

2008). The IRS will award a total of up to \$6,000,000 (unless otherwise provided by specific Congressional appropriation) to qualifying organizations, subject to the limitations of Internal Revenue Code section 7526, for LITC matching grants.

DATES: Grant applications for the 2008 grant cycle must be postmarked or filed electronically by July 6, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Send completed grant applications to: Internal Revenue Service, Taxpayer Advocate Service, LITC Program Office, TA:LITC, Attention: LITC Applications, 1111 Constitution Ave., NW., Room 1034, Washington, DC 20224. Copies of the *2008 Grant Application Package and Guidelines*, IRS Publication 3319 (Rev. 5-2007), can be downloaded from the IRS Internet site at www.irs.gov/advocate or ordered from the IRS Distribution Center by calling 1-800-829-3676. Applicants can also file electronically at www.grants.gov. For applicants applying through the Federal Grants Web site, the Funding Number is TREAS-GRANTS-052008-001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The LITC Program Office at 202-622-7186 (not toll-free number) or by e-mail at LITCProgramOffice@irs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Section 7526 of the Internal Revenue Code authorizes the IRS, subject to the availability of appropriated funds, to award organizations matching grants of up to \$100,000 per year for the development, expansion, or continuation of qualified low income taxpayer clinics. Section 7526 authorizes the IRS to provide grants to qualified organizations that represent low income taxpayers in controversies with the IRS or inform individuals for whom English is a second language or who have limited English proficiency of their taxpayer rights and responsibilities. Qualified organizations must provide these services for free or for a nominal fee. The IRS may award grants to qualifying organizations to fund one-year, two-year or three-year project periods. Grant funds may be awarded for start-up expenditures incurred by new clinics during the grant cycle. The costs of preparing and submitting an application are the responsibility of each applicant. Each application will be given due consideration and the LITC Program Office will notify each applicant by mail of whether they were awarded a grant no later than November 30, 2007.

Selection Considerations

Applications that pass the eligibility screening process will be numerically ranked based on the information contained in each proposed program plan. Please note that the IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) Programs are independently funded and separate from the LITC Program. Organizations currently participating in the VITA or TCE Programs may also be eligible to apply for a LITC grant if they meet the criteria and qualifications outlined in the *2008 Grant Application Package and Guidelines*. Organizations that seek to operate VITA and LITC Programs, or TCE and LITC Programs, must maintain separate and distinct programs even if co-located to ensure proper cost allocation for LITC grant funds and adherence to the rules and regulations of the VITA, TCE, and LITC Programs, as appropriate. In addition to the criteria and qualifications outlined in the *2008 Grant Application Package and Guidelines*, to foster parity regarding clinic availability and accessibility for taxpayers nationwide, the IRS will consider the geographic areas served by applicants as part of the decision-making process.

Comments

Interested parties are encouraged to provide comments on the IRS's administration of the grant program on an ongoing basis. Comments may be sent to: Internal Revenue Service, Taxpayer Advocate Service, Attn: Shawn Collins, Internal Revenue Service, Taxpayer Advocate Service, LITC Program Office, TA:LITC, 1111 Constitution Ave., NW., Room 1034, Washington, DC 20224.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Art Advisory Panel—Notice of Closed Meeting

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of closed meeting of Art Advisory Panel.

SUMMARY: Closed meeting of the Art Advisory Panel will be held in Washington, DC.

DATES: The meeting will be held June 20, 2007.

ADDRESSES: The closed meeting of the Art Advisory Panel will be held on June 20, 2007, in Room 4200E beginning at 9:30 a.m., Franklin Court Building, 1099 14th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Karen Carolan, C:AP:AS, 1099 14th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005. Telephone (202) 435-5609 (not a toll free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App., that a closed meeting of the Art Advisory Panel will be held on June 20, 2007, in Room 4200E beginning at 9:30 a.m., Franklin Court Building, 1099 14th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005.

The agenda will consist of the review and evaluation of the acceptability of fair market value appraisals of works of art involved in Federal income, estate, or gift tax returns. This will involve the discussion of material in individual tax returns made confidential by the provisions of 26 U.S.C. 6103.

A determination as required by section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act has been made that this meeting is concerned with matters listed in section 552(b)(3), (4), (6), and (7), and that the meeting will not be open to the public.

Karen S. Ammons,

Deputy Chief, Appeals.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Advisory Group to the Internal Revenue Service Tax Exempt and Government Entities Division (TE/GE); Meeting

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Advisory Committee on Tax Exempt and Government Entities (ACT) will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, June 13, 2007.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Steven J. Pyrek, Director, TE/GE Communications and Liaison; 1111 Constitution Ave., NW.; SE:T:CL—Penn Bldg; Washington, DC 20224.

