

recommendations for legislative or regulatory action. After the initial report, the Agencies must jointly submit follow-up reports to the Congress at least once every three years.

#### Proposed Survey Panel

The Agencies will select the survey panel based on whether the prospective respondent has affiliates with which it can share information, whether the prospective respondent is likely to be a user of consumer reports, and other factors.

#### Estimated Annual Burden Hours

Each respondent will complete a written Survey. In order to complete the Survey, the individual completing the form for the respondent will most likely need to consult staff in other parts of the organization and obtain data from recordkeeping systems. Based on the Agencies' expertise and experience, we estimate the consultations and the collection of data will take between four and eight hours per respondent. The Agencies estimate it will then take less than two hours for each respondent to complete the Survey. However, numerous factors are likely to influence the amount of time it will take a respondent to complete the Survey, including the number and type of affiliates, as well as the diversity of information sharing practices among affiliates. Based on the methodology proposed, the total burden imposed by the initial study, for all six agencies, will be approximately 3,000 hours.

#### Request for Comment

The Agencies invite comment on:

- a. Whether the information collections are necessary for the proper performance of the Agencies' functions, including whether the information has practical utility;
- b. The accuracy of the Agencies' estimates of the burden of the information collections, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- c. Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- d. Ways to minimize the burden of information collections on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

In addition, the OCC invites comments on the following:

- aa. The specific data the Agencies should collect to prepare the report required by Section 214(e) of the Fact Act and the terminology that will best describe and correctly specify the data to be collected;

bb. If any data the Agencies should collect are not available, the type of proxy data the Agencies should request;

cc. The extent to which depository institutions currently track and are able to report on the methods (*e.g.*, telephone, online) used by consumers to opt-out of affiliate information sharing; and

dd. Information related to recordkeeping practices or other aspects of the data specification and survey development process.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be shared among the Agencies. Unless otherwise afforded confidential treatment pursuant to Federal law, all comments will become a matter of public record.

Dated: August 22, 2006.

#### Stuart Feldstein,

*Assistant Director, Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency.*

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, August 25, 2006.

#### Jennifer J. Johnson,

*Secretary of the Board.*

Dated at Washington, DC, this 22nd day of August, 2006.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

#### Robert E. Feldman,

*Executive Secretary.*

Dated: August 21, 2006.

#### Deborah Dakin,

*Senior Deputy Chief Counsel, Regulations and Legislation Division, Office of Thrift Supervision.*

Dated at Washington, DC, this 24th day of August, 2006.

By the National Credit Union Administration.

#### John Ianno,

*Acting Secretary of the Board.*

Dated at Washington, DC, this twenty-first day of August, 2006.

Federal Trade Commission.

By direction of the Commission.

#### Donald S. Clark,

*Secretary.*

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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, Tennessee, 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). The Taxpayer Advocacy Panel is soliciting public comment, ideas, and suggestions on improving customer service at the Internal Revenue Service.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held Tuesday, September 26, 2006, at 11 a.m., Central Time.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mary Ann Delzer at 1-888-912-1227, or (414) 231-2360.

**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 a meeting of the Area 4 Taxpayer Advocacy Panel will be held Tuesday, September 26, 2006, at 11 a.m., Central Time via a telephone conference call. You can submit written comments to the panel by faxing the comments to (414) 231-2363, or by mail to Taxpayer Advocacy Panel, Stop 1006MIL, 211 West Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53203-2221, or you can contact us at <http://www.improveirs.org>. This meeting is not required to be open to the public, but because we are always interested in community input we will accept public comments. Please contact Mary Ann Delzer at 1-888-912-1227 or (414) 231-2360 for dial-in information.

The agenda will include the following: Various IRS issues.

Dated: August 23, 2006.

#### John Fay,

*Acting Director, Taxpayer Advocacy Panel.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Clinical Science Research and Development Service Cooperative Studies Scientific Merit Review Board; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that a meeting of the Clinical Science Research and Development Service Cooperative Studies Scientific Merit Review Board will be held on September 19-20, 2006, at the Crystal City Marriott, 1999 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia. The session is scheduled to begin at 8 a.m. and end at 3 p.m. on both days.

The Board advises the Chief Research and Development Officer through the Director of the Clinical Science Research and Development Service on the relevance and feasibility of proposed

projects and the scientific validity and propriety of technical details, including protection of human subjects.

The session will be open to the public from 8 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. on September 19 for the discussion of administrative matters and the general status of the program. The sessions will be closed from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on September 19 and for the entire day on September 20 for the Board's review of research and development applications.

During the closed portions of the meeting, discussion and recommendations will include

qualifications of the personnel conducting the studies (the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy), as well as research information (the premature disclosure of which would be likely to compromise significantly the implementation of proposed agency action regarding such research projects). As provided by subsection 10(d) of Public Law 92-463, as amended by Public Law 94-409, closing portions of these meetings is in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6) and (c)(9)(B).

Those who plan to attend should contact Dr. Grant Huang, Deputy Director, Cooperative Studies Program (125), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, a5 (202) 254-0183.

Dated: August 23, 2006.

By Direction of the Secretary.

**E. Philip Riggan,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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