

All comments received before the close of business on the closing date indicated above will be considered, and will be available for examination in the docket at the above address both before and after that date. To the extent possible, comments filed after the closing date will also be considered. Notice of final action on the petition will be published in the Federal Register pursuant to the authority indicated below.

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 30141(a)(1)(A) and (b)(1); 49 CFR 593.8; delegations of authority at 49 CFR 1.50 and 501.8.

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Marilynne Jacobs,

Director, Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

January 23, 1997.

The Department of the Treasury has submitted the following public information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Copies of the submissions(s) may be obtained by calling the Treasury Bureau Clearance Officer listed. Comments regarding this information collection should be addressed to the OMB reviewer listed and to the Treasury Department Clearance Officer, Department of the Treasury, Room 2110, 1425 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220.

SPECIAL REQUEST: In order to begin the survey described below in early to mid-February, 1997, the Department of the Treasury is requesting that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) review and approve this information collection by January 29, 1997. To obtain a copy of this survey, please contact the IRS Clearance Officer at the address listed below.

Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

OMB Number: 1545-1349.

Project Number: SOI-24.

Type of Review: Revision.

Title: Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Federal/State TeleFile Script Study.

Description: The purpose of the development and support of two state scripts (Indiana and Kentucky) are to facilitate the use of a Touchtone Data entry (TDE) system which allows taxpayers to file a 'paperless' tax return for both their federal and state income taxes. Additionally, this study is

expected to examine cognitive and usability functions of the TDE system, using specific research methodologies, in order to assess measurement error associated with the filing of timely and accurate fed-state income tax returns.

Respondents: Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 119.

Estimated Burden Hours Per

Respondent: 1 hour, 30 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Other.

Estimated Total Reporting Burden: 178 hours.

Clearance Officer: Garrick Shear (202) 622-3869, Internal Revenue Service, Room 5571, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20224.

OMB Reviewer: Alexander T. Hunt (202) 395-7860, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10226, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Lois K. Holland,

Departmental Reports Management Officer.

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Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

January 21, 1997.

The Department of Treasury has submitted the following public information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling the Treasury Bureau Clearance Officer listed. Comments regarding this information collection should be addressed to the OMB reviewer listed and to the Treasury Department Clearance Officer, Department of the Treasury, Room 2110, 1425 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220.

U.S. Customs Service (CUS)

OMB Number: 1515-0002.

Form Number: CF 7507.

Type of Review: Reinstatement.

Title: General Declaration (Outward/Inward).

Description: This collection of information is used to document clearance by the arriving aircraft at the required inspectional facilities and inspections by appropriate regulatory agency staffs.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 500.

Estimated Burden Hours Per

Respondent: 2 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Other (on arrival).

Estimated Total Reporting Burden: 49,950 hours.

Clearance Officer: J. Edgar Nichols (202) 927-1426, U.S. Customs Service, Printing and Records Management Branch, Room 6216, 1301 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20229.

OMB Reviewer: Alexander T. Hunt (202) 395-7860, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Lois K. Holland,

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Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

January 23, 1997.

The Department of Treasury has submitted the following public information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling the Treasury Bureau Clearance Officer listed. Comments regarding this information collection should be addressed to the OMB reviewer listed and to the Treasury Department Clearance Officer, Department of the Treasury, Room 2110, 1425 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220.

Special Request: In order to begin the survey described below in early to mid-February, 1997, the Department of the Treasury is requesting that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) review and approve this information collection by January 30, 1997. To obtain a copy of this survey, please contact the U.S. Mint Clearance Officer at the address listed below.

Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

OMB Number: 1545-1432.

Project Number: PC:V 97-002-G.

Type of Review: Revision.

Title: Federal Tax Deposit (FTD) Penalty Study; and Federal Tax Deposit (FTD) Focus Group Interview Study.

Description: The purpose of the focus group interviews is to obtain participants' qualitative insights as they related to FTD rules for employment taxes to get a sense of what is working, where the compliance problems are and what IRS could do to resolve them.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,260.

Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent:

Telephone Screener (Taxpayers With Penalties)—5 minutes
 Telephone Screener (Taxpayers Without Penalties)—5 minutes
 Focus Group Interviews—2 hours
 Travel Time—1 hour

Frequency of Response: Other.

Estimated Total Reporting Burden: 280 hours.

Clearance Officer: Garrick Shear (202) 622-3869, Internal Revenue Service, Room 5571, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20224.

