

will be held in McCarthy, Chitina, and Anchorage, Alaska throughout the EIS process. In addition, public hearings will be held in McCarthy, Chitina, and Anchorage, Alaska. Public notice will be given of the time and place of the meetings and hearings. The Draft EIS will be made available for public and agency review and comment prior to the public hearing. A formal agency scoping meeting will be held in Anchorage, Alaska in December 2003. Formal public scoping meetings will be held in McCarthy, Chitina, and Anchorage, Alaska, by late spring 2004.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action are addressed and all significant issues are identified, written public input, comments, and suggestions on environmental issues or concerns related to the proposed improvements are invited from all interested parties. Comments or questions concerning this proposed action and the EIS should be directed to the FHWA or the ADOT&PF at the addresses provided above.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20–205, Highway Research, Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on Federal programs and activities apply to this program.)

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Tim A. Haugh,

Environment and Right of Way Programs, Manager, Juneau, Alaska.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form 8836 and Schedules A and B

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 8836, Qualifying Children Residency

Statement, Schedules A and B, Third Party Affidavit.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before January 5, 2004 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to R. Joseph Durbala, Internal Revenue Service, room 6411, 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 Carol Savage at Internal Revenue Service, room 6407, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224, or at (202) 622–3945, or through the internet at CAROL.A.SAVAGE@irs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Qualifying Children Residency Statement (Form 8836), Third Party Affidavit (Schedules A and B).

OMB Number: 1545–1829.

Form Number: 8836, and Schedules A and B (Form 8836).

Abstract: Form 8836 is necessary to establish the residence of a child for purposes of the Earned Income Credit (EIC). The form will determine if the child is a qualifying child of the taxpayer when taking the EIC.

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: Individuals or Households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 25,000.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 1 hour, 31 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 38,070.

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 28, 2003.

Carol Savage,

Management and Program Analyst.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form 13362

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 13362, Consent to Disclosure of Return Information.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before January 5, 2004 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to R. Joseph Durbala, Internal Revenue Service, room 6411, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the form should be directed to Carol Savage at Internal Revenue Service, room 6407, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224, or at (202) 622–3945, or through the internet at CAROL.A.SAVAGE@irs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Consent to Disclosure of Return Information.

OMB Number: 1545–1856.

Form Number: 13362.

Abstract: The Consent Form is provided to external applicant that will

allow the Service the ability to conduct tax checks to determine if an applicant is suitable for employment once they are determined qualified and within reach to receive an employment offer.

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: Federal Government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 46,000.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 10 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 7,664.

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.

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Carol Savage,

Management and Program Analyst.

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DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Request for Nominations to Advisory Committee on Tax Exempt and Government Entities

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS); Tax Exempt and Government Entities Division.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) is requesting nominations for members to serve on the Advisory Committee on Tax Exempt and Government Entities (ACT). Nominations will be accepted for the following vacancies which will occur in May 2004: two (2) employee plans; two (2) exempt organizations; one (1) federal, state, and local governments; two (2) Indian tribal governments; and one (1) tax exempt bonds. To ensure appropriate balance of membership, final selection from qualified candidates will be determined based on experience, qualifications, and other expertise.

Due Date: Written nominations must be received on or before December 5, 2003.

Application: Nominations should include Name; Other name(s) used and date(s) (required for FBI check); Date of Birth (required for FBI check); City and State of Birth (required for FBI check); Current Address; Telephone and Fax Numbers; and E-mail address, if any. Nominations should also describe and document the proposed member's qualifications for membership on the ACT. Nominations should also specify the vacancy for which they wish to be considered.

ADDRESSES: Send all applications to: Steven Pyrek; Director, TE/GE Communications and Liaison; 1111 Constitution Ave., NW.—SE:T:CL Penn Bldg; Washington, DC 20224; Fax: (202) 283-9956 (not a toll-free number); E-mail: steve.j.pyrek@irs.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rick Trevino, (202) 283-9950 (not a toll-free number), or by email at rick.trevino@irs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Advisory Committee on Tax Exempt and Government Entities (ACT), governed by the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law No. 92-463, is an organized public forum for discussion of relevant employee plans, exempt organizations, tax-exempt bonds, and state, local, and Indian tribal government issues between officials of the IRS and representatives of the above communities. The ACT also enables the IRS to receive regular input with respect

to the development and implementation of IRS policy concerning these communities. ACT members present the interested public's observations about current or proposed IRS policies, programs, and procedures, as well as suggest improvements.

ACT members shall be appointed by the Secretary of the Treasury and shall serve for two-year terms. Terms can be extended in one-year increments, not to exceed two years. ACT members will not be paid for their time or services. ACT members will be reimbursed for their travel-related expenses to attend working sessions and public meetings, in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 5703.

The Secretary of the Treasury invites those individuals, organizations, and groups affiliated with employee plans, exempt organizations, tax-exempt bonds, and state, local or Indian tribal governments, to nominate individuals for membership on the ACT. Nominations should describe and document the proposed member's qualifications for membership on the ACT. Nominations should also specify the vacancy for which they wish to be considered. The Secretary seeks a diverse group of members representing a broad spectrum of persons experienced in employee plans, exempt organizations, tax-exempt bonds, and state, local or Indian tribal governments.

Nominees must go through a clearance process before selection by the Secretary of the Treasury. In accordance with Department of the Treasury Directive 21-03, the clearance process includes, among other things, pre-appointment and annual tax checks, and a Federal Bureau of Investigation criminal and subversive name check and security clearance.

Dated: October 29, 2003.

Steven J. Pyrek,

Designated Federal Official, Tax Exempt and Government Entities Division, Internal Revenue Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Open Meeting of the Area 2 Taxpayer Advocacy Panel (Including the States of Delaware, North Carolina, South Carolina, New Jersey, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia and the District of Columbia)

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.