

November 2011
**Pre-Screening Notice and Certification Request for
the Work Opportunity Credit**

OMB No. 1545-1500

▶ See separate instructions.

Job applicant: Fill in the lines below and check any boxes that apply. Complete only this side.

Your name _____ Social security number ▶ _____

Street address where you live _____

City or town, state, and ZIP code _____

County _____ Telephone number (____) _____ - _____

If you are under age 40, enter your date of birth (month, day, year) ____ / ____ / ____

~~1~~ Check here if you are completing this form ~~before~~ August 28, 2009, and you lived in the area impacted by Hurricane Katrina on August 28, 2005. If so, please enter the address, including county or parish and state where you lived at that time.

1 Check here if you received a conditional certification from the state workforce agency (SWA) or a participating local agency for the work opportunity credit.

2 Check here if **any** of the following statements apply to you.

- I am a member of a family that has received assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) for any 9 months during the past 18 months.
- I am a veteran and a member of a family that received Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits (food stamps) for at least a 3-month period during the past 15 months.
- I was referred here by a rehabilitation agency approved by the state, an employment network under the Ticket to Work program, or the Department of Veterans Affairs.

but less than 6 months

• I am at least age 18 but **not** age 40 or older and I am a member of a family that:
a Received SNAP benefits (food stamps) for the past 6 months, **or** **unemployed for a period or periods totaling**

b Received SNAP benefits (food stamps) for at least 3 of the past 5 months, **but** is no longer eligible to receive them.

• During the past year, I was convicted of a felony or released from prison for a felony.

• I received supplemental security income (SSI) benefits for any month ending during the past 60 days.

• I am a veteran and I was ~~discharged or released from active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces during the past 5 years~~ **and**, for at least 4 weeks during the past year, ~~I received unemployment compensation.~~

• I am at least age 16 but **not** age 25 or older, **and**:

a During the past 6 months, I have not attended a secondary, technical, or post-secondary school for more than an average of 10 hours per week, not counting periods during which the school was closed for scheduled vacations, **and**

b During the past 6 months, if I was employed, during each consecutive 3-month period within the past 6 months, I earned less than I would have earned if I had worked for the applicable minimum wage 30 hours every week during the 3-month period, **and**

c I do not have a certificate of graduation from a secondary school or a General Education Development (GED) certificate **or** I have a certificate that was awarded at least 6 months ago and I have not held a job (other than occasionally) or been admitted to a technical or post-secondary school since I received the certificate.

See INSERT A

5 Check here if you are a veteran entitled to compensation for a service-connected disability **and**, during the past year, you were **unemployed** **and**

• Discharged or released from active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces, **or**

• **Unemployed** for a period or periods totaling at least 6 months. **during the past year**

6 Check here if you are a member of a family that:

• Received TANF payments for at least the past 18 months, **or**

• Received TANF payments for any 18 months beginning after August 5, 1997, **and** the earliest 18-month period beginning after August 5, 1997, ended during the past 2 years, **or**

• Stopped being eligible for TANF payments during the past 2 years because federal or state law limited the maximum time those payments could be made.

Signature—All Applicants Must Sign

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I gave the above information to the employer on or before the day I was offered a job, and it is, to the best of my knowledge, true, correct, and complete.

Job applicant's signature ▶ _____

Date ____ / ____ / ____

INSERT A

3 Check here if you are a veteran and you were unemployed for a period or periods totaling at least 6 months during the past year.

4 Check here if you are a veteran entitled to compensation for a service-connected disability and you were discharged or released from active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces during the past year.

For Employer's Use Only

Employer's name _____ Telephone no. () - EIN ▶ _____

Street address _____

City or town, state, and ZIP code _____

Person to contact, if different from above _____ Telephone no. () - _____

Street address _____

City or town, state, and ZIP code _____

If, based on the individual's age and home address, he or she is a member of group 4 or 6 (as described under Members of Targeted Groups in the separate instructions), enter that group number (4 or 6) ▶ _____

Date applicant:

Gave information ____/____/____ Was offered job ____/____/____ Was hired ____/____/____ Started job ____/____/____

Complete Only If Box 1 on Page 1 is Checked

State and county or parish of job _____

Check if the individual was not your employee on August 28, 2005, and this is the first time the employee has been hired by you since August 28, 2005.

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that the applicant provided the information on this form on or before the day a job was offered to the applicant and that the information I have furnished is, to the best of my knowledge, true, correct, and complete. Based on the information the job applicant furnished on page 1, I believe the individual is a member of a targeted group. I hereby request a certification that the individual is a member of a targeted group.

Employer's signature ▶ _____ Title _____ Date ____/____/____

Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Notice

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code.

Section 51(d)(13) permits a prospective employer to request the applicant to complete this form and give it to the prospective employer. The information will be used by the employer to complete the employer's federal tax return. Completion of this form is voluntary and may assist members of targeted groups in securing employment. Routine uses of this form include giving it to the state workforce agency (SWA), which will contact appropriate sources to confirm that the applicant is a member of a targeted group. This form may also be given to the Internal Revenue Service for administration of the Internal Revenue laws, to the Department of Justice for civil and

criminal litigation, to the Department of Labor for oversight of the certifications performed by the SWA, and to cities, states, and the District of Columbia for use in administering their tax laws. We may also disclose this information to other countries under a tax treaty, to federal and state agencies to enforce federal nontax criminal laws, or to federal law enforcement and intelligence agencies to combat terrorism.

You are not required to provide the information requested on a form that is subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act unless the form displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a form or its instructions must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any Internal Revenue law. Generally, tax returns and return information are confidential, as required by section 6103.

The time needed to complete and file this form will vary depending on individual circumstances. The estimated average time is:

- Recordkeeping3 hrs., 16 min.
Learning about the law or the form 46 min.
Preparing and sending this form to the SWA 42 min.

If you have comments concerning the accuracy of these time estimates or suggestions for making this form simpler, we would be happy to hear from you. You can write to the Internal Revenue Service, Tax Products Coordinating Committee, SE:W:CAR:MP:T:T-SP, 1111 Constitution Ave. NW, IR-6526, Washington, DC 20224.

Do not send this form to this address. Instead, see When and Where To File in the separate instructions.

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