

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

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit organizations, and Not-for-profit institutions.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 200.

*Estimated Time per Respondent:* 4 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 800.

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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**Glenn P. Kirkland,**

*IRS Reports Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form 926

**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 926, Return by a U.S. Transferor of Property to a Foreign Corporation, Foreign Estate or Trust, or Foreign Partnership.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before May 14, 2007 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 form and instructions should be directed to Carolyn N. Brown, at (202) 622-6688, or at Internal Revenue Service, room 6516, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224, or through the Internet, at [Carolyn.N.Brown@irs.gov](mailto:Carolyn.N.Brown@irs.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Return by a U.S. Transferor of Property to a Foreign Corporation.

*OMB Number:* 1545-0026.

*Form Number:* Form 926.

*Abstract:* Form 926 is filed by any U.S. person who transfers certain tangible or intangible property to a foreign corporation to report information required by section 6038B.

*Current Actions:* There are no changes being made to Form 926 at this time.

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

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit organizations and Individuals or households.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 667.

*Estimated Time per Respondent:* 14 hours, 7 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 9,419.

The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information covered by this notice:

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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: February 28, 2007.

**Glenn P. Kirkland,**

*IRS Reports Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

#### Open Meeting of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Issue Committee

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

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** An open meeting of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel VITA Issue Committee will be conducted. 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, April 3, 2007, at noon Eastern Time.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Barbara Toy 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 Taxpayer Advocacy Panel VITA Issue Committee will be held Tuesday, April 3, 2007, at noon, Eastern Time via a telephone

conference call. You can submit written comments to the Panel by faxing to (414) 231-2363, or by mail to Taxpayer Advocacy Panel, Stop 1006MIL, P.O. Box 3205, Milwaukee, WI 53201-3205, or you can contact us at <http://www.improveirs.org>. Public comments will also be welcome during the meeting. Please contact Barbara Toy at 1-888-912-1227 or (414) 231-2360 for additional information.

The agenda will include the following: Various VITA Issues.

Dated: March 7, 2007.

**John Fay,**

*Acting Director, Taxpayer Advocacy Panel.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

#### Open Meeting of the Joint Committee of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel

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

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** An open meeting of the Joint Committee of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel will be conducted. 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 Wednesday, April 4, 2007, at 1 p.m., Eastern Time.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Barbara Toy 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 an open meeting of the Joint Committee of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel (TAP) will be held Wednesday, April 4, 2007, at 1 p.m. Eastern Time via a telephone conference call. You can submit written comments to the panel by faxing to (414) 231-2363, or by mail to Taxpayer Advocacy Panel, Stop 1006MIL, P.O. Box 3205, Milwaukee, WI, 53201-3205, or you can contact us at <http://www.improveirs.org>. Please contact Barbara Toy at 1-888-912-1227 or (414) 231-2360 for additional information.

The agenda will include the following: discussion of issues and responses brought to the Joint Committee; office report; and discussion of next meeting.

Dated: March 7, 2007.

**John Fay,**

*Acting Director, Taxpayer Advocacy Panel.*

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## U.S.-CHINA ECONOMIC AND SECURITY REVIEW COMMISSION

### Notice of Open Public Hearing

**AGENCY:** U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of open public hearing—March 29–30, 2007, Washington, DC.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of the following hearing of the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission.

*Name:* Carolyn Bartholomew, Chairman of the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission.

The Commission's statutory mandate from Congress, contained in Pub. L. 109-108, directs it to assess, among other key dynamics of the U.S.-China relationship, "the state of the security challenges presented by the People's Republic of China to the United States and whether the security challenges are increasing or decreasing from previous years." This hearing is part of the Commission's efforts to obtain the information it needs to fulfill this portion of its congressional mandate.

Pursuant to this mandate, the Commission will hold a public hearing in Washington, DC on March 29–30, 2007 to address "China's Military Modernization and its Impact on the United States and the Asia-Pacific."

### Background

This event is the second in a series of public hearings the Commission will hold during its 2007 report cycle to collect input from leading experts in government, the academe and industry, to examine China's capacity to wage war in the irregular, traditional, and disruptive domains as set forth in the threat framework described in the 2006 Quadrennial Defense Review. Subtopics to be explored include: Chinese perception management campaigns directed at the populations of other countries, doctrines and tactics of the People's Liberation Army (PLA) aimed at undermining the technological edge of U.S. forces (including newly-demonstrated anti-satellite capabilities), and the ways in which PLA modernization has affected the military balance across the Taiwan Strait.

On March 29, the hearing will be divided into four sessions. In each session, commissioners will hear

testimony from witnesses followed by a question and answer period between the Commissioners and the witnesses. Members of Congress will comprise the first panel and share their perspectives on the general issue of Chinese military modernization. The second panel will examine Beijing's doctrine on the conduct of irregular forms of warfare, including such acts as interrupting supply chains or manufacturing processes through economic means, managing perceptions about China in potentially hostile nations, and the use of cyber terrorism. The third session will explore topics related to PLA modernization in the domain of traditional warfare, especially as it relates to force integration and force projection. The fourth session will survey the military balance across the Taiwan Strait, including the implications of the significant intertwining of economic activity between actors in the PRC and Taiwan.

On March 30, there will be two hearing sessions that examine China's disruptive warfare capabilities. The first session will focus on the tactics and doctrines aimed at undermining the current qualitative advantage of U.S. forces through asymmetric means, such as cruise missiles and submarine forces, in order to deter U.S. intervention in Pacific theater conflicts. The second session that morning (and the final session of the hearing) will examine the role that space and counter-space technology will play in disrupting U.S. operability in the region. Specifically, panelists will analyze what the January 2007 anti-satellite test means for the security of U.S. forces, the implications for free access and transit of outer space, and the effects of the resulting space debris.

The hearing will be cochaired by Commissioners William Reinsch and Larry Wortzel.

Information on this hearing, including a detailed hearing agenda and information about panelists, will be made available on the Commission's Web site closer to the hearing date. Detailed information about the Commission, the texts of its annual reports and hearing records, and the products of research it has commissioned can be found on the Commission's Web site at [www.uscc.gov](http://www.uscc.gov).

Any interested party may file a written statement by March 29, 2007, by mailing to the contact below.

*Dates And Times:* Thursday, March 29, 2007, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Eastern Standard Time and Friday, March 30, 2007, 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.