Telephone: 202-283-9966 (not a toll-free number). E-mail address: Steve.J.Pyrek@irs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: By notice herein given, pursuant to section

10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. (1988), a public meeting of the ACT will be held on Wednesday, June 13, 2007, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Internal Revenue Service; 1111 Constitution Ave., NW.; Room 3313; Washington, DC. Issues to be discussed relate to Employee Plans, Exempt Organizations, and Government Entities.

Reports from five ACT subgroups cover the following topics:

- Indian Tribal Governments: Review of Voluntary Self-Compliance Program for Indian Tribal Governments.
- Exempt Organizations: A Proposal for an Exempt Organizations Voluntary Compliance Program.
- Tax-Exempt Bonds: After the Bonds Are Issued: Then What?
- Employee Plans: Improving Compliance for Adopters of Pre-approved Plans.
- Federal, State and Local Governments: A Prototype for Public Sector Defined Contribution Plans.
- Federal, State and Local Governments: Public Employers' Withholding and Reporting for Non-Resident Alien Taxation.

Last minute agenda changes may preclude advance notice. Due to limited seating and security requirements, attendees must call Cynthia PhillipsGrady to confirm their attendance.

Ms. PhillipsGrady can be reached at (202) 283-9954. Attendees are encouraged to arrive at least 30 minutes before the meeting begins to allow sufficient time for security clearance. Picture identification must be presented. Please use the main entrance at 1111 Constitution Ave., NW., to enter the building.

Should you wish the ACT to consider a written statement, please call (202) 283-9966, or write to: Internal Revenue Service; 1111 Constitution Ave., NW.; SE:T:CL-Penn Bldg; Washington, DC 20224, or e-mail Steve.J.Pyrek@irs.gov

Dated: May 14, 2007.

Steven J. Pyrek,

Designated Federal Official, Tax Exempt and Government Entities Division.

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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—June 14–15, 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 is mandated by Congress to investigate, assess, evaluate and report to Congress annually on “the national security implications and impact of the bilateral trade and economic relationship between the United States and the People’s Republic of China.” Pursuant to this mandate, the Commission will hold a public hearing in Washington, DC on June 14–15, 2007 on “China’s Energy Consumption and Opportunities for U.S.-China Cooperation to Address the Effects of China’s Energy Use.”

Background

This event is the fourth in a series of public hearings the Commission will hold during its 2007 report cycle to collect input from leading experts in academic, business, industry, government and the public on the impact of the economic and national security implications of the U.S. bilateral trade and economic relationship with China. The June 14–15 hearing is being conducted to examine the trends of China’s energy consumption; the strategic and environmental consequences of China’s energy use for the United States, China and the world; and strategies for addressing these effects. The June 14–15 hearing on “China’s Energy Consumption and Opportunities for U.S.-Cooperation to Address the Effects of China’s Energy Use” will be co-chaired by Vice Chairman Daniel Blumenthal and Commissioners Richard D’Amato, Dennis Shea, and Peter Videnieks.

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 <http://www.uscc.gov>.

Any interested party may file a written statement by June 14, 2007, by mailing to the contact below.

DATES AND TIMES: Thursday, June 14, 2007, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Friday, June 15, 2007, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. A detailed agenda for the hearing will be posted to the Commission’s Web site at <http://www.uscc.gov> in the near future.

ADDRESSES: The hearings will be held on Capitol Hill in Room 385, Russell Senate Office Building, located at Delaware & Constitution Avenues, NE., Washington, DC 20510. Public seating is limited to approximately 50 people on a first come, first served basis. Advance reservations are not required.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kathy Michels, Associate Director for the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission, 444 North Capitol Street, NW., Suite 602, Washington DC 20001; *phone:* 202-624-1409, or via e-mail at kmichels@uscc.gov.

Authority: Congress created the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission in 2000 in the National Defense Authorization Act (Public Law 106-398), as amended by Division P of the Consolidated Appropriations Resolution, 2003 (Public Law 108-7), as amended by Public Law 109-108 (November 22, 2005).

Dated: May 17, 2007.

Kathleen J. Michels,

Associate Director, U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Veterans’ Disability Benefits Commission; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans’ Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that the Veterans’ Disability Benefits Commission has scheduled a meeting for June 7–8, 2007, at the Washington Plaza Hotel, 10 Thomas Circle, NW., Washington, DC. The meeting sessions will begin at 8 a.m. and end between 5–5:30 p.m. each day. The meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the Commission is to carry out a study of the benefits under the laws of the United States that are provided to compensate and assist veterans and their survivors for disabilities and deaths attributable to military service.

The agenda for the meeting will feature updates on the progress of the studies being conducted by the Center for Naval Analyses (CNA) and the Institute of Medicine (IOM). There will be additional discussions with CNA on topics of ongoing research and analyses. The IOM Committees on Presumptions and Medical Evaluation of Veterans for Disability are expected to provide an overview of each Committee’s final report and discuss their findings with the Commission. The Commission will receive presentations on several draft