SUPPORTING STATEMENT (Form 1040-SS, 1040-PR, & Anejo H-PR)

1. CIRCUMSTANCES NECESSITATING COLLECTION OF INFORMATION

Forms 1040-SS and 1040-PR reflect IRC 6017, 7651, 1401, 1402, and Reg. 1.6017-1. Form 1040-SS is used by selfemployed individuals in the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to report and pay self-employment tax and provide proper credit to the taxpayer's social security account. Form 1040-PR is a Spanish version of the Form 1040-SS. It is for use in Puerto Rico. Anejo H-PR is used to compute household employment taxes. Form 1040-SS and Form 1040-PR are also used by bona-fide residents of Puerto Rico to claim the additional child tax credit.

2. USE OF DATA

The data is used to determine whether the proper amount of self-employment tax is reported.

3. USE OF IMPROVED INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY TO REDUCE BURDEN

We have no plans at this time to offer electronic filing because of the low volume compared to the cost of electronic enabling.

4. EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY DUPLICATION

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

5. <u>METHODS TO MINIMIZE BURDEN ON SMALL BUSINESSES OR OTHER</u> SMALL ENTITIES

Not applicable.

6. <u>CONSEQUENCES OF LESS FREQUENT COLLECTION ON FEDERAL PROGRAMS</u> 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

Periodic meetings are held between IRS personnel and representatives of various professional groups to discuss tax law and tax forms. During these meetings, there is an opportunity for those attending to make comments regarding the collection requirements under this notice.

In response to the Federal register notice (73 FR 28857), dated May 19, 2008, we received no comments during the comment period regarding Forms 1040-PR, 1040-SS and Anejo H-PR

9. <u>EXPLANATION OF DECISION TO PROVIDE ANY PAYMENT OR GIFT TO RESPONDENTS</u>

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

	Number of Responses	Time per	Total <u>Hours</u>
		<u>Response</u>	
Form 1040-SS	92,000	10.84	1,036,840
1040-SS (Child	86,000	. 56	48,160
Tax Credit WK)			
Form 1040-PR	150,000	11.01	1,729,500
Form 1040-PR	100,000	. 59	59,000

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Form Anexo H-PR 2,400

2.77

6,960

430,400

2,880,460

The following regulations impose no additional burden. Please continue to assign OMB number 1545-0090 to these regulations:

1.6011.1

1.6017-1

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 May 19, 2008, 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

After consultation with various functions within the Service, we have determined that the cost of developing, printing, processing, distributing, and overhead for Form 1040-SS, 1040-PR, and Anejo H-PR is \$261,673.

15. REASONS FOR CHANGE IN BURDEN

Editorial changes made to the three forms have resulted in a revaluation of the previously approved burden computations. The changes made to the forms have resulted in a total burden increase of 118,792 hours from the previously approved figures. We are making this request to revise and extend the current OMB approval.

16. PLANS FOR TABULATION, STATISTICAL ANALYSIS AND PUBLICATION

Not applicable.

17. REASONS WHY DISPLAYING THE OMB EXPIRATION DATE IS INAPPROPRIATE

Not applicable.

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

Not applicable.

<u>Note:</u> 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 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.