

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form 5300 and Schedule Q (Form 5300)

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 5300, Application for Determination for Employee Benefit Plan, and Schedule Q (Form 5300), Elective Determination Requests.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before December 27, 2004 to be assured of consideration.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the forms and instructions should be directed to Allan Hopkins, at (202) 622-6665, or at Internal Revenue Service, room 6516, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224, or through the Internet, at Allan.M.Hopkins@irs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Application for Determination for Employee Benefit Plan (Form 5300), and Elective Determination Requests (Schedule Q (Form 5300)).

OMB Number: 1545-0197.

Form Number: Form 5300 and Schedule Q (Form 5300).

Abstract: Internal Revenue Code sections 401(a) and 501(a) set out requirements for qualification of employee benefit trusts and the tax exempt status of these trusts. Form 5300 is used to request a determination letter from the IRS for the qualification of a defined benefit or a defined contribution plan and the exempt status

of any related trust. The information requested on Schedule Q (Form 5300) relates to the manner in which the plan satisfies certain qualification requirements concerning minimum participation, coverage, and nondiscrimination.

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

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations and individuals.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 185,000.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 43 hours, 6 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 7,972,750.

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: October 22, 2004.

Joe Durbala,

IRS Reports Clearance Officer.

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UNITED STATES INSTITUTE OF PEACE

Sunshine Act Meeting

DATE/TIME: Thursday, November 18, 2004, 9:15 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

LOCATION: 1200 17th Street, NW., Suite 200—Conference Room, Washington, DC 20036.

STATUS: Open Session—Portions may be closed pursuant to subsection (c) of section 552(b) of Title 5, United States Code, as provided in subsection 1706(h)(3) of the United States Institute of Peace Act, Public Law 98-525.

AGENDA: November 2004 Board Meeting; Approval of Minutes of the One Hundred Sixteenth Meeting (September 17, 2004) of the Board of Directors; Chairman's Report; President's Report; Program Reports; Organizational Review; Grand Recommendation Approval; Selection of NPEC topic; Other General Issues.

CONTACT: Ms. Tessie Higgs, Executive Office, Telephone: (202) 429-3836.

Dated: October 22, 2004.

Harriet Hentges,

Executive Vice President United States Institute of Peace.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Joint Biomedical Laboratory Research and Development and Clinical Science Research and Development Services Scientific Merit Review Board; Notice of Meetings

The Department of Veterans Affairs gives notice under the Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that the subcommittees of the Joint Biomedical Laboratory Research and Development and Clinical Sciences Research and Development Services Scientific Merit Review Board will meet from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. as indicated below

Subcommittee for	Date(s)	Location
Surgery—A	Nov 8, 2004	St. Gregory Hotel.
Endocrinology—A	Nov 8-9, 2004	Governor's House.
Nephrology	Nov 15-16, 2004	Governor's House.