on the collection of information described below:

Title: Request for Payment of Federal Benefit by Check, EFT Waiver Form. OMB Number: 1510–0NEW (OMB to

affix number).
Form Number: DRAFT—FMS Form

Abstract: 31 CFR part 208 requires that all Federal non-tax payments be made by electronic funds transfer (EFT). This form is used to collect information from individuals requesting a waiver from the EFT requirement because of a mental impairment and/or who live in a remote geographic location that does not support the use of EFT. These individuals may continue to receive payment by check. However, 31 CFR part 208 requires individuals requesting one of these waiver conditions to submit a written justification that is notarized by a notary public. In order to assist individuals with this submission, Treasury is preparing a waiver form so that all necessary information is collected.

*Current Actions:* New Information Collection.

Type of Review: Regular. Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 400.000.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 1.2 Hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 80,000 Hours.

Comments: Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget 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.

Dated: December 6, 2011.

# Sheryl R. Morrow,

Assistant Commissioner, Payment Management.

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**

### **Fiscal Service**

# Surety Companies Acceptable on Federal Bonds: Aspen American Insurance Company

**AGENCY:** Financial Management Service, Fiscal Service, Department of the Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This is Supplement No. 3 to the Treasury Department Circular 570, 2011 Revision, published July 1, 2011, at 76 FR 38892.

# **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Surety Bond Branch at (202) 874–6850.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A

Certificate of Authority as an acceptable surety on Federal bonds is hereby issued under 31 U.S.C. 9305 to the following company:

Aspen American Insurance Company (NAIC # 43460). *Business Address:* 175 Capital Boulevard, Suite 300, Rocky Hill, CT 06067. *Phone:* (860) 258–3500.

*Underwriting Limitation b/:* \$6,797,000.

Surety Licenses c/: AL, AK, AZ, AR, CO, DE, DC, FL, GA, HI, ID, IL, IN, IA, KS, KY, LA, MD, MA, MI, MS, MO, MT, NE., NV, NJ, NM, NY, NC, ND, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VT, VA, WA, WV, WI, WY.

# Incorporated in: Texas

Federal bond-approving officers should annotate their reference copies of the Treasury Circular 570 ("Circular"), 2011 Revision, to reflect this addition.

Certificates of Authority expire on June 30th each year, unless revoked prior to that date. The Certificates are subject to subsequent annual renewal as long as the companies remain qualified (see 31 CFR part 223). A list of qualified companies is published annually as of July 1st in the Circular, which outlines details as to the underwriting limitations, areas in which companies are licensed to transact surety business, and other information.

The Circular may be viewed and downloaded through the Internet at http://www.fms.treas.gov/c570.

Questions concerning this Notice may be directed to the U.S. Department of the Treasury, Financial Management Service, Financial Accounting and Services Division, Surety Bond Branch, 3700 East-West Highway, Room 6F01, Hyattsville, MD 20782. Dated: December 1, 2011.

#### Laura Carrico,

Director, Financial Accounting and Services Division.

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# **DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**

#### **Internal Revenue Service**

# Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form 1099–MA

**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 1098–MA, Mortgage Assistance Payments.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before February 13, 2012 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Yvette Lawrence, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6129, 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 R. Joseph Durbala, (202) 622–3634, at Internal Revenue Service, Room 6129, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224, or through the Internet at *RJoseph.Durbala@irs.gov.* 

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Mortgage Assistance Payments.

OMB Number: 1545–2221.

Form Number: Form 1099–MA.

Abstract: This form is a statement reported to the IRS and to taxpayers. It will be filed and furnished by State Housing Finance Agencies (HFAs) and HUD to report the total amounts of mortgage assistance payments and homeowner mortgage payments made to mortgage servicers. The requirement for the statement are authorized by Notice 2011–14, supported by Public Law 111–203, section 1496, and Public Law 110–343. Division A, section 109.

Current Actions: There were no changes made to the document that

resulted in any change to the burden previously reported to OMB. We are making this submission to renew the OMB approval.

Type of Review: Extension to

previously approved IC.

Affected Public: Individuals, Federal
Government, State, Local, or Tribal
Governments, and other Not-for-profit
organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents:

Estimated Time per Respondent: 2 hours 50 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 170,400.

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: December 5, 2011.

# Yvette Lawrence,

IRS Reports Clearance Officer. [FR Doc. 2011–31851 Filed 12–12–11; 8:45 am]

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**

#### **Internal Revenue Service**

# Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form 14242

**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 14242, Reporting Abusive Tax Promotions or Preparers.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before February 13, 2012 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Yvette Lawrence, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6129, 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 R. Joseph Durbala, (202) 622–3634, at Internal Revenue Service, Room 6129, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224, or through the internet at RJoseph.Durbala@irs.gov.

# SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Reporting Abusive Tax Promotions or Preparers.

*OMB Number:* 1545–2219. *Form Number:* Form 14242.

Abstract: The IC form is used to report an abusive tax avoidance scheme and tax return preparers who promote such schemes. IC is collected to combat abusive tax promoters. Respondents can be individuals, businesses and tax return preparers.

Current Actions: There were no changes made to the document that resulted in any change to the burden previously reported to OMB. We are making this submission to renew the OMB approval.

*Type of Review:* Extension to previously approved IC.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households, Farms, Businesses and other for-profit or not-for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 360.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 10 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 3,600.

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: December 5, 2011.

#### Yvette Lawrence,

IRS Reports Clearance Officer. [FR Doc. 2011–31852 Filed 12–12–11; 8:45 am]

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