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**John E. Smith,**

*Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

#### Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request

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

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Internal Revenue Service, 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 continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before September 19, 2017 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to L. Brimmer, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6526, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224, or at [Elaine.H.Christophe@irs.gov](mailto:Elaine.H.Christophe@irs.gov).

Please send separate comments for each specific information collection listed below. You must reference the information collection's title, form number, reporting or record-keeping requirement number, and OMB number (if any) in your comment. Requests for additional information, or copies of the information collection and instructions, or copies of any comments received, contact Elaine Christophe, at Internal Revenue Service, Room 6526, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224, or through the Internet, at [Elaine.H.Christophe@irs.gov](mailto:Elaine.H.Christophe@irs.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Request for Comments

The Internal Revenue Service, as part of their continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invite the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on these continuing information collections listed below in this notice, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

*Request for Comments:* Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in our request for Office of Management and

Budget (OMB) approval of the relevant information collection. All comments will become a matter of public record. Please do not include any confidential or inappropriate material in your comments.

*We invite comments on:* (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the agency's functions, including whether the information has 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 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 the requested information. The IRS is seeking comments concerning the following forms, and reporting and record-keeping requirements:

1. *Title:* Claim for Refund of Excise Taxes.

*OMB Number:* 1545-1420.

*Form Number:* 8849 and Schedule 1, Schedule 2, Schedule 3, Schedule 5, Schedule 6, Schedule 8.

*Abstract:* The regulations allow for refunds of taxes (except income taxes) or refund, abatement, or credit or interest, penalties, and additions to tax in the event of errors or certain actions by the IRS. Form 8849 is used by taxpayers to claim refunds of excise taxes.

*Current Actions:* There are no significant changes to the form previously approved by OMB.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit organizations, individuals or households, and not-for-profit institutions, farms, and Federal, state, local or tribal governments.

*Estimated Number of Responses:* 8,838.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 76,890.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 8.68 hours.

2. *Title:* Form 8944, Preparer Hardship Waiver Request; Form 8948, Preparer Explanation for Not Filing Electronically.

*OMB Number:* 1545-2200.

*Form Numbers:* 8944 and 8948.

*Abstract Form 8944:* A tax preparer uses Form 8944 to request a waiver from the requirement to file tax returns on magnetic media when the filing of tax

returns on magnetic media would cause a hardship.

*Abstract, Form 8948:* A specified tax return preparer uses Form 8948 to explain which exception applies when a covered return is prepared and filed on paper.

*Current Actions:* There is no change in the paperwork burden previously approved by OMB. This form is being submitted for renewal purposes only.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Businesses and other for-profit organizations.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 8,910,000.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 18,270,900.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 2.05 hours.

3. *Title:* Notice of Intent to Operate Under Section 501(c)(4).

*OMB Number:* 1545-2268.

*Form Number:* 8976.

*Abstract:* The Protecting Americans from Tax Hikes Act of 2015 (the PATH Act) section 506 to the Internal Revenue Code (Code) requires an organization described in section 501(c)(4), no later than 60 days after the organization is established, to notify the Secretary that it is operating as a section 501(c)(4) organization (the notification). Section 506(b) provides that the notification must include: (1) The name, address, and taxpayer identification number of the organization; (2) the date on which, and the State under the laws of which, the organization was organized; and (3) a statement of the purpose of the organization.

*Current Actions:* There are no changes being made to the collection.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit organizations, not-for-profit institutions.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 2,500.

*Estimated Time per Respondent:* 45 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 1,875.

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.

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**L. Brimmer,**

*Senior Tax Analyst.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

#### **Proposed Collection: Comment Request for Forms 945, 945-A, and, 945-X**

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

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Internal Revenue Service, 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 information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The IRS is soliciting comments concerning Form 945 Annual Return of Withheld Federal Income Tax, Form 945-A Annual Record of Federal Tax Liability, and Form 945-X Adjusted Annual Return of Withheld Federal Income Tax or Claim for Refund.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before September 19, 2017 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to L. Brimmer, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6526, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224. Requests for additional information or copies of the forms and instructions should be directed to Sara Covington, at Internal Revenue Service, Room 6526, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224, or through the internet at [Sara.L.Covington@irs.gov](mailto:Sara.L.Covington@irs.gov).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Annual Return of Withheld Federal Income Tax.

*OMB Number:* 1545-1430.

*Form Number:* 945.

*Abstract:* Form 945 is used to report income tax withholding on non payroll payments including backup withholding and withholding on pensions, annuities, IRAs, military retirement and gambling winnings.

*Form Number:* 945-A.

*Abstract:* Form 945-A is used by employers who deposit non-payroll income tax withheld (such as from pensions and gambling) on a semiweekly schedule, or whose tax liability on any day is \$100,000 or more, use Form 945-A with Form 945 or CT-1 to report their tax liability.

*Form Number:* 945-X.

*Abstract:* Form 945-X is used to correct errors made on Form 945, Annual Return of Withheld Federal Income Tax.

*Current Actions:* There are no changes being made to the forms approved under this collection. However, changes to the estimated number of filers (236,818 to 220,851), will result in a total burden decrease of 110,013 (1,619,603 to 1,509,590).

*Type of Review:* Revision of a current OMB approval.

*Affected Public:* Business, or other for-profit organizations, individuals, or households, not-for-profit institutions, farms, and, Federal, state, local, or tribal governments.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 220,851.

*Estimated Time per Respondent:* 6 hrs., 50 min.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 1,509,590.

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.

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**L. Brimmer,**

*Senior Tax Analyst.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### **Solicitation of Nominations for Appointment to the VA Prevention of Fraud, Waste, and Abuse Advisory Committee**

**ACTION:** Notice, amended.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is seeking nominations of qualified candidates to be considered for appointment to the VA Prevention of Fraud, Waste, and Abuse Advisory Committee (herein-after in this section referred to as "the Committee").

**DATES:** Nominations for membership on the Committee must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. EST on July 24, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** All nominations should be sent electronically to the Advisory Committee Management Office mailbox at [vaadvisorycmte@va.gov](mailto:vaadvisorycmte@va.gov).

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Gregory Woskow, Designated Federal Officer, Office of Finance, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., (047), Washington, DC 20420, telephone (720) 471-1235.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In carrying out the duties set forth, the activities of the Committee include, but are not limited to:

- (1) Identifying best practices and lessons learned from private industry and other Federal agencies that VA can leverage to maximize the effectiveness and efficiency of Department-wide activities to detect and prevent fraud, waste, and abuse in VA programs at significant risk;
- (2) Providing advice on leveraging cutting-edge fraud detection and prevention tools and technologies used by other Federal agencies and private industry, including the identification of ways to utilize such tools in the short-term, as well as in the future, given VA's current Financial Management Business Transformation break-thru initiative; and
- (3) Providing advice on leveraging partnerships and experience to assist in maximizing the efficiency and effectiveness of VA's "Seek to Prevent Fraud, Waste, and Abuse (STOP FWA)" initiative, which is designed to increase activities that prevent fraud, waste, and abuse and to reduce improper payments.