

In order for the Panel to perform this function, Panel records and discussions must include tax return information. Therefore, the Panel meetings will be closed to the public since all portions of the meetings will concern matters that are exempted from disclosure under the provisions of section 552b(c)(3), (4), (6) and (7) of Title 5 of the U.S. Code. This determination, which is in accordance with section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, is necessary to protect the confidentiality of tax returns and return information as required by section 6103 of the Internal Revenue code.

Statement of Public Interest

It is in the public interest to continue the existence of the Art Advisory Panel. The Secretary of Treasury, with the concurrence of the General Services Administration, has also approved renewal of the Panel. The membership of the Panel is balanced between museum directors and curators, art dealers and auction representatives to afford differing points of view in determining fair market value.

Authority for this Panel will expire two years from the date the Charter is approved by the Assistant Secretary for

Management and Chief Financial Officer and filed with the appropriate congressional committees unless, prior to the expiration of its Charter, the Panel is renewed.

The Commissioner of Internal Revenue has determined that this document is not a major rule as defined in Executive Order 12291 and that a regulatory impact analysis therefore is not required. Neither does this document constitute a rule subject to the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. Chapter 6).

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Deputy Commissioner of Internal Revenue.

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DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Notice of Meeting With Current and Prospective Tax Software Developers

SUMMARY: This announcement serves as notice that the Internal Revenue Service plans to hold a meeting of current and prospective tax software developers to share the current thinking about the strategic direction of electronic tax

administration, to obtain meaningful input to the IRS direction as it impacts software to be used by the public, and to get initial reactions from software developers to these strategies. The meeting will be held at the New Carrollton Federal Building from 8:00 a.m. Tuesday, March 3, 1998 through 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 4, 1998.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Registered attendees will receive a package of material prior to the meeting in order to come prepared with comments and questions. To register to attend this meeting, please call Patti Washburn at (202) 283-6852.

ADDRESSES: Questions or concerns should be directed to Patti Washburn at IRS, Electronic Tax Administration, T:ETA:E:P, 5000 Ellin Road C4-332, Lanham, MD 20706.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions or concerns will also be taken over the telephone. Call Patti Washburn at (202) 283-6852 (not a toll-free number).

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