

would be difficult to produce using the very limited material covered in the IPCC Third Assessment Report. At its 20th session (February 2003), the IPCC decided to prepare a Special Report (which, like a full assessment report, covers all available literature) and approved an outline and schedule. Working Group III is overseeing preparation of this Special Report, which is being written by a team of over 100 authors under established IPCC rules and procedures.

The IPCC Secretariat has informed the U.S. Department of State that the second-order SRCCS draft is available for expert and Government review. The Climate Change Science Program Office (CCSPO) is coordinating the solicitation of comments by U.S. experts and stakeholders to inform development of an integrated set of U.S. Government comments on the report. Instructions on how to format comments are available at <http://www.climatescience.gov/Library/ipcc/srccs-review.htm>, as is the document itself. Comments must be sent to CCSPO by 23 February 2005 to be considered for inclusion in the U.S. Government collation.

**TIME AND DATE:** Properly formatted comments should be sent to CCSPO at [srccs-USGreview@climatescience.gov](mailto:srccs-USGreview@climatescience.gov) by COB Wednesday, 23 February 2005. Include report acronym and reviewer surname in e-mail subject title to facilitate processing.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** David Dokken, U.S. Climate Change Science Program, Suite 250, 1717 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20006 (<http://www.climatescience.gov>).

Dated: January 18, 2005.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form 8609

**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 8609, Low-Income Housing Credit Allocation Certification and Schedule A (Form 8609), Annual Statement.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before March 28, 2005 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Paul Finger Internal Revenue Service, room 6512, 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 Larnice Mack at Internal Revenue Service, room 6512, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224, or at (202) 622-3179, or through the internet at ([Larnice.Mack@irs.gov](mailto:Larnice.Mack@irs.gov)).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Low-Income Housing Credit Allocation Certification and Schedule A (Form 8609), Annual Statement.

*OMB Number:* 1545-0988.

*Form Number:* Form 8609 and Schedule A (Form 8609).

*Abstract:* Owners of residential low-income rental buildings may claim a low-income housing credit for each qualified building over a 10-year credit period. Form 8609 is used to obtain a housing credit allocation from the housing credit agency. The form, along with Schedule A, is used by the owner to certify necessary information required by the law.

*Current Actions:* There are no changes being made to Form 8609 or Schedule A at this time.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a current OMB approval.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit organizations, individuals, and state, local or tribal governments.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 120,000.

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:* 25 hours., 3 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 3,058,200.

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: January 18, 2005.

**Paul Finger,**

*IRS Reports Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form 2553

**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 2553, Election by a Small Business Corporation.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before March 28, 2005 to be assured of consideration.

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