#### SUPPORTING STATEMENT Form 1041-ES FORM OMB 1545-0971

## 1. <u>CIRCUMSTANCES NECESSITATING COLLECTION OF</u> INFORMATION

Internal Revenue Code section 6654(1) imposes a penalty on trusts, and in certain circumstances, a decedent's estate, for underpayment of estimated tax. Form 1041-ES is used by the fiduciary to make the estimated tax payments.

For "first-time" filers, the form is available in an Over The Counter (OTC) version at IRS offices. For previous filers, the form is sent to them with preprinted vouchers in the Optical Character Resolution (OCR) version.

2. USE OF DATA

Form 1041-ES provide IRS with information to give estates and trusts proper credit for estimated tax payments.

## 3. <u>USE OF IMPROVED INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY TO REDUCE</u> BURDEN

**Current EFTPS accