

should be directed to Carol Savage, (202) 622-3945, Internal Revenue Service, room 5569, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Form SS-4, Application for Employer Identification Number, and Form SS-4PR, Solicitud de Número de Identificación Patronal (EIN).

*OMB Number:* 1545-0003.

*Form Number:* Forms SS-4 and SS-4PR.

*Abstract:* Taxpayers who are required to have an identification number for use on any return, statement, or other document must prepare and file Form SS-4 or Form SS-4PR (Puerto Rico only) to obtain a number. The information is used by the Internal Revenue Service and the Social Security Administration in tax administration and by the Bureau of the Census for business statistics.

*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, individuals or households, not-for-profit institutions, farms, Federal government and state, local or tribal governments.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 2,419,064.

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:* 1 hour, 35 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 3,846,692.

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: May 25, 1999.

**Garrick R. Shear,**

*IRS Reports Clearance Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**

**Internal Revenue Service**

**Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Forms 9779, 9779(SP), 9783, 9783(SP), 9787, 9787(SP), 9789, 9789(SP) and 12252**

**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, Pub. L. 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning Forms 9779, 9779(SP), 9783, 9783(SP), 9787, 9787(SP), 9789, 9789(SP) and 12252, Electronic Federal Tax Payment System (EFTPS).

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before August 2, 1999, 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 forms 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:* Electronic Federal Tax Payment System (EFTPS).

*OMB Number:* 1545-1467.

*Form Number:* Forms 9779, 9779(SP), 9783, 9783(SP), 9787, 9787(SP), 9789, 9789(SP) and 12252.

*Abstract:* These forms are used by business and individual taxpayers to

enroll in the Electronic Federal Tax Payment System (EFTPS). EFTPS is an electronic remittance processing system that the Service uses to accept electronically transmitted federal tax payments. EFTPS (1) establishes and maintains a taxpayer data base which includes entity information from the taxpayers or their banks, (2) initiates the transfer of the tax payment amount from the taxpayer's bank account, (3) validates the entity information and selected elements for each taxpayer, and (4) electronically transmits taxpayer payment data to the IRS.

*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, business or other for-profit organizations, and state, local or tribal governments.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 4,471,000.

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:* 20 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 1,490,019.

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: May 25, 1999.

**Garrick R. Shear,**

*IRS Reports Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

#### Open Meeting of the Citizen Advocacy Panel, Pacific-Northwest District

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** An open meeting of the Pacific-Northwest District Citizen Advocacy Panel will be held in McLean, Virginia.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held Thursday, July 1, 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Deborah A. Diamond at 1-888-912-1227 or 206-220-6099.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. (1988) that an operational meeting of the Citizen Advocacy Panel will be held Thursday, July 1, 1999, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Booz Allen & Hamilton Conference Center, 8283 Greensboro Drive, McLean, VA. Due to limited conference space, notification of intent to attend the meeting must be made with Deborah Diamond. Ms. Diamond can be reached at 1-888-912-1227 or 206-220-6099. The public is invited to make oral comments from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 1, 1999. Individual comments will be limited to 5 minutes. If you would like to have the CAP consider a written statement, please call 1-888-912-1227 or 206-220-6099, or write Deborah Diamond, CAP Office, 915 2nd Avenue; M/S W-406, Seattle, WA 98174.

The Agenda will include the following: subcommittee reports and various IRS issues.

**Note:** Last minute changes to the agenda are possible and could prevent effective advance notice.

Dated: May 26, 1999.

**M. Cathy VanHorn,**

*CAP Project Manager.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

#### Open Meeting of Citizen Advocacy Panel, Brooklyn District

**AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting of Citizen Advocacy Panel, Brooklyn District.

**SUMMARY:** An open meeting of the Brooklyn District Citizen Advocacy Panel will be held in Brooklyn, New York.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held Thursday, June 10, 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kevin McKeon at 1-888-912-1227 or 718-488-3555.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. (1988) that an operational meeting of the Citizen Advocacy Panel will be held Thursday, June 10, 1999, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at 10 MetroTech Center, 6th Floor, 625 Fulton Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11201. Due to limited conference space, notification of intent to attend the meeting must be made with Kevin McKeon. Mr. McKeon can be reached at 1-888-912-1227 or 718-488-3555. The public is invited to make oral comments from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 10, 1999. Individual comments will be limited to 5 minutes.

If you would like to have the CAP consider a written statement, please call 1-888-912-1227 or 718-488-3555, or write Kevin McKeon, CAP Office, P.O. Box R, Brooklyn, N.Y., 11202.

The Agenda will include the following: reports of the sub-committees and various IRS issues.

**Note:** Last minute changes to the agenda are possible and could prevent effective advance notice.

Dated: May 18, 1999.

**M. Cathy VanHorn,**

*CAP Project Manager.*

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## UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY

### Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition Determinations:

#### "Modern Masterworks From the Israel Museum, Jerusalem"

**AGENCY:** United States Information Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Act of October 19, 1965 (79 Stat. 985, 22 U.S.C. 2459), Executive Order 12047 of March 27, 1978 (43 FR 13359, March 29, 1978), and Delegation Order No. 85-5 of June 27, 1985 (50 FR 27393, July 2, 1985). I hereby determine that the objects to be included in the exhibit "Modern Masterworks From the Israel Museum, Jerusalem," imported from abroad for temporary exhibition without profit within the United States, are of cultural significance. These objects are imported pursuant to a loan agreement with the foreign lenders. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the listed exhibit objects at the Cleveland Museum of Art, Cleveland, OH, from, on or about June 13, 1999, to, on or about August 29, 1999, is in the national interest. Public Notice of these determinations is ordered to be published in the **Federal Register**.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For a copy of the list of exhibit objects or for further information, contact Jacqueline Caldwell, Assistant General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, United States Information Agency, at 202/619-6982, or USIA, 301 4th Street, S.W., Room 700, Washington, D.C. 20547-0001.

Dated: May 26, 1999.

**Les Jin,**

*General Counsel.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Adjustments for Service-Connected Benefits

**AGENCY:** Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** As required by the Veterans Programs Enhancement Act of 1998, Pub. L. 105-368, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is hereby giving notice of adjustments in certain benefit rates. These adjustments affect the compensation, dependency and indemnity compensation (DIC), and Medal of Honor pension programs.

**DATES:** These adjustments are effective December 1, 1998, the date provided by Pub. L. 105-368.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Paul Trowbridge, Consultant, Compensation and Pension Service (213B), Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans