, the LITC Program Office has established work groups, clarified the comprehensive Program standards, improved communications, and increased the emphasis on education and outreach programs to taxpayers for whom English is a second language.

The costs of preparing and submitting an application are the responsibility of each applicant. Each application will be given due consideration and the LITC Program Office will mail notification letters to each applicant.

Selection Consideration

Applications that pass the eligibility screening process will be numerically ranked based on the information contained in their proposed program plan. Please note that the IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) Programs are independently funded and separate from the LITC Program. Organizations currently participating in the VITA or TCE Programs may be eligible to apply for a LITC grant if they meet the criteria and qualifications outlined in the 2005 *Grant Application Package and Guidelines*, Publication 3319 (Rev. 5-2004). Organizations that seek to operate VITA and LITC Programs, or TCE and LITC Programs, must maintain separate and distinct programs even if co-located to ensure proper cost allocation for LITC grant

funds and adherence to the rules and regulations of the VITA, TCE and LITC Programs, as appropriate.

Comments

Interested parties are encouraged to provide comments on the IRS's administration of the grant program on an ongoing basis. Comments may be sent to Internal Revenue Service, Taxpayer Advocate Service, Attn: W. R. Swartz, LITC Program Office, 290 Broadway, 14th Floor, New York, NY 10007.

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Deputy National Taxpayer Advocate, Internal Revenue Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Open meeting of the Area 6 Taxpayer Advocacy Panel (including the States of Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington and Wyoming)

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: An open meeting of the Area 6 committee of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel will be conducted (via teleconference). The Taxpayer Advocacy Panel (TAP) is soliciting public comments, ideas, and suggestions on improving customer service at the Internal Revenue Service. The TAP will use citizen input to make recommendations to the Internal Revenue Service.

DATES: The meeting will be held Monday, April 18, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Dave Coffman at 1-888-912-1227, or (206) 220-6096.

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 Area 6 Taxpayer Advocacy Panel will be held Monday, April 18, 2005 from 10:30 a.m. Pacific time to 12 p.m. Pacific time via a telephone conference call. The public is invited to make oral comments. Individual comments will be limited to 5 minutes. If you would like to have the TAP consider a written statement, please call 1-888-912-1227 or (206) 220-6096, or write to Dave Coffman, TAP Office, 915 2nd Avenue, MS W-406, Seattle, WA 98174 or you can contact us at <http://www.improveirs.org>. Due to limited conference lines, notification of intent to participate in the telephone conference call meeting must be made with Dave Coffman. Mr. Coffman can be reached at 1-888-912-1227 or (206) 220-6096.

The agenda will include the following: Various IRS issues.

Dated: March 14, 2005.

Martha Curry,

Acting Director, Taxpayer Advocacy Panel.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0068]

Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits

comments for information needed to determine a claimant's eligibility for service disabled insurance.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before May 17, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20M35), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0068" in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy J. Kessinger at (202) 273-7079 or FAX (202) 275-5947.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. This request for comment is being made pursuant to section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA.

With respect to the following collection of information, VBA invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VBA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VBA's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology.

Titles: Application for Service-Disabled Insurance, VA Form 29-4364 and Application for Service-Disabled Veterans Insurance, VA Form 29-0151.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0068.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: Claimants complete VA Forms 29-4364 and 29-0151 to apply for service-disabled insurance and service-disabled veterans insurance, to designate a beneficiary and to select an optional settlement. VA uses the data collected to determine the claimant's eligibility for insurance.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 2,833 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 40 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 4,250.

Dated: March 11, 2005.

By direction of the Secretary.

Loise Russell,

Director, Records Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0085]

Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Board of Veterans' Appeals, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Board of Veterans' Appeals (BVA), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on the information required in processing appeals from denial of VA benefits and in regulation of representatives' fees.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before May 17, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information to Sue Hamlin, Board of Veterans' Appeals (01C), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail sue.hamlin@mail.va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0085" in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sue Hamlin at (202) 565-5686.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. This request for comment is being made pursuant to Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA.

With respect to the following collection of information, BVA invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of BVA's functions, including whether the