

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 200.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 33 hours.

*Abstract:* Section 342 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (Dodd-Frank) requires the OCC to develop and implement standards and procedures to ensure, to the maximum extent possible, the fair inclusion and utilization of minorities, women, and minority-owned and women-owned businesses in all business and activities of the agency at all levels, including procurement, insurance, and all types of contracts<sup>2</sup> and to develop standards for coordinating technical assistance to such businesses.<sup>3</sup>

In order to comply with the Congressional mandate to develop standards for the fair inclusion and utilization of minority- and women-owned businesses and to provide effective technical assistance to these businesses, the OCC developed an on-going system to collect up-to-date contact information and capabilities statements from potential suppliers. This information allows the OCC to update and enhance its internal database of interested minority- and women-owned businesses. This information also allows the OCC to measure the effectiveness of its technical assistance and outreach efforts and to target areas where additional outreach efforts are necessary.

On April 5, 2019, the OCC published a notice for 60 days of comment regarding this collection, 84 FR 13785. No comments were received. Comments continue to be invited on:

(a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the OCC, including whether the information shall have practical utility;

(b) The accuracy of the OCC'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.

Dated: October 4, 2019.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Regulation Project

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

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

**SUMMARY:** The Internal Revenue Service, 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 continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The IRS is soliciting comments concerning regulations governing practice before the Internal Revenue Service.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before December 16, 2019 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Dr. Philippe Thomas, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6529, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20224.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the form should be directed to Kerry Dennis, at (202) 317-5751 or Internal Revenue Service, Room 6529, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20224, or through the internet, at [Kerry.Dennis@irs.gov](mailto:Kerry.Dennis@irs.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** *Title:* Regulations Governing Practice Before the Internal Revenue Service.

*OMB Number:* 1545-1726.

*Regulation Project and Associated Form Numbers:* T.D. 9527, T.D. 9011, Rev. Proc. 2012-12, Form 14360, Form 14364, and Form 14392.

*Abstract:* The regulations affect individuals who are eligible to practice before the Internal Revenue Service and authorize the Director of Practice to act upon applications for enrollment to practice before the Internal Revenue Service. The Director of Practice will use certain information to ensure that: (1) Enrolled agents properly complete continuing education requirements to obtain renewal; (2) practitioners

properly obtain consent of taxpayers before representing conflicting interests; and (3) practitioners do not use e-commerce to make misleading solicitations.

*Current Actions:* There are no changes being made to the regulation, forms, or burden estimates at this time.

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

*Affected Public:* Businesses or other for-profit organizations.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 718,400.

*Estimated Time per Respondent:* 2 hours, 28 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 1,777,125 hours.

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 8, 2019.

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<sup>2</sup> 12 U.S.C. 5452(c)(1).

<sup>3</sup> 12 U.S.C. 5452(b)(2)(B).