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Dated: June 3, 2003.

**Tersheia Carter,**

*Acting Director, Taxpayer Advocacy Panel.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

#### Open Meeting of the Area 5 Taxpayer Advocacy Panel (Including the States of Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, and Texas)

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** An open meeting of the Area 5 Taxpayer Advocacy Panel will be conducted (via teleconference).

**DATES:** The meeting will be held Monday, July 14, 2003, at 3 p.m., central daylight time.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sandy McQuin at 1-888-912-1227, or (414) 297-1604.

**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 open meeting of the Area 5 Taxpayer Advocacy Panel will be held Monday, July 14, 2003, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. central daylight time via a telephone conference call. The Taxpayer Advocacy Panel is soliciting public comment, ideas, and suggestions on improving customer service at the Internal Revenue Service. You can submit written comments to the panel by faxing to (414) 297-1623, or by mail to Taxpayer Advocacy Panel, Stop 1006MIL, 310 West Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53203-2221. Public comments will also be welcome during the meeting. Please contact Sandy McQuin at 1-888-912-1227 or (414) 297-1604 for more information.

The agenda will include the following: Various IRS issues.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

#### Open Meeting of the Area 4 Taxpayer Advocacy Panel (Including the States of Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, West Virginia, and Wisconsin)

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** An open meeting of the Area 4 Taxpayer Advocacy Panel will be conducted (via teleconference).

**DATES:** The meeting will be held Wednesday, July 2, 2003.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mary Ann Delzer at 1-888-912-1227, or (414) 297-1604.

**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 open meeting of the Area 4 Taxpayer Advocacy Panel will be held Wednesday, July 2, 2003, from 11 a.m. to noon central daylight time via a telephone conference call. The Taxpayer Advocacy Panel is soliciting public comment, ideas, and suggestions on improving customer service at the Internal Revenue Service. You can submit written comments to the panel by faxing to (414) 297-1623, or by mail to Taxpayer Advocacy Panel, Stop 1006MIL, 310 West Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53203-2221. Public comments will also be welcome during the meeting. Please contact Mary Ann Delzer at 1-888-912-1227 or (414) 297-1604 for dial-in information.

The agenda will include the following: Various IRS issues.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

#### Open Meeting of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel, E-Filing Issue Committee

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** An open meeting of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel, E-Filing

Issue Committee will be conducted (via teleconference).

**DATES:** The meeting will be held Thursday, July 10, 2003, at 2 p.m., Central daylight time.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mary Ann Delzer at 1-888-912-1227, or (414) 297-1604.

**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 open meeting of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel, E-Filing Issue Committee will be held Thursday, July 10, 2003, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Central daylight time via a telephone conference call. The Taxpayer Advocacy Panel is soliciting public comment, ideas, and suggestions on improving customer service at the Internal Revenue Service. You can submit written comments to the panel by faxing to (414) 297-1623, or by mail to Taxpayer Advocacy Panel, Stop 1006MIL, 310 West Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53203-2221. Public comments will also be welcome during the meeting. Please contact Mary Ann Delzer at 1-888-912-1227 or (414) 297-1604 for dial-in information.

The agenda will include the following: Various IRS issues.

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**Tersheia Carter,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Bureau of the Public Debt

#### Privacy Act of 1974, as Amended; System of Records

**AGENCY:** Bureau of the Public Debt, Treasury

**ACTION:** Notice of Proposed Privacy Act System of Records.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, the Bureau of the Public Debt (Public Debt) gives notice of a proposed system of records.

**DATES:** Comments must be received no later than July 9, 2003. The proposed system of records will be effective July 21, 2003 unless Public Debt receives comments which would result in a contrary determination.

