

SUPPORTING STATEMENT

1. CIRCUMSTANCES NECESSITATING COLLECTION OF INFORMATION

Section 45L of the Internal Revenue Code allows a credit for qualified new energy efficient homes constructed by a taxpayer who qualifies as an eligible contractor and acquired for use as a residence.

This notice sets forth a process under which a taxpayer who constructs a dwelling unit (other than a manufactured home) may obtain certification that the dwelling unit is an energy efficient home that satisfies the requirements of § 45L(c)(1)(A) and (B) of the Internal Revenue Code. Under § 45L, taxpayers are allowed a credit for the construction of a qualified new energy efficient home located in the United States and the construction of which is substantially completed by August 8, 2005. § 45L(d)(1) provides that the required energy savings of a dwelling unit and the methods of calculating energy and cost savings shall meet the certification requirements prescribed the Secretary in consultation with the Secretary of Energy.

2. USE OF DATA

The data will be used by taxpayers (1) for the purpose of determining which specific software programs may be used in calculating energy consumption for purposes of the credit, and (2) taxpayers for the purpose of determining the methods by taxpayers can construct dwelling units to meet the energy efficiency requirements of § 45L and certify such units for purposes of the credit.

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 within the agency wherever possible.

5. METHODS TO MINIMIZE BURDEN ON 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

We received no comments during the comment period in response to the Federal Register notice dated April 2, 2009 (74 FR 15055).

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

§ 45L(d)(1) provides that the required energy savings of a dwelling unit and the methods of calculating energy and cost savings shall meet the certification requirements prescribed the Secretary in consultation with the Secretary of Energy.

It is estimated that the total annual reporting burden will be 135 hours. The estimated average annual burden per respondent will be 3 hours to complete the requests for

certification required under this notice. This estimated burden is based upon the approximated amount of time it will take the average respondent to gather the necessary data and mail that data to the IRS. The estimated number of respondents is 45. This estimate is based upon the approximated number of qualified contractors who will substantially complete construction of qualified new energy efficient homes (other than manufactured homes) after August 8, 2005.

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 April 2, 2009 (74 FR 15055), 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

Not applicable.

15. REASONS FOR CHANGE IN BURDEN

There is no change to 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

We believe that displaying the OMB expiration date is inappropriate because it could cause confusion by leading taxpayers to believe that the regulations sunset as of the expiration date. Taxpayers are not likely to be aware that the Service intends to request renewal of the OMB approval

and obtain a new expiration date before the old one expires.

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 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.