

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations and individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 10,000.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 23 hr., 55 min.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 239,175.

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 28, 2003.

Glenn P. Kirkland,

IRS Reports Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Internal Revenue Service Advisory Council (IRSAC) and Information Reporting Program Advisory Committee (IRPAC); Nominations

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service, Department of Treasury.

ACTION: Request for nominations.

SUMMARY: The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) requests nominations of individuals to be considered for selection as Internal Revenue Service Advisory Council (IRSAC) and Information Reporting Program Advisory Committee (IRPAC) members. Interested parties may nominate themselves and/or at least one other qualified person for membership. Nominations will be accepted for current vacancies and should describe and document the applicants' qualifications for membership. IRSAC is comprised of twenty-three (23) members, approximately half of these IRSAC appointments will expire in November 2003; IRPAC is comprised of twenty (20) members, approximately half of these members appointments will expire in October 2003. It is important that the IRSAC and IRPAC continue to represent a diverse taxpayer and stakeholder base. Accordingly, to maintain membership diversity, selection is based on applicant's qualifications as well as the segment or group he/she represents.

The Internal Revenue Service Advisory Council (IRSAC) provides an organized public forum for IRS officials and representatives of the public to discuss relevant tax administration issues. The Council advises the Commissioner on issues that have a substantive effect on federal tax administration. As an advisory body designed to focus on broad policy matters, the IRSAC reviews existing tax policy and/or recommends policies 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 advises the Commissioner with respect to issues having substantive effect on federal tax administration.

The Information Reporting Program Advisory Committee (IRPAC) advises the IRS on information reporting issues of mutual concern to the private sector and the federal government. The committee works with the Commissioner and other IRS executives to provide recommendations on a wide range of information reporting administration issues. 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.

DATES: Written nominations must be received on or before May 30, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Nominations should be sent to Ms. Jacqueline Tilghman, National Public Liaison, CL:NPL:PAC, Room 7563 IR, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224, Attn: IRSAC Nominations; or by e-mail: [*public_liaison@irs.gov](mailto:public_liaison@irs.gov). Applications may be submitted by mail to the address above or faxed to 202-927-5253. However, if submitted via a facsimile, the original application must be received by mail, as National Public Liaison cannot consider an applicant nor process his/her application prior to receipt of an original signature. Application packages are available on the Tax Professional's Page, which is located on the IRS Internet Web site at <http://www.irs.gov/taxpros/index.html>. Application packages may also be requested by telephone from National Public Liaison, 202-622-6440 (not a toll-free number).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Jacqueline Tilghman, 202-622-6440 (not a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authorized under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Pub. L. No. 92-463, the first Advisory Group to the Commissioner of Internal Revenue or the Commissioner's Advisory Group (CAG)—was established in 1953 as a national policy and/or issue advisory committee and was renamed in 1998 to reflect the agency-wide scope of its focus as an advisory body.

Conveying the public's perception of IRS activities to the Commissioner, the IRSAC and IRPAC are comprised of individuals who bring substantial, disparate experience and diverse backgrounds on the Council's/Committee's activities. 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.

IRSAC and IRPAC members are appointed by the Commissioner and serve a term of three years. The Commissioner determines the size of the IRSAC and IRPAC and the organizations represented on the Council/Committee. Working groups mirror the reorganized IRS and address policies and administration issues specific to the four Operating Divisions. Members are not paid for their services. However, travel expenses for working sessions, public meetings and orientation sessions, such as airfare, per diem, and transportation to and from airports, train stations, etc., are reimbursed within prescribed federal travel limitations.