

for copies of the proposed information collection and supporting documents, to Andrea Lage of the Office of Visa Services, U.S. Department of State, 2401 E Street, NW., L-603, Washington, DC 20522, who may be reached at (202) 663-1221 or [lageab@state.gov](mailto:lageab@state.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary to properly perform our functions.
- Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond.

*Abstract of proposed collection:* The V visa application (Form DS-3052) is used to collect information on second preference spouses and children of permanent residence for whom petitions were filed on or before December 12, 2000, and who have been waiting for three or more years for petition approval, adjustment of status, or an immigrant visa, who are applying for a nonimmigrant visa to enter the United States. The form request biographical information on the applicant and information on the immigrant petition that was filed on the applicant's behalf. Consular officer use the information on this form to determine eligibility for V visa status.

*Methodology:* DS-3052 is submitted to U.S. embassies and consulates overseas and is available online at <http://www.travel.state.gov>. The form can be filled out online and then printed.

Dated: October 2, 2006.

**Stephen A. Edson,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

#### Release of Waybill Data

The Surface Transportation Board has received a request from Baker & Miller PLLC on behalf of the Kansas City Southern (WB595-4-10/12/2006) for permission to use certain data from the Board's 2005 Carload Waybill Sample. A copy of the requests may be obtained from the Office of Economics,

Environmental Analysis, and Administration.

The waybill sample contains confidential railroad and shipper data; therefore, if any parties object to these requests, they should file their objections with the Director of the Board's Office of Economics, Environmental Analysis, and Administration within 14 calendar days of the date of this notice. The rules for release of waybill data are codified at 49 CFR 1244.9.

*Contact:* Mac Frampton, (202) 565-1541.

**Vernon A. Williams,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

October 23, 2006.

The Department of the Treasury has submitted the following public information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling the Treasury Bureau Clearance Officer listed. Comments regarding this information collection should be addressed to the OMB reviewer listed and to the Treasury Department Clearance Officer, Department of the Treasury, Room 11000, 1750 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before November 27, 2006 to be assured of consideration.

*Internal Revenue Service (IRS)*

*OMB Number:* 1545-2004.

*Type of Review:* Revision.

*Title:* Deduction for Energy Efficient Commercial Buildings.

*Description:* This notice sets forth a process that allows the owner of energy efficient commercial building property to certify that the property satisfies the requirements of Section 179D(c)(1) and (d). This notice also provides a procedure whereby the developer of computer software may certify to the Internal Revenue Service that the software is acceptable for use in calculating energy and power consumption for purposes of Section 179D of the Code.

*Respondents:* Businesses and for-profit institutions.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 3,761 hours.

*Clearance Officer:* Glenn P. Kirkland (202) 622-3428, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6516, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224.

*OMB Reviewer:* Alexander T. Hunt (202) 395-7316, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

**Robert Dahl,**

*Treasury PRA Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request for the Survey for the Practitioner Attitudinal Survey

**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 the Survey for the Practitioner Attitudinal Survey.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before December 26, 2006 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Glenn Kirkland, Internal Revenue Service, room 6516, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the survey should be directed to Allan Hopkins, at (202) 622-6665, or at Internal Revenue Service, room 6516, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224, or through the Internet, at [Allan.M.Hopkins@irs.gov](mailto:Allan.M.Hopkins@irs.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Practitioner Attitudinal Survey.  
*OMB Number:* 1545-1587.

*Abstract:* This is a survey for quantitative research to establish changes to baseline measures of public knowledge and acceptance of Electronic Tax Administration (ETA) programs. The results of the survey will provide the level of detail needed to guide decisions related to development and

quality improvements of future e-submissions products and services and effective marketing techniques.

*Current Actions:* There are no changes being made to the survey at this time.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Business.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1,400.

*Estimated Time per Respondent:* 1 hour, 41 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden*

*Hours:* 2,370.

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: October 17, 2006.

**Glenn Kirkland,**

*IRS Reports Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### VA Directive and Handbook 5021, Employee/Management Relations

**AGENCY:** Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice with request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Veterans Affairs is making a technical amendment to VA Handbook 5021, Employee/Management Relations, dated April 15, 2002, to correct the citation for the Secretary's authority to issue regulations. Section 7421 of Title 38 provides the authority for the Secretary to prescribe by regulation the hours and conditions of employment and leaves of absence of employees appointed under any provisions of this chapter in positions in the Veterans Health Administration listed in subsection (b). Section 7304 of Title 38 provides the authority for the Under Secretary for Health to prescribe all regulations necessary to the administration of the Veterans Health Administration. VA Directive and Handbook 5021 was issued pursuant to the Secretary's authority under Section 7421. Two technical amendments are needed in VA Handbook 5021 to properly reflect the authority of the Secretary to issue regulations under 38 U.S.C. 7421. The first revision in Part II, Chapter 1, section 2, will replace the citation to 38 U.S.C. 7304 with the citation to 38 U.S.C. 7421 as the Secretary's authority to issue these regulations. The second revision in Part II, Chapter 2, section 2, will add the citation to the Secretary's authority. The current citation to 38 U.S.C. 7304 remains appropriate and unchanged as this Chapter issues delegations of authority by the Under Secretary for Health. The words or phrases that are proposed to be added to the regulations are shown in brackets. Only those sections of the existing regulations that contain proposed changes are included in this notice.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before November 27, 2006. Comments will be available for public inspection October 27. The proposed effective date

of these amendments is 30 days after publication of this notice.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written comments to: Director, Regulations Management (00REG1), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Catherine Baranek, Employee Relations Specialist, Department of Veterans Affairs, Office of Human Resources Management (051E), 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420. Ms. Baranek may be reached at (336) 631-5019.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** (none).

### Proposed Revisions to VA Handbook 5021, Employee/Management Relations

#### *Part II. Disciplinary Procedures Under Title 38*

##### Chapter 1. Disciplinary and Major Adverse Actions

###### 2. Authority

a. Section 203 of the Department of Veterans Affairs Health Care Personnel Act of 1991 Public Law (Pub. L.) 102-40.

b. 38 U.S.C. 501(a), 38 U.S.C. [7421].

c. Title 38, U.S.C., chapter 74.

#### *Part II. Disciplinary Procedures Under Title 38*

##### Chapter 2. Delegations

1. *Scope.* This chapter contains the authorities as delegated by the Under Secretary for Health for proposing and deciding on disciplinary and major adverse actions. The Under Secretary for Health retains the authority to appoint individuals as members of the Disciplinary Appeal Board Panel.

###### 2. Authority

a. Title 38, U.S.C., Chapter 74.

b. [38 U.S.C. 7421] 38 U.S.C. 7304.

c. VA Directive 5021.

Dated: October 23, 2006.

**R. James Nicholson,**

*Secretary of Veterans Affairs.*

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