

software firms, service bureaus and electronic transmitters, as an application to participate in the electronic filing program covering individual income tax returns.

*Respondents:* Business and other for-profit institutions.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 50,000 hours.

*OMB Number:* 1545-1538.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Notice 97-34, Information Reporting on Transactions With Foreign Trusts and on Large Foreign Gifts.

*Description:* This notice provides guidance on the foreign trust and foreign gift information reporting provisions contained in the Small Business Job Protection Act of 1996.

*Respondents:* Businesses or other for-profit institutions.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 3,750 hours.

*OMB Number:* 1545-0892.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Report of Cash Payment Over \$10,000 Received in a Trade or Business.

*Form:* 8300.

*Description:* Anyone in a trade or business who, in the course of such trade or business, receives more than \$10,000 in cash or foreign currency in one or more related transactions must report it to the IRS and provide a statement to the payor. Any transaction must report be reported under Title 31 on Form 4789 is exempted from reporting the same transaction on Form 8300.

*Respondents:* Businesses or other for-profit institutions.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 87,757 hours.

*Clearance Officer:* Glenn P. Kirkland, (202) 622-3428, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6516, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224.

*OMB Reviewer:* Alexander T. Hunt, (202) 395-7316, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

**Robert Dahl,**

*Treasury PRA Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

[INTL-64-93]

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Regulation Project

**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 an existing final regulation, INTL-64-93 (TD 8611), Conduit Arrangements Regulations (§§ 1.881-4 and 1.6038A-3).

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before October 30, 2006 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Glenn Kirkland, Internal Revenue Service, room 6516, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the regulations should be directed to Larnice Mack at Internal Revenue Service, room 6512, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224, or at (202) 622-3179, or through the internet at ([Larnice.Mack@irs.gov](mailto:Larnice.Mack@irs.gov)).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Conduit Arrangements Regulations.

*OMB Number:* 1545-1440.

*Regulation Project Number:* INTL-64-93.

*Abstract:* This regulation provides rules that permit the district director to recharacterize a financing arrangement as a conduit arrangement. The recharacterization will affect the amount of U.S. withholding tax due on financing transactions that are part of the financing arrangement. This regulation affects withholding agents and foreign investors who engage in multi-party financing arrangements.

*Current Actions:* There is no change to this existing regulation.

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

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

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1,000.

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:* 10 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 10,000.

The following paragraph applies to all 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: August 11, 2006.

**Glenn Kirkland,**

*IRS Reports Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Veterans' Disability Benefits Commission; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that the Veterans' Disability Benefits Commission has scheduled a meeting for September 13-15, 2006, in the Ballroom of the Beacon Hotel, 1615 Rhode Island Avenue, NW., Washington, DC. The meeting will begin 8:30 a.m. each day, on September 13, the meeting will end at 5 p.m., on September 14 at 4:30 p.m., and on September 15 at 12 noon, the meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the Commission is to carry out a study of the benefits under the laws of the United States that are provided to compensate and assist veterans and their survivors for disabilities and deaths attributable to military service.

The agenda for September 13 will include updates on the progress of the studies being conducted by the Institute of Medicine (IOM) and the Center for Naval Analyses (CNA). CNA will also present a report of its review of lump sum payments as an option for disability compensation. There will be a presentation by the Veterans Health Administration on environmental and deployment health issues related to presumption of service connection and an overview by Commission staff of the Bradley Commission report.

The agenda for September 14 will include a briefing on the Army's Battle Mind Training program and discussions of the 2006 Older Americans Report and the aging veteran population, as well as initial draft issue papers by Commission staff. Commissioners Cassidy and McGinn will provide a summary of their regional team site visits to the Pacific Northwest and New England. There will also be time set aside on Thursday afternoon, September 14, for public comments.

On September 15, the Commission will receive an update on the VA-DoD Information Technology (IT) initiatives in various stages of development or implementation to foster interoperability between the two agencies' health IT systems. Certification and training for VA Compensation and Pension examiners and the use of templates for these exams will also be addressed.

Interested persons may attend and present oral statements to the Commission on Thursday, September 14. Oral presentations will be limited to five minutes or less, depending on the number of participants. Interested

parties may also provide written comments for review by the Commission prior to the meeting or at any time, by e-mail to [veterans@vetscommission.intranets.com](mailto:veterans@vetscommission.intranets.com) or by mail to Mr. Ray Wilburn, Executive Director, Veteran's Disability Benefits Commission, 1101 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., 5th Floor, Washington, DC 20004.

Dated: August 23, 2006.

By Direction of the Secretary.

**E. Philip Riggan,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

### **Voluntary Service National Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting**

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that the Executive Committee of the Department of Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service (VAVS) National Advisory Committee (NAC) will meet October 12-13, 2006, at the Omni William Penn Hotel, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The sessions will begin at 8:30 a.m. each day and end at 5 p.m. on October 12 and at 12 noon on October 13. The meeting is open to the public.

The NAC consists of 63 national organizations and advises the Secretary, through the Under Secretary for Health, on the coordination and promotion of volunteer activities within VA health care facilities. The Executive Committee consists of 19 representatives from the

NAC member organizations and acts as the NAC governing body during the period between NAC annual meetings.

On October 12, agenda topics will include NAC goals and objectives, minutes of the May 2006 meeting, Veterans Health Administration update, VAVS update of the Voluntary Service program's progress, concerns since the May 2006 NAC annual meeting, Parke Board update, evaluations of the May 2006 annual meeting and plans for 2007 NAC annual meeting, to include workshops and plenary sessions.

On October 13, agenda topics will include 2008 NAC annual meeting planning, recommendations from May 2006 NAC annual meeting, subcommittee reports, standard operating procedure revisions, new business and Executive Committee appointments.

No time will be allocated at this meeting for receiving oral presentations from the public. However, interested persons may either attend or file statements with the Committee. Written statements may be filed either before the meeting or within 10 days after the meeting and addressed to: Ms. Laura Balun, Designated Federal Officer, Voluntary Service Office (10C2), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420. Ms. Balun can be contacted by phone at (202) 273-8952.

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**E. Philip Riggan,**

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