

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; [Title of ICR or “Multiple [Bureau] Information Collection Requests”]

AGENCY: Departmental Offices, U.S. Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of Information Collection; request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury will submit the following information collection requests to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, on or after the date of publication of this notice. The public is invited to submit comments on these requests.

DATES: Comments should be received on or before [**INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER**] to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to

www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review - Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Copies of the submissions may be obtained from Spencer W. Clark by e-mailing PRA@treasury.gov, calling (202) 927-5331, or viewing the entire information collection request at www.reginfo.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

1. *Title:* Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan.

OMB Control Number: 1545-1610.

Type of Request: The Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan is an annual information return filed by employee benefit plans. The IRS uses this information for a variety of matters, including ascertainment whether a qualified retirement plan appears to conform to requirements under the Internal Revenue Code or whether the plan should be audited for compliance. Form 5500–EZ is an annual return filed by a one participant (owners/partners and their spouses) retirement plan or a foreign plan to satisfy certain annual reporting and filing requirements imposed by the Internal Revenue Code (Code). Form 5558 will be used by the IRS to grant extension request for filing the 5500 series and the 8955–SSA forms. The IRS uses this data to determine if the plan appears to be operating properly as required under the Code or whether the plan should be audited.

Form Number: 5500 and associated Schedules, and 5558.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations, individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,706,419.

Frequency of Response: Once.

Estimated Total Number of Annual Responses: 1,706,419.

Estimated Time per Response: 1 hour, 34 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 2,674,140.

Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.

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