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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection: Comment Request for Forms 945, 945-A, and, 945-X

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Internal Revenue Service, 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 information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The IRS is soliciting comments concerning Form 945 Annual Return of Withheld Federal Income Tax, Form 945-A Annual Record of Federal Tax Liability, and Form 945-X Adjusted Annual Return of Withheld Federal Income Tax or Claim for Refund.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before September 19, 2017 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to L. Brimmer, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6526, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224. Requests for additional information or copies of the forms and instructions should be directed to Sara Covington, at Internal Revenue Service, Room 6526, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224, or through the internet at Sara.L.Covington@irs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Annual Return of Withheld Federal Income Tax.

OMB Number: 1545-1430.

Form Number: 945.

Abstract: Form 945 is used to report income tax withholding on non payroll payments including backup withholding and withholding on pensions, annuities, IRAs, military retirement and gambling winnings.

Form Number: 945-A.

Abstract: Form 945-A is used by employers who deposit non-payroll income tax withheld (such as from pensions and gambling) on a semiweekly schedule, or whose tax liability on any day is \$100,000 or more, use Form 945-A with Form 945 or CT-1 to report their tax liability.

Form Number: 945-X.

Abstract: Form 945-X is used to correct errors made on Form 945, Annual Return of Withheld Federal Income Tax.

Current Actions: There are no changes being made to the forms approved under this collection. However, changes to the estimated number of filers (236,818 to 220,851), will result in a total burden decrease of 110,013 (1,619,603 to 1,509,590).

Type of Review: Revision of a current OMB approval.

Affected Public: Business, or other for-profit organizations, individuals, or households, not-for-profit institutions, farms, and, Federal, state, local, or tribal governments.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 220,851.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 6 hrs., 50 min.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,509,590.

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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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Solicitation of Nominations for Appointment to the VA Prevention of Fraud, Waste, and Abuse Advisory Committee

ACTION: Notice, amended.

SUMMARY: The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is seeking nominations of qualified candidates to be considered for appointment to the VA Prevention of Fraud, Waste, and Abuse Advisory Committee (herein-after in this section referred to as "the Committee").

DATES: Nominations for membership on the Committee must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. EST on July 24, 2017.

ADDRESSES: All nominations should be sent electronically to the Advisory Committee Management Office mailbox at vaadvisorycmte@va.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Gregory Woskow, Designated Federal Officer, Office of Finance, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., (047), Washington, DC 20420, telephone (720) 471-1235.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In carrying out the duties set forth, the activities of the Committee include, but are not limited to:

(1) Identifying best practices and lessons learned from private industry and other Federal agencies that VA can leverage to maximize the effectiveness and efficiency of Department-wide activities to detect and prevent fraud, waste, and abuse in VA programs at significant risk;

(2) Providing advice on leveraging cutting-edge fraud detection and prevention tools and technologies used by other Federal agencies and private industry, including the identification of ways to utilize such tools in the short-term, as well as in the future, given VA's current Financial Management Business Transformation break-thru initiative; and

(3) Providing advice on leveraging partnerships and experience to assist in maximizing the efficiency and effectiveness of VA's "Seek to Prevent Fraud, Waste, and Abuse (STOP FWA)" initiative, which is designed to increase activities that prevent fraud, waste, and abuse and to reduce improper payments.

Authority: The Committee is being established by the directive of the Secretary of VA, in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended, 5 U.S.C. App. 2. The Committee will provide the Secretary of Veterans Affairs with advice related to improving and enhancing VA's efforts to identify, prevent, and mitigate fraud, waste, and abuse across VA in order to improve the integrity of VA's payments and the efficiency of VA's programs and activities.

Membership Criteria and Qualifications: VA is seeking nominations for Committee membership. The Committee is composed of twelve members and several ex-officio members.

The members of the Committee are appointed by the Secretary of Veteran Affairs from the general public, from various sectors and organizations, including but not limited to:

- a. Veteran-focused organizations;
- b. Academic communities;
- c. Health care providers;
- d. Other Federal agencies;
- e. Insurance;
- f. Former Inspectors General;
- g. Veteran Service Organizations;
- h. Military service organizations;
- i. Academic communities; and
- j. Leaders of key stakeholder associations and organizations.

In accordance with the Committee Charter, the Secretary shall determine

the number, terms of service, and pay and allowances of Committee members, except that a term of service of any such member may not exceed two years. The Secretary may reappoint any Committee member for additional terms of service.

To the extent possible, the Secretary seeks members who have diverse professional and personal qualifications including but not limited to subject matter experts in the areas described above. We ask that nominations include any relevant experience information so that VA can ensure diverse Committee membership.

Requirements for Nomination Submission

Nominations should be typed (one nomination per nominator). Nomination package should include:

(1) A letter of nomination that clearly states the name and affiliation of the nominee, the basis for the nomination (*i.e.* specific attributes which qualify the nominee for service in this capacity), and a statement from the nominee indicating the willingness to serve as a member of the Committee;

(2) The nominee's contact information, including name, mailing address, telephone numbers, and email address;

(3) The nominee's curriculum vitae; and

(4) A summary of the nominee's experience and qualifications relative to the membership considerations described above.

Individuals selected for appointment to the Committee shall be invited to serve a two-year term. Committee members will receive a stipend for attending Committee meetings, including per diem and reimbursement for eligible travel expenses incurred.

The Department makes every effort to ensure that the membership of VA Federal advisory committees is diverse in terms of points of view represented and the committee's capabilities. Appointments to this Committee shall be made without discrimination because of a person's race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identify, national origin, age, disability, or genetic information. Nominations must state that the nominee is willing to serve as a member of the Committee and appears to have no conflict of interest that would preclude membership. An ethics review is conducted for each selected nominee.

Dated: July 18, 2017.

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Federal Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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