OMB Reviewer: Alexander T. Hunt (202) 395-7860, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10226, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Lois K. Holland,

Departmental Reports Management Officer.
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Fiscal Service

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Surety Companies Acceptable on Federal Bonds; Greenwich Insurance Company

A Certificate of Authority as an acceptable surety on Federal Bonds is hereby issued to the following company under Sections 9304 to 9308, Title 31, of the United States Code. Federal bond-approving officers should annotate their reference copies of the Treasury Circular 570, 1996 Revision, on page 34294 to reflect this addition:

Greenwich Insurance Company. One Greenwich Plaza, P.O. Box 2568, Greenwich, Connecticut 06836-2568. Phone: (203) 622-5200. Underwriting Limitation: \$2,842,000. Surety Licenses: AL, AK, AS, AZ, AR, CA, CO, CT, DE, DC, FL, GA, GU, HI, ID, IL, IN, IA, KS, KY, LA, ME, MD, MA, MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NE, NV, NH, NJ, NM, NY, NC, ND, OH, OK, OR, PA, PR, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VT, VA, VI, WA, WV, WI, WY. Incorporated in: California.

Certificates of Authority expire on June 30 each year, unless revoked prior to that date. The Certificates are subject to subsequent annual renewal as long as the companies remain qualified (31 CFR part 223). A list of qualified companies is published annually as of July 1 in Treasury Department Circular 570, with details as to underwriting limitations, areas in which licensed to transact surety business and other information.

The Circular may be viewed and downloaded through the Internet (<http://www.fms.treas.gov/c570.html>) or through our computerized public bulletin board system (FMS Inside Line)

at (202) 874-6887. A hard copy may be purchased from the Government Printing Office (GPO), Subscription Service Washington, DC, telephone (202) 512-1800. When ordering the Circular from GPO, use the following stock number: 048-000-00499-7.

Questions concerning this Notice may be directed to the U.S. Department of the Treasury, Financial Management Service, Funds Management Division, Surety Bond Branch, 3700 East-West Highway, Room 6F04, Hyattsville, MD 20782, telephone (202) 874-6765.

Dated: January 13, 1997.

Charles F. Schwan III,

Director, Funds Management Division, Financial Management Service.

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Internal Revenue Service

[Project No. TIRNO-97-R-00018]

Proposed Establishment of a Federally Funded Research and Development Center

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) intends to sponsor a Federally Funded Research and Development Center (FFRDC) to provide system engineering and technical assistance along with strategic advice and guidance. Also required will be technical management capabilities to facilitate the operation and modernization of Tax Systems. The FFRDC will be established under the authority of 48 CFR Subpart 35.017 and Office of Federal Procurement Policy Letter 84-1. The FFRDC shall provide technical advice and assistance to the IRS and/or its contractors in the areas of program and project management. This will consist of expert advice/guidance focused on increasing the effectiveness and efficiency of strategic information management and technical activities. The FFRDC will be available for IRS's Chief Information Officer (CIO) or the CIO's designees or Department of the Treasury executive support. Examples of this support may include, but are not limited to the following:

- Information Systems (IS) input to business case development
- Business Process Analysis
- IS management and oversight of IRS contractors
- Evaluation of IRS contractors' performance and development of performance measures

- Development of recommendations regarding a prime integration contractor
- Evaluation of IRS effectiveness
- Ad hoc technical advice
- Acquisition Support as necessary.

This procurement will not involve a request for proposals. However, expressions of interest and qualification or capability statements should be submitted by interested entities who are capable of fulfilling this requirement. The qualification or capability statements received will be used to select potentially qualified entities, which may at a later date be requested to submit additional information and/or provide an oral presentation as part of a final selection. This is the second of three announcements issued under the authority of 48 CFR 5.205 (b).

DATES: Please submit comments on this proposed action no later than February 21, 1997. The IRS will appreciate receiving qualification or capability statements at your earliest convenience, however, this information must be received within 15 days after the third (3rd) publication of this announcement to be considered.

ADDRESSES: Responses to this notice must be mailed to the Internal Revenue Service, A/C Procurement, Office of End Users Systems Branch, 6009 Oxon Hill Road, Oxon Hill, MD 20745 7th floor/ Constellation Building M:P:I:E

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Upon request, a copy of a scope of work for the intended FFRDC will be mailed to any interested party or interested parties can download the information from the IRS Procurement Bulletin Board System (PBBS). Please follow these instructions to access the PBBS, dial the following number (202) 799-0943. Your system must be set at the following defaults: Baud Rate of 9600, No Parity, 8 Data Bits, 1 Stop Bit. The system will prompt you for your name, business name and address, the kind of system you are using, user ID and a password of your choice. At the Main System Menu the following will appear "Make your selection (T,F,E, etc. . . .):" Type "L" and press the <ENTER> Key. Type "S" to select a library and press the <ENTER> Key. Type "RFP" and press the <ENTER> Key. Type "F" and press the <ENTER> Key to list files. Press the <ENTER> Key to view the list of files. Type "C" to view the file list. Download the file "FFRDC.DOC". The system operates 24 hours a day 7 days a week. Send a written request, for a copy of the statement of work, to the contracting officer at the address specified above. No oral communication will be accepted. Qualification or Capability