

**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 Revenue Procedure 99-50, Combined Information Reporting.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before March 24, 2003, to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Glenn P. Kirkland, Internal Revenue Service, room 6411, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of revenue procedure should be directed to Carol Savage, (202) 622-3945, or through the Internet ([CAROL.A.SAVAGE@irs.gov](mailto:CAROL.A.SAVAGE@irs.gov)), Internal Revenue Service, room 6407, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Combined Information Reporting.

*OMB Number:* 1545-1667.

*Revenue Procedure Number:* Revenue Procedure 99-50.

*Abstract:* Revenue Procedure 99-50 permits combined information reporting by a successor business entity (*i.e.*, a corporation, partnership, or sole proprietorship) in certain situations following a merger or an acquisition. Combined information reporting may be elected by a successor with respect to certain Forms 1042-S, all forms in the series 1098, 1099, and 5498, and Forms W-2G. The successor must file a statement with the IRS indicating what forms are being filed on a combined basis.

*Current Actions:* There are no changes being made to the revenue procedure at this time.

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

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

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 6,000.

*Estimated Average Time Per Respondent:* 5 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 500.

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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**Glenn P. Kirkland,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Forms 5310 and 6088

**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 Form 5310, Application for Determination for Terminating Plan, and Form 6088, Distributable Benefits from Employee Pension Benefit Plans.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before March 24, 2003, to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Glenn P. Kirkland, Internal Revenue Service, room 6411, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the forms and instructions should be directed to Carol Savage, (202) 622-3945, or through the Internet ([CAROL.A.SAVAGE@irs.gov](mailto:CAROL.A.SAVAGE@irs.gov)), Internal Revenue Service, room 6407, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Form 5310, Application for Determination for Terminating Plan, and Form 6088, Distributable Benefits from Employee Pension Benefit Plans.

*OMB Number:* 1545-0202.

*Form Number:* Forms 5310 and 6088.

*Abstract:* Employers who have qualified deferred compensation plans can take an income tax deduction for contributions to their plans. Form 5310 is used to request an IRS determination letter about the plan's qualification status (qualified or non-qualified) under Internal Revenue Code section 401(a). Form 6088 is used to show the amounts of distributable benefits to participants in the plan.

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

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

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit organizations.

*Estimated Number of Responses:* 30,000.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 60 hours, 20 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden*

*Hours:* 1,810,050.

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