

Meeting's Minutes (A); (4) Federal Report (I/D); (5) ITS America IVI Activities; (6) Update on Board Governance Policy Task Force; (7) Report of the Planning Committee: Strategic Plan Update/National Research Agenda (D); (8) ITS in Nagano Winter Olympic Games (I/D); (9) Professional Capacity Building Update (I); (10) FCC Frequency Petition Update (I); (11) ITS America Web Site; (12) Report on the ITS World Congresses (I/D); (13) ISTEA Reauthorization Update (I/D); (14) APTA/ITS America Memorandum of Understanding (I/D); (15) ITS America 8th Annual Meeting Update (I/D); (16) Roundtable Discussion of Committee and Task Force Activities—Committee and Task Force Chairs (I/D); (17) Other Business. *Additional Information:* DSRC Status Report and Coordinating Council Meeting Dates.

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DATES: The Coordinating Council of ITS AMERICA will meet on Sunday, May 3, 1998, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. (Eastern Standard time).

ADDRESSES: The Westin Hotel, Renaissance Center, Detroit, Michigan, 48243. (No street address provided.) Mackinac Ballroom. Phone: (313) 568-8000 and Fax: (313) 568-8118.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Materials associated with this meeting may be examined at the offices of ITS AMERICA, 400 Virginia Avenue, SW., Suite 800, Washington, D.C. 20024. Persons needing further information or to request to speak at this meeting should contact Kenneth Faunteroy at ITS AMERICA by telephone at (202) 484-4130, or by FAX at (202) 484-3483. The DOT contact is Mary Pigott, FHWA, HVH-1, Washington, D.C. 20590, (202) 366-9230. Office hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except for legal holidays.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Intelligent Transportation Society of America; Public Meeting

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Intelligent Transportation Society of America (ITS AMERICA) will hold a meeting of its Board of Directors on Wednesday, May 6, 1998. The meeting begins at 1:00 p.m. The letter designations that follow each item mean the following: (I) Is an information item; (A) is an action item; (D) is a discussion item. The General Session includes the following items: (1) Introductions and ITS America Antitrust Policy and Conflict of Interest Statements; (2) Review and Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes (A); (3) Review and Acceptance of Election Results: Installation of New Board Members (A); (4) Election of New Officers of the Board of Directors (A). Then, there will be a transfer of the gavel from the outgoing Chairman to the incoming Chairman. (5) Federal Report (A); (6) Appointment of At-large Coordinating Council Members (A); (7) Appointment of State Chapters Council Officers (A); (8) Coordinating Council Report (I/D); (9) State Chapters Council Report (I/D); (10) President's Report (I/D); (11) Eighth Annual Meeting Update and Report of the World Congresses (I); (12) Plans for Board of Directors Workshop (August 4-5, 1998) (I/D); (13) Report on ITS in Japan; (14) ISTEA Reauthorization Update; (15) ITS Awareness Program Plans (I/D); (16) Other Program Business.

4 p.m. Business Session (Board Members, ITS America Members, and Staff only.) (17) President Search Committee Report (I); (18) Report of the Membership Committee (I); (19) Report of the Administrative Policy and Finance Committee (I/D); (20) Bylaws Committee Report (A); (21) Governance Policy Discussion (I/D); (22) New Board of Directors Committee Assignments (A); (23) Other Business; (24) Adjournment until August 4-5, 1998, Board of Directors Workshop in Savannah, GA.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Assistant Secretary for Management and Chief Financial Officer, IRS Citizen Advocacy Panel; Notice of Solicitation of Panel Members for the South Florida Tax District

The Department of the Treasury is establishing IRS Citizen Advocacy Panels to provide independent monitoring of the quality of IRS customer service and to make recommendations to improve that service throughout the country. The first Citizen Advocacy Panel (CAP) will be formed in the South Florida Tax District which includes the counties of Broward, Dade, Monroe, Charlotte, Collier, De Soto, Glades, Hardee, Hendry, Highlands, Lee, Manatee, Sarasota, Indian River, Martin, Okeechobee, Palm Beach, and St. Lucie. An independent consulting firm, Booz-Allen and Hamilton, Inc., is accepting applications for membership in the South Florida CAP between April 6 and April 24, 1998. The South Florida CAP will be operational in the spring of 1998.

The mission of the Panel is to provide citizen input into enhancing IRS

customer service by identifying problems and making recommendations for improvement of IRS systems and procedures; elevate the identified problems to the appropriate IRS official and monitor the progress to effect change; and refer individual taxpayers to the appropriate IRS office for assistance in resolving their problems. The South Florida Panel will consist of 7–12 volunteer members who serve at the pleasure of the Secretary of the Treasury and will function solely as an advisory body.

The Panel is seeking applicants who have an interest in good government, a personal commitment to volunteer approximately 100 hours a year, and a desire to help improve IRS customer service. To the extent possible, the IRS would like to ensure a balanced membership representing a cross-section of the tax paying public in the South Florida Tax District. Potential candidates must be US citizens, legal residents of one of the counties in the South Florida Tax District, compliant with Federal, State, and Local taxes, and pass an FBI background check.

For the South Florida CAP to be most effective, members should have experience in some of the following areas: community affairs; development of effective communications networks within the community; representing the interests of diverse groups; communicating in a multi-cultural/multi-lingual environment; listening, communicating, negotiating, and resolving conflicts; formulating, developing, and presenting proposals; and customer service.

Booz-Allen & Hamilton, Inc., will manage the selection process. Interested applicants should first call the following toll free number, 1-888-449-1071, and complete an initial phone screen. If the applicant passes the phone screen, an application package will be sent to them directly. Completed applications will be reviewed, tax background checks and FBI checks will be conducted, and panel interviews will be scheduled for the most qualified candidates. Final candidates will be ranked by skills/experience and suitability. The Secretary of the Treasury will review the candidates and make final selections.

Questions regarding the establishment and selection of the IRS South Florida Citizen Advocacy Panel may be directed to Michael Lewis, Director, IRS Citizen Advocacy Panel, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Management and Chief

Financial Officer, Department of the Treasury, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Room 2426, Washington, DC 20220 (202) 622-3068.

Angel E. Ray,

Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Revenue Procedure 98-27

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, Pub. L. 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning Revenue Procedure 98-27, Qualified Intermediaries (QI).

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before June 8, 1998 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Garrick R. Shear, Internal Revenue Service, room 5571, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection should be directed to Carol Savage, (202) 622-3945, Internal Revenue Service, room 5569, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Qualified Intermediaries (QI).

OMB Number: 1545-1597.

Revenue Procedure Number: Revenue Procedure 98-27.

Abstract: This revenue procedure gives guidance for entering into a withholding agreement with the IRS to be treated as a Qualified Intermediary (QI) under regulation section 1.1441-1(e)(5). It describes the application procedures for becoming a QI and the terms that the IRS will ordinarily require in a QI withholding agreement. The objective of a QI withholding

agreement is to simplify withholding and reporting obligations with respect to payments of income made to an account holder through one or more foreign intermediaries.

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.

Estimated Number of Respondents/Recordkeepers: 88,504.

Estimated Time for QI Account Holder: 30 minutes.

Estimated Time for a QI: 2,093 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Reporting/Recordkeeping Hours: 301,393.

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: April 2, 1998.

Garrick R. Shear,

IRS Reports Clearance Officer.

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