

SUPPORTING STATEMENT
Notices 437, 437-A, 438, and 466

1. CIRCUMSTANCES NECESSITATING COLLECTION OF INFORMATION

Section 6110(f) of the Internal Revenue Code requires that a notice of intention to disclose be sent to all persons to which a written determination (either a technical advice memorandum or a private letter ruling) is issued. That section also requires that such persons receive a notice if related background file documents are requested. The notices inform the recipients of their right to request further deletions to the public inspection version of written determinations or related background file documents. Notice 437 also informs recipients of letter rulings of their right to request a delay in the public inspection date. Notice 437 is issued to recipients of letter rulings; Notices 437-A to recipients of Chief Counsel Advice; Notice 438 to recipients of technical advice memorandums; and Notice 466 to recipients if a request for the related background file document is received.

2. USE OF DATA

Responses received are used to consider additional deletions, suggested by the recipient, to the public inspection version of written determinations or related background file documents. Responses are also used to consider granting a delay in the public inspection of letter rulings.

3. USE OF IMPROVED INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY TO REDUCE BURDEN

IRS Publications, Regulations, Notices and Letters are to be electronically enabled on an as practicable basis in accordance with the IRS Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998.

4. EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY DUPLICATION

We have attempted to eliminate duplication from within the agency wherever possible.

5. **METHODS TO MINIMIZE BURDEN OF SMALL BUSINESSES OR OTHER SMALL ENTITIES**

Not applicable.

6. **CONSEQUENCES OF LESS FREQUENT COLLECTION ON FEDERAL PROGRAMS OR POLICY ACTIVITIES**

Not applicable.

7. **SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRING DATA COLLECTION TO BE INCONSISTENT WITH GUIDELINES IN 5 CFR 1320.5(d)(2)**

Not applicable.

8. **CONSULTATION WITH INDIVIDUALS OUTSIDE OF THE AGENCY ON AVAILABILITY OF DATA, FREQUENCY OF COLLECTION, CLARITY OF INSTRUCTIONS AND FORMS, AND DATA ELEMENTS**

In response to the Federal Register Notice dated September 21, 2007 (72 F. R. 54107), we received no comments period regarding Notices 437, 437A, 438 and 466.

9. **EXPLANATION OF DECISION TO PROVIDE ANY PAYMENT OR GIFT TO RESPONDENTS**

Not applicable.

10. **ASSURANCE OF CONFIDENTIALITY OF RESPONSES**

Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential as required by 26 USC 6103.

11. **JUSTIFICATION OF SENSITIVE QUESTIONS**

Not applicable.

12. ESTIMATED BURDEN OF INFORMATION COLLECTION

The burden estimate is based upon an analysis of the average number of pages of documents to be reviewed by the recipient prior to responding, and the average length of the response from those recipients who do respond. We estimate that the average amount of time is one half hour per response. Thus, we estimate the total respondent reporting burden to be 2,625 hours (5,250 X .5 hour).

Estimates of the annualized cost to respondents for the hour burdens shown are not available at this time.

13. ESTIMATED TOTAL ANNUAL COST BURDEN TO RESPONDENTS

As suggested by OMB, our Federal Register notice dated September 21, 2007, requested public comments on estimates of cost burden that are not captured in the estimates of burden hours, i.e., estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information. However, we did not receive any response from taxpayers on this subject. As a result, estimates of the cost burdens are not available at this time.

14. ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The primary cost to the government consists of the cost of printing Notices 437, 437-A, 438 and 466. We estimate that the cost of printing the notices is \$3,656.00.

15. REASONS FOR CHANGE IN BURDEN

There is no change in the paperwork burden previously approved by OMB. We are making this submission to renew the OMB approval.

16. PLANS FOR TABULATION, STATISTICAL ANALYSIS AND PUBLICATION

Not applicable.

17. REASONS WHY DISPLAYING THE OMB EXPIRATION DATE IS INAPPROPRIATE

See attachment.

18. EXCEPTIONS TO THE CERTIFICATION STATEMENT ON OMB FORM 83-I

Not applicable.

Note: The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information in this submission:

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 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.