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Federal bond-approving officers should annotate their reference copies of the Treasury Circular 570 ("Circular"), 2007 Revision, to reflect this addition.

Certificates of Authority expire on June 30th each year, unless revoked prior to that date. The Certificates are subject to subsequent annual renewal as long as the companies remain qualified (see 31 CFR part 223). A list of qualified companies is published annually as of July 1st in the Circular, which outlines details as to underwriting limitations, areas in which companies are licensed to transact surety business, and other information.

The Circular may be viewed and downloaded through the Internet at <http://www.fms.treas.gov/c570>.

Questions concerning the Notice may be directed to the U.S. Department of the Treasury, Financial Management Service, Financial Accounting and Services Division, Surety Bond Branch, 3700 East-West Highway, Room 6F01, Hyattsville, MD 20782.

Dated: October 19, 2007.

**Vivian L. Cooper,**

*Director, Financial Accounting and Services Division, Financial Management Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

#### Request for Applications for the IRS Advisory Committee on Tax Exempt and Government Entities

**AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service (IRS); Tax Exempt and Government Entities Division, Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) is requesting applications for membership to serve on the Advisory Committee on Tax Exempt and Government Entities (ACT).

Applications will be accepted for the following vacancies, which will occur in June 2008: Two (2) employee plans; two (2) exempt organizations; one (1) Indian tribal governments; one (1) tax exempt bonds, and two (2) federal, state and local governments. To ensure appropriate balance of membership, final selection from qualified candidates will be determined based on experience, qualifications, and other expertise.

**Due Date:** Written applications or nominations must be received on or before November 30, 2007.

**Application:** Applicants may use the ACT Application Form on the IRS Web site (IRS.gov) or may send an application by letter with the following information: Name; Other Name(s) Used and Date(s) (required for FBI check); Date of Birth (required for FBI check); City and State of Birth (required for FBI Check); Current Address; Telephone and Fax Numbers; and e-mail address, if any. Applications should also describe and document the proposed member's qualifications for membership on the ACT. Applications should also specify the vacancy for which they wish to be considered.

**ADDRESSES:** Send all applications and nominations to: Steven J. Pyrek; Director TE/GE Communications and Liaison; 1111 Constitution Ave., NW.,—SE.,:T: CL, Penn Bldg; Washington, DC, 20224; FAX: (202) 283-9956 (not a toll-free number); e-mail: [steve.j.pyrek@irs.gov](mailto:steve.j.pyrek@irs.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Steven Pyrek (202) 283-9966 (not a toll-free number) or by e-mail at [steve.j.pyrek@irs.gov](mailto:steve.j.pyrek@irs.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Advisory Committee on Tax Exempt and Government Entities (ACT), governed by the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law No. 92-463, is an organized public forum for discussion of relevant employee plans, exempt organizations, tax-exempt bonds, and federal, state, local, and Indian tribal government issues between officials of the IRS and representatives of the above communities. The ACT also enables the IRS to receive regular input with respect to the development and implementation of IRS policy concerning these communities. ACT members present the interested public's observations about current or proposed IRS policies, programs, and procedures, as well as suggest improvements. ACT members shall be appointed by the Secretary of the Treasury and shall serve for two-year terms. Terms can be extended for an additional year. ACT members will not be paid for their time or services. ACT members will be reimbursed for their travel-related expenses to attend working sessions and public meetings, in accordance with 5 U.S.C 5703. The Secretary of the Treasury invites those individuals, organizations, and groups affiliated with employee plans, exempt organizations, tax-exempt bonds, and federal, state, local and Indian tribal governments, to nominate individuals for membership on the ACT. Nominations should describe and document the proposed member's qualifications for membership on the ACT. Nominations should also specify the vacancy for which they wish

to be considered. The Secretary seeks a diverse group of members representing a broad spectrum of persons experienced in employee plans, exempt organizations, tax-exempt bonds, and federal, state, local and Indian tribal governments.

Nominees must go through a clearance process before selection by the Secretary of the Treasury. In accordance with the Department of the Treasury Directive 21-03, the clearance process includes, among other things, pre-appointment and annual tax checks, and an FBI criminal and subversive name check, fingerprint check, and security clearance.

Dated: October 24, 2007.

**Steven J. Pyrek,**

*Designated Federal Official, Tax Exempt and Government Entities Division, Internal Revenue Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

#### Advisory Council to the Internal Revenue Service; Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Internal Revenue Service Advisory Council (IRSAC) will hold a public meeting on Thursday, November 15, 2007.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Jacqueline Tilghman, National Public Liaison, CL:NPL, 7559, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224. Telephone: 202-927-9833 (not a toll-free number). E-mail address: [\\*public\\_liaison@irs.gov](mailto:*public_liaison@irs.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. (1988), a public meeting of the IRSAC will be held on Thursday, November 15, 2007, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at IRS Headquarters, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room 3313, Washington, DC 20224. *Issues to be discussed include:* Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) Communication Strategy, Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) Return Preparer Strategy, Allowable Living Expense Standards, Information on Independent Contractor or Employee Determinations, Compliance Assurance Program (CAP) Strategy, E-File Issues, and the Industry Issue Resolution Program. Reports from the four IRSAC sub-groups, Large and Mid-size

Business, Small Business/Self-Employed, Wage & Investment, and Tax Gap Analysis will also be presented and discussed. Last minute agenda changes may preclude advance notice. The meeting room accommodates approximately 80 people, IRSAC members and Internal Revenue Service officials inclusive. Due to limited seating, please call Jacqueline Tilghman to confirm your attendance. Ms. Tilghman can be reached at 202-927-9833. Attendees are encouraged to arrive at least 30 minutes before the meeting begins. Should you wish the IRSAC to consider a written statement, please call 202-927-9833, or write to: Internal Revenue Service, Office of National Public Liaison, CL:NPL:7559, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224 or e-mail: \*public\_liaison@irs.gov.

Dated: October 22, 2007.

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*Designated Federal Official, Branch Chief, Liaison/Tax Forum Branch.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### United States Mint

#### **Notification of a Refund Offer for Certain 2004 United States Mint Lewis and Clark Coin and Pouch Sets That May Contain Pouches That Are Not Authentic American Indian Products**

**SUMMARY:** In 2004, the United States Mint prepared and marketed a product known as the "2004 United States Mint Lewis and Clark Coin and Pouch Set." This product includes a 2004 Lewis and Clark Expedition Bicentennial Silver Dollar and a small pouch crafted by artisans from one of several American Indian tribes. The United States Mint, however, has now learned that one of the organizations whose artisans produced pouches for the product—the Shawnee Nation United Remnant Band of Ohio—is not officially recognized as an Indian tribe by state or Federal authorities. The Shawnee Nation United Remnant Band of Ohio, therefore, does not have the legal right to claim that the pouches its artisans produced are authentic American Indian products. Accordingly, the United States Mint is offering a refund to members of the public who own a 2004 United States Mint Lewis and Clark Coin and Pouch Set containing a pouch produced by the Shawnee Nation United Remnant Band of Ohio. Owners may ascertain whether their pouch set was crafted by the

of Ohio by referring to the Certificate of Authenticity (COA) that accompanies the set. Owners wishing to obtain a refund have two options: (1) Return the entire United States Mint Lewis and Clark Coin and Pouch Set, including the COA from the Shawnee Nation United Remnant Band of Ohio, for a refund of \$130.00 (original sales price, plus \$10 for shipping and insurance), or (2) return just the pouch and the COA from the Shawnee Nation United Remnant Band of Ohio for a refund of \$90.00 (prorated sales price for the pouch, plus \$10 for shipping and insurance).

**DATES:** Refunds will be made until May 1, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** To receive a refund, send 2004 United States Mint Lewis and Clark Coin and Pouch Sets, or pouches, by insured mail or overnight delivery to United States Mint, ATTN: Indian Arts & Crafts Return, 801 9th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20001. In the shipping package be sure to include return address mailing information for the refund along with a note indicating that the package is to be directed to the above address.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

United States Mint, Indian Arts & Crafts Return, 801 9th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20001, or call 1-888-723-2646.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The United States Mint sold a limited number of the 2004 United States Mint Lewis and Clark Coin and Pouch Sets between September 7, 2004, and December 31, 2004. Each set consisted of a proof Lewis and Clark Expedition Bicentennial Silver Dollar, a handcrafted American Indian Pouch, and a COA hand-signed by the American Indian artisan who crafted it, stating the artisan's tribe and its location. The United States Mint worked with the Circle of Tribal Advisors (COTA) to identify artisans from American Indian tribes to craft each unique pouch. When it was selected to produce pouches, the Shawnee Nation United Remnant Band of Ohio was a member in good standing of COTA. However, as we now have become aware, the Shawnee Nation United Remnant Band of Ohio did not meet the legal requirements to produce and market authentic "Indian" products under the Indian Arts and Crafts Act. The Shawnee Nation United Remnant Band of Ohio reportedly dropped its membership in COTA late in 2005, and COTA adjourned late in 2006 at the end of the National Lewis & Clark Bicentennial Commemoration.

Recently, the United States Mint learned that the pouches made by

artisans of the Shawnee Nation United Remnant Band of Ohio do not qualify as authentic American Indian products because the Shawnee Nation United Remnant Band of Ohio is not an American Indian Tribe as defined by the Indian Arts and Crafts Act of 1990 (Pub. L. 101-644).

The Indian Arts and Crafts Act of 1990 (Act) is a truth-in-advertising law that prohibits misrepresentation in marketing of Indian arts and crafts products within the United States. It is illegal to offer or display for sale, or sell any art or craft product in a manner that falsely suggests it is Indian produced, an Indian product, or the product of a particular Indian or Indian Tribe or Indian arts and crafts organization, resident within the United States. Under the Act, an Indian is defined as a member of any Federally or state recognized Indian Tribe, or an individual certified as an Indian artisan by an Indian Tribe.

The Act broadly applies to the marketing of arts and crafts by any person in the United States. All products must be marketed truthfully regarding the Indian heritage and tribal affiliation of the producers, so as not to mislead the consumer. It is illegal to market an art or craft item using the name of a tribe if a member, or certified Indian artisan, of that tribe did not actually create the art or craft item.

Neither Federal nor state authorities recognize the Shawnee Nation United Remnant Band of Ohio as an official Indian tribe. Accordingly, the pouches produced by the artisans of the Shawnee Nation United Remnant Band of Ohio are not Indian products pursuant to the terms of the Act.

The Indian Arts and Crafts Board (IACB), an agency located in the U.S. Department of the Interior, was created by Congress to promote the economic development of American Indians and Alaska Natives through the expansion of the Indian arts and crafts market. A top priority of the IACB is the implementation and enforcement of the Indian Arts and Crafts Act of 1990. The United States Mint has been working closely with the IACB to ensure that owners of 2004 United States Mint Lewis and Clark Coin and Pouch Sets understand the law, are aware that the pouches made by the Shawnee Nation United Remnant Band of Ohio are not authentic American Indian products, and have the opportunity to obtain a refund of these products if they elect to return them.

The names of the various artisans and their tribes who crafted the pouches for the United States Mint are identified in the COA accompanying the pouch sets.