**ADDRESSES:** Send any comments to the Disclosure Officer, Administrative

Resource Center, Bureau of the Public Debt, Department of the Treasury, 200 Third Street, Room 211, Parkersburg, WV 26101-5312. Copies of all written comments will be available for public inspection and copying at the Department of the Treasury Library, Room 1428, Main Treasury Building, Washington, DC 20220. Before visiting the library, you must call 202-622-0990 for an appointment. Also, you can download comments at the following World Wide Web address: "<http://www.publicdebt.treas.gov>"

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For information about Public Debt's anti-money laundering and fraud suppression program, contact the Fraud Inquiry Line at 304-480-8555. The phone line is administered by the Office of the Chief Counsel, Bureau of the Public Debt. For information about this document, contact the Office of the Chief Counsel, Bureau of the Public Debt, at 304-480-8692.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The mission of Public Debt is to borrow the money needed to operate the Federal Government and to account for the resulting debt. Public Debt is establishing the U.S. Treasury Securities Fraud Information System to: (1) Identify and monitor fraudulent and suspicious activity related to Treasury securities and other U.S. obligations; (2) ensure that Public Debt provides a timely and appropriate notification of a possible violation of law to law enforcement and regulatory agencies; (3) protect the Government and individuals from fraud and loss; (4) prevent the misuse of Treasury names and symbols on fraudulent instruments, and (5) compile summary reports, that conform with the spirit of the USA Patriot Act's anti-terrorism financing provisions and the Bank Secrecy Act's anti-money laundering provisions and submit the reports to the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN).

Public Debt has received widespread inquiries from entities and individuals who have been approached by parties in connection with offers of participation in various questionable securities practices and illegal financial instruments, some of which falsely use the Treasury name or symbol. Under 31 U.S.C. 321(a)(5), the Secretary of the Treasury has the general authority to "prescribe regulations that the Secretary considers best calculated to promote the public convenience and security, and to protect the Government and individuals from fraud and loss, that apply to anyone who may: (A) receive for the Government, Treasury notes, United States notes, or other Government

securities; or (B) be engaged or employed in preparing and issuing those notes or securities." In addition, under 31 U.S.C. 333(a), no person may use the Department of the Treasury names, symbols, etc. "in a manner which could reasonably be interpreted or construed as conveying the false impression that such advertisement, solicitation, business activity, or product is in any manner approved, endorsed, sponsored, or authorized by, or associated with, the Department of the Treasury or any entity \* \* \* (of the Department) \* \* \* or any officer or employee thereof." See also, 31 CFR part 27, "Civil Penalty Assessment for Misuse of Department of the Treasury Names, Symbols, Etc." Likewise, an "obligation or security of the United States" may not be photographed or reproduced, 31 CFR 103.52(a).

To ensure that the Treasury name and its products are protected from fraudulent transactions, Public Debt proposes to maintain records on entities and individuals who are potentially involved in questionable or illegal transactions and practices relating to Treasury securities and other U.S. obligations. These records might, but do not necessarily have to, include allegations of administrative, civil or criminal misconduct, from any source.

Public Debt sells Treasury bills, notes, and bonds as well as U.S. Savings Bonds to investors. In addition to maintaining records on questionable securities practices and illegal financial instruments, Public Debt proposes to maintain records on suspicious activities involving these legitimate Treasury products. Suspicious activity may be any information that Public Debt determines to have a high degree of usefulness in criminal, tax, and, regulatory investigations, or other proceedings, including credit card loss prevention programs.

In particular, Public Debt intends to establish due diligence policies, procedures, and controls that aid in the detection and reporting of any attempt at money laundering involving Treasury securities. Treasury, as an issuer of government securities and a provider of related investment services, is not addressed in the anti-terrorism and anti-money laundering provisions of the USA Patriot Act, the Bank Secrecy Act, or FinCEN's implementing regulations, 31 CFR part 103. Nevertheless, consistent with the purposes of these Acts, Public Debt will take anti-terrorism and anti-money laundering measures, maintain records, and report certain suspicious transactions to appropriate authorities, including FinCEN.

Pursuant to the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, 5 U.S.C. 552a, Public Debt is proposing to establish the following new system of records: Treasury/BPD.009—U.S. Treasury Securities Fraud Information System.

To assist Public Debt in its regulatory and oversight functions, this system will track complaints and inquiries concerning fraudulent or suspicious transactions related to Treasury securities and other U.S. obligations.

Public Debt proposes to exempt records maintained in the system from certain of the Privacy Act's requirements pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(k)(2). A proposed rule to exempt this system from certain provisions of the Privacy Act will be published separately in the **Federal Register**.

The new system of records report, as required by 5 U.S.C. 552a(r) of the Privacy Act, has been submitted to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight of the House of Representatives, the Committee on Governmental Affairs of the Senate and the Office of Management and Budget, pursuant to Appendix I to OMB Circular A-130, "Federal Agency Responsibilities for Maintaining Records About Individuals," dated November 30, 2000.

The proposed Public Debt system of records, U.S. Treasury Securities Fraud Information System, Treasury/BPD.009, is published in its entirety below.

Dated: June 3, 2003.

**W. Earl Wright, Jr.,**

*Chief Management and Administrative Programs Officer.*

#### **Treasury/BPD.009**

##### **SYSTEM NAME:**

U.S. Treasury Securities Fraud Information System—Treasury/BPD.

##### **SYSTEM LOCATION:**

The system of records is located at the Bureau of the Public Debt in Parkersburg, WV and Washington DC as well as the Federal Reserve Banks of Boston, Buffalo, Chicago, Dallas, Kansas City, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Richmond, and Minneapolis. This system also covers Public Debt records that are maintained by contractor(s) under agreement. The system manager(s) maintain(s) the system location of these records. The address(es) of the contractor(s) may be obtained from the system manager(s) below.

##### **CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:**

Individuals under investigation or who make inquiries or report fraudulent

or suspicious activities related to Treasury securities and other U.S. obligations.

#### **CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:**

The types of personal information collected/used by this system are necessary to ensure the accurate identification of individuals who report or make fraudulent transactions involving Treasury securities and other U.S. obligations. The types of personal information potentially could include the following:

(1) Personal identifiers (name, including previous name used, and aliases; Social Security number; Tax Identification Number; physical and electronic addresses; telephone, fax, and pager numbers), and;

(2) Authentication aids (personal identification number, password, account number, credit card number, shared-secret identifier, digitized signature, or other unique identifier).

Supporting records may contain correspondence between Public Debt and the entity or individual submitting a complaint or inquiry, correspondence between Public Debt and the Department of Treasury, or correspondence between Public Debt and law enforcement, regulatory bodies, or other third parties.

#### **AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:**

31 U.S.C. 321(a)(5), 31 U.S.C. 333, 31 U.S.C. 3101, *et seq.* 31 U.S.C. 5318, and 5 U.S.C. 301.

#### **PURPOSE(S):**

Records in this system are used to: (1) Identify and monitor fraudulent and suspicious activity related to Treasury securities and other U.S. obligations; (2) ensure that Public Debt provides a timely and appropriate notification of a possible violation of law to law enforcement and regulatory agencies; (3) protect the Government and individuals from fraud and loss; (4) prevent the misuse of Treasury names and symbols on fraudulent instruments; and, (5) compile summary reports, that conform with the spirit of the USA Patriot Act's anti-terrorism financing provisions and the Bank Secrecy Act's anti-money laundering provisions, and submit the reports to the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN).

#### **ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:**

These records may be disclosed to:

(1) Congressional offices in response to an inquiry made at the request of the individual to whom the record pertains;

(2) Appropriate Federal, State, local, or foreign agencies responsible for

investigating or prosecuting the violations of, or for enforcing or implementing a statute, rule, regulation, order, or license, where the disclosing agency becomes aware of a potential violation of civil or criminal law or regulation;

(3) A court, magistrate, or administrative tribunal in the course of presenting evidence, including disclosures to opposing counsel or witnesses in the course of civil discovery, litigation, or settlement negotiations or in connection with criminal law proceedings or in response to a subpoena;

(4) Third parties during the course of an investigation to the extent necessary to obtain information pertinent to the investigation;

(5) Agents or contractors who have been engaged to assist Public Debt in the performance of a service related to this system of records and who need to have access to the records in order to perform the activity;

(6) The Department of Justice when seeking legal advice or when (a) the Department of the Treasury or (b) Public Debt, or (c) any employee of the agency in his or her official capacity, or (d) any employee of the agency in his or her individual capacity where the Department of Justice has agreed to represent the employee, or (e) the United States, where the agency determines that litigation is likely to affect the agency, is a party to litigation or has an interest in such litigation, and the use of such records by the Department of Justice is deemed by the agency to be relevant and necessary to the litigation.

#### **POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:**

##### **STORAGE:**

Records are maintained on electronic media, multiple client-server platforms that are backed-up to magnetic tape or other storage media, and/or hard copy.

##### **RETRIEVABILITY:**

Records may be retrieved by (name, alias name, Social Security number, Tax Identification Number, account number, or other unique identifier).

##### **SAFEGUARDS:**

These records are maintained in controlled access areas. Identification cards are verified to ensure that only authorized personnel are present. Electronic records are protected by restricted access procedures, including the use of passwords and sign-on protocols which are periodically changed. Only employees whose official

duties require access are allowed to view, administer, and control these records. Copies of records maintained on computer have the same limited access as paper records.

#### **RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:**

Records are maintained in accordance with National Archives and Records Administration retention schedules. Paper and microform records ready for disposal are destroyed by shredding or maceration. Records in electronic media are electronically erased using accepted techniques.

#### **SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:**

(1) Assistant Commissioner, Office of Information Technology, Bureau of the Public Debt, 200 Third Street, Parkersburg, WV 26101

(2) Assistant Commissioner, Office of Investor Services, Bureau of the Public Debt, 200 Third Street, Parkersburg, WV 26101

(3) Assistant Commissioner, Office of Securities Operations, Bureau of the Public Debt, 200 Third Street, Parkersburg, WV 26101

(4) Chief Counsel, Office of Chief Counsel, Parkersburg Division, Bureau of the Public Debt, 200 Third Street, Parkersburg, WV 26101

#### **NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:**

This system of records is exempt from the Privacy Act provision on notification procedures. (*See* "Exemptions Claimed for the System," below.) An individual wishing to be notified if he or she is named in non-exempt records maintained in this system must submit a written request to the Disclosure Officer. *See* 31 CFR part 1, Subpart C, appendix I.

*Identification Requirements:* An individual seeking notification through the mail must establish his or her identity by providing a signature and an address as well as one other identifier bearing the individual's name and signature (such as a photocopy of a driver's license or other official document). An individual seeking notification in person must establish his or her identity by providing proof in the form of a single official document bearing a photograph (such as a passport or identification badge) or two items of identification that bear both a name and signature.

Alternatively, identity may be established by providing a notarized statement, swearing or affirming to an individual's identity, and to the fact that the individual understands the penalties provided in 5 U.S.C. 552a(i)(3) for requesting or obtaining information under false pretenses.

Additional documentation establishing identity or qualification for notification may be required, such as in an instance where a legal guardian or representative seeks notification on behalf of another individual.

**RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:**

This system of records is exempt from the Privacy Act provision on record access procedures. (See "Notification Procedure" above.)

**CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:**

This system of records is exempt from the Privacy Act provision on contesting record procedures. (See "Notification Procedure" above.)

**RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:**

This system of records is exempt from the Privacy Act provision which requires that record source categories be reported. (See "Exemptions Claimed for the System," below.)

**EXEMPTIONS CLAIMED FOR THE SYSTEM:**

Records maintained in this system have been designated as exempt from 5 U.S.C. 552a(c)(3), (d)(1), (2), (3), and (4), (e)(1), (e)(4)(G), (H), and (I), and (f) of the Privacy Act pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(k)(2). See 31 CFR 1.36.

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**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS****Fund Availability Under the VA Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program**

**AGENCY:** Department of Veterans Affairs.  
**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is announcing the availability of funds for applications for assistance under the Capital Grant component of VA's Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program. This Notice contains information concerning the program, funding priorities, application process, and amount of funding available.

**DATES:** An original completed and collated grant application (plus three completed collated copies) for assistance under the VA's Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program must be received in the Grant and Per Diem Field Office, by 4 p.m. Eastern Time on Friday, July 18, 2003. Applications may not be sent by facsimile (FAX). In the interest of fairness to all competing applicants, this deadline is firm as to date and hour, and

VA will treat as ineligible for consideration any application that is received after the deadline. Applicants should take this practice into account and make early submission of their material to avoid any risk of loss of eligibility brought about by unanticipated delays or other delivery-related problems.

*For a Copy of the Application Package:* Download directly from VA's Grant and Per Diem Program web page at: <http://www.va.gov/homeless/page.cfm?pg=3> or call the Grant and Per Diem Program at (toll-free) 1-877-332-0334. For a document relating to the VA Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program, see the Interim Final Rule published in the **Federal Register** on March 19, 2003 §§ 61.0-61.82.

*Submission of Application:* An original completed and collated grant application (plus three copies) must be submitted to the following address: VA Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Field Office, 10770 N. 46th Street, Suite C-100, Tampa, Florida 33617. Applications must be received in the Grant and Per Diem Field office by the application deadline. Applications must arrive as a complete package. Materials arriving separately will not be included in the application package for consideration and may result in the application being rejected or not funded.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Guy Liedke, VA Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program, Department of Veterans Affairs, 10770 N. 46th Street, Suite C-100, Tampa, Florida 33617; (toll-free) 1-877-332-0334.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This Notice announces the availability of capital funds for assistance under VA's Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program for eligible entities to: (1) Expand existing projects; or (2) develop new programs or new components of existing projects. Funding applied for under the capital grant component may be used for: (1) Remodeling or alteration of existing buildings; (2) acquisition of buildings, acquisition and rehabilitation of buildings; (3) new construction; and (4) acquisition of vans for outreach to and/or transportation for homeless veterans (see Interim Final Rule, Published in the **Federal Register**, March 19, 2003, §§ 61.0 through 61.82). Public Law 107-95, § 5(a)(1) the Homeless Veterans Comprehensive Assistance Act of 2001 codified at 38 U.S.C. §§ 2011, 2012, 2061, and 2064 authorizes this program. The program has been extended through fiscal year 2005. For eligibility criteria please refer to Interim Final Rule published in the

**Federal Register** on March 19, 2003, §§ 61.10 and 61.12.

Capital grant applicants may not receive assistance to replace funds provided by any State or local government to assist homeless persons. A proposal for an existing project that seeks to shift its focus by changing the population being served or the precise mix of services being offered is not eligible for consideration. No more than 25 percent of services available in projects funded through this grant program may be provided to clients who are not receiving those services as veterans.

VA is pleased to issue this Notice of Fund Availability (NOFA) for the Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program. The Department expects to award approximately \$8 million under the capital grant component.

Funding available under this NOFA is being offered to help offset the capital expenses of existing State and local governments, Indian Tribal governments, faith-based, and community-based organizations that are capable of creating and providing supported housing and/or supportive service center services for homeless veterans. The District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, any territory or possession of the United States, may be considered eligible entities under the definition of "State" in the Interim Final Rule, § 61.1 Definitions.

Per diem for these programs is requested in the grant application and paid at the time of grant project completion. It should be noted that VA per diem payment is limited to the applicant's cost of care per eligible veteran minus other sources of payments to the applicant for furnishing services to homeless veterans up to the per day rate VA pays for State Home Domiciliary care, which is currently \$26.95. Awardees will be required to support their request for per diem payment with adequate fiscal documentation as to program income and expenses.

Interested organizations should know that the vast majority of homeless veterans in this country suffer from mental illness or substance abuse disorders or are dually diagnosed with both mental illness and substance abuse disorders. In addition, many homeless veterans have serious medical problems. Collaboration with VA medical centers, VA community-based outpatient clinics or other health care providers is an important aspect of assuring that homeless veterans have access to appropriate health care services.