

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 2 hours, 53 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 144,000.

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Request for Comments

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Garrick R. Shear,

IRS Reports Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form W-4S

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 Form W-4S, Request for Federal Income Tax Withholding From Sick Pay.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before August 19, 1997, 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 form and instructions should be directed to Martha R. Brinson, (202) 622-3869, Internal Revenue Service, room 5571, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Request for Federal Income Tax Withholding From Sick Pay.

OMB Number: 1545-0717.

Form Number: W-4S.

Abstract: Section 3402(o) of the Internal Revenue Code allows income tax withholding on sick pay payments made by third parties upon request of the payee. The information is used by payers to determine how much to withhold from each sick pay payment.

Current Actions: There are no changes being made to the form at this time.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 500,000.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 1 hr., 22 min.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 685,000.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Comment Request For Form 11212

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 Form 11212, Statement of Amendment of Employee Benefit Plan.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before August 19, 1997 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 form and instructions should be directed to Carol Savage, (202) 622-3945, Internal Revenue Service, room 5569, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Statement of Amendment of Employee Benefit Plan.

OMB Number: 1545-1544.

Form Number: Form 11212.

Abstract: The Tax Reform Act of 1986, the Unemployment Compensation Amendments of 1992, and the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 made significant changes to the rules applying to employee retirement plans. Form 11212 is part of a voluntary outreach program designed to ensure that retirement and pension plans are amended to conform to the requirements of these Acts.

Current Actions: There are no changes being made to the form at this time.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Individuals or households, and business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 10,900.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 15 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 2,725.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**Internal Revenue Service****Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form 1045**

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 Form 1045, Application for Tentative Refund.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before August 19, 1997, 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 form and instructions should be directed to Martha R. Brinson, (202) 622-3869, Internal Revenue Service, room 5571, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Application for Tentative Refund.

OMB Number: 1545-0098.

Form Number: 1045.

Abstract: Form 1045 is used by individuals, estates, and trusts to apply for a quick refund of taxes due to carryback of a net operating loss, unused general business credit, or claim of right adjustment under Internal Revenue Code section 1341(b). The information obtained is used to determine the validity of the application.

Current Actions: There are no changes being made to the form at this time.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Individuals or households, business or other for-profit organizations, and farms.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 65,220.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 8 hr., 50 min.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 575,893.

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UNITED STATES INSTITUTE OF PEACE**Announcement of the Fall Unsolicited Grant Program**

AGENCY: United States Institute of Peace.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Agency Announces its *Upcoming Deadline* for the Fall Unsolicited Grant Competition.

DEADLINE: October 1.

DATES: Application Material Available Upon Request, Receipt Date for Return of Application: October 1, 1997,