

The transaction was scheduled to be consummated on or shortly after April 9, 2002, the effective date of the exemption (7 days after the exemption was filed).

If the notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*. Petitions to revoke the exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) may be filed at any time. The filing of a petition to revoke does not automatically stay the transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 34188, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street NW, Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, one copy of each pleading must be served on Kevin M. Sheys, Kirkpatrick & Lockhart LLP, 1800 Massachusetts Avenue NW, 2nd Floor, Washington, DC 20036.

Board decisions and notices are available on our website at "WWW.STB.DOT.GOV."

Decided: April 25, 2002.

By the Board, David M. Konschnik, Director, Office of Proceedings.

**Vernon A. Williams,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

April 25, 2002.

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.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before June 3, 2002 to be assured of consideration.

#### Internal Revenue Service

*OMB Number:* 1545-0863.

*Regulation Project Number:* LR-218-78 Final.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Product Liability Losses and Accumulations for Product Liability Losses.

*Description:* Generally, a taxpayer who sustains a product liability loss must carry the loss back 10 years. However, a taxpayer may elect to have such loss treated as a regular net operating loss under section 172. If desired, such election is made by attaching a statement to the tax return. The statement will enable the IRS to monitor compliance with the statutory requirements.

*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 5,000.

*Estimated Burden Hours Per*

*Respondent:* 30 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Total Reporting Burden:* 2,500 hours.

*OMB Number:* 1545-1126.

*Regulation Project Number:* INTL-121-90, INTL-292-90, and INTL-361-89 Final.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Treaty-Based Return Positions.

*Description:* Regulation section 301-6114-1 sets forth the reporting requirements under § 6114. Persons or entities subject to this reporting requirement must make the required disclosure on a statement attached to their return, in the manner set forth or be subject to a penalty. Regulation section 301.7701(b)-7(a)(4)(iv)(C) sets forth the reporting requirement for dual resident S corporation shareholders who claim treaty benefits as nonresidents of the United States.

*Respondents:* Individuals or households, Business or other for-profit.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 6,020.

*Estimated Burden Hours Per*

*Respondent:* 1 hour.

*Frequency of Response:* Annually.

*Estimated Total Reporting Burden:* 6,015 hours.

*OMB Number:* 1545-1244.

*Regulation Project Number:* PS-39-89 NPRM.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Limitation on Passive Activity Losses and Credits—Treatment of Self-Charged Items of Income and Expense.

*Description:* The IRS will use this information to determine whether the entity has made a proper timely election and to determine that taxpayers are complying with the election in the taxable year of the election and subsequent taxable years.

*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit, Individuals or households.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1,000.

*Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent:* 6 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* Other (First taxable year that entity seeks to make election.).

*Estimated Total Reporting Burden:* 100 hours.

*OMB Number:* 1545-1768.

*Revenue Procedure Number:* Revenue Procedure 2002-16.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Optional Election to Make Monthly § 706 Allocations.

*Description:* This revenue procedure allows certain partnerships with money market fund partners to make an optional election to close the partnership's books on a monthly basis with respect to the money market fund partners.

*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit.

*Estimated Number of Respondents/Recordkeepers:* 1,000.

*Estimated Burden Hours Per*

*Respondent/Recordkeeper:* 12 hours.

*Frequency of Response:* Other (once).

*Estimated Total Reporting/Recordkeeping Burden:* 12,000 hours.

*Clearance Officer:* Glenn Kirkland, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6411-03, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224.

*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,**

*Departmental Reports Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Fiscal Service

#### Financial Management Service; Proposed Collection of Information: Annual Letter (A) and Annual Letter (B), Certification of Authority

**AGENCY:** Financial Management Service, Fiscal Service, Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Financial Management Service, 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 a continuing information collection. By this notice, the Financial Management Service solicits comments concerning "Annual Letter (A) and Annual Letter (B), Certification of Authority."

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before July 1, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Financial Management Service, 3700 East West Highway, Records and Information Management Branch, Room 135, Hyattsville, Maryland 20782.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Requests for additional information or copies of the form(s) and instructions should be directed to Dorothy Martin, Manager, Surety Bond Branch, 3700 East West Highway, Room 608A, Hyattsville, MD 20782, (202) 874-6775.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), the Financial Management Service solicits comments on the collection of information described below.

*Title:* Annual Letter (A) and Annual Letter (B), Certification of Authority.

*OMB Number:* 1510-0057.

*Form Number:* None.

*Abstract:* This letter is used to collect information from companies to determine their acceptability and solvency to write or reinsure federal surety bonds.

*Current Actions:* Extension of currently approved collection.

*Type of Review:* Regular.

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

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 417.

*Estimated Time Per Respondents:* 62.5 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 26,063.

*Comments:* Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget 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.

Dated: April 29, 2002.

**Judith R. Tillman,**

*Assistant Commissioner, Financial Operations.*

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## UNITED STATES INSTITUTE OF PEACE

### Announcement of the Fall 2002 Solicited Grant Competition Grant Program

**AGENCY:** United States Institute of Peace.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Agency Announces its Upcoming Fall 2002 Solicited Grant Competition. The Solicited Grant competition is restricted to projects that fit specific themes and topics identified in advance by the Institute of Peace.

The themes and topics for the Fall 2002 Solicited competition are:

- Solicitation A: Religion, Conflict, and Peacebuilding.
- Solicitation B: Democratic Governance and the Role of the Military.

*Deadline (Receipt of Application Material):* October 1, 2002.

*Notification of Awards:* March 31, 2003.

*Applications Material:* Available Upon Request.

**ADDRESSES:** For more information and an application package: United States Institute of Peace, Grant Program, Solicited Grants, 1200 17th Street, NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20036-3011, (202) 429-3842 (phone), (202) 429-6063 (fax), (202) 457-1719 (TTY), Email: [grant\\_program@usip.org](mailto:grant_program@usip.org).

Application material available on-line starting mid May 2002: [www.usip.org/grant.html](http://www.usip.org/grant.html).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The Grant Program, Phone (202)-429-3842.

Dated: April 23, 2002.

**Bernice J. Carney,**

*Director Office of Administration.*

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## UNITED STATES INSTITUTE OF PEACE

### Announcement of the Fall Unsolicited Grant Competition Grant Program

**AGENCY:** United States Institute of Peace.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Agency announces its Upcoming Unsolicited Grant Program, which offers support for research,

education and training, and the dissemination of information on international peace and conflict resolution. The Unsolicited competition is open to any project that falls within the Institute's broad mandate of international conflict resolution.

*Deadline (Receipt of Application Material):* October 1, 2002.

*Notification of Awards:* March 31, 2003.

*Applications Material:* Available Upon Request.

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Dated: April 23, 2002.

**Bernice J. Carney,**

*Director, Office of Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Research and Development Cooperative Studies Evaluation Committee; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that a meeting of the Research and Development, Cooperative Studies Evaluation Committee will be held at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City at Reagan National Airport, 2799 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202, on May 16, 2002. The session is scheduled to begin at 8:00 a.m. and end at 3:00 p.m. The three new studies submitted for review are: Diiodothyropropionic Acid, a Thyroid Analog to Treat Heart Failure, Phase II Trial; The Midwest Gulf War Cohort Study; and Ft. Devens Gulf War Veteran Cohort, A Longitudinal Study.

The Committee advises the Chief Research and Development Officer through the Director of the Cooperative Studies Program on the relevance and feasibility of the studies, the adequacy of the protocols, and the scientific validity and propriety of technical details, including protection of human subjects.