

request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on:

- 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;
- the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information;
- ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;
- 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
- estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Approved: March 7, 2013.

Yvette Lawrence,

IRS Reports Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form 1128

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 1128, Application to Adopt, Change, or Retain a Tax Year.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before May 13, 2013 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Yvette Lawrence, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6129, 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 Martha R. Brinson, at (202) 622-3869, or at Internal Revenue Service, Room 6129, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington,

DC 20224, or through the internet, at Martha.R.Brinson@irs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Application to Adopt, Change, or Retain a Tax Year.

OMB Number: 1545-0134.

Form Number: 1128.

Abstract: Section 442 of the Internal Revenue Code requires that a change in a taxpayer's annual accounting period be approved by the Secretary. Under regulation section 1.442-1(b), a taxpayer must file Form 1128 to secure prior approval unless the taxpayer can automatically make the change. The IRS uses the information on the form to determine whether the application should be approved.

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

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

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

Estimated Number of Respondents: 9,788.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 23 hours, 43 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 232,066.

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:

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maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

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Yvette Lawrence,

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Advisory Committee on Former Prisoners of War, Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, that the Advisory Committee on Former Prisoners of War will meet on March 25-27, 2013, in Room 230 at VA Central Office, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC, from 9 a.m. each day and until 4 p.m. on March 25 and 12 noon on March 27. The meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on the administration of benefits under Title 38, United States Code, for Veterans who are former prisoners of war, and to make recommendations on the needs of such Veterans for compensation, health care, and rehabilitation.

The agenda will include overviews of recent outreach efforts, as well as briefings on the current programs of the Veterans Benefits Administration and the Veterans Health Administration on providing care for Veterans who are former prisoners of war. There will also be numerous discussions and workgroups among the Committee members to formulate the next set of recommendations to the Secretary.

No time will be allocated at this meeting for oral presentations from the public. Individuals may submit written statements for the Committee's review to Ms. Pam Burd, Designated Federal Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs (212C), 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420, or email to pamela.burd@va.gov. Any member of the public seeking additional information should contact Ms. Burd at (202) 461-9149.

Dated: March 8, 2013.

By Direction of the Secretary.

Vivian Drake,

Committee Management Officer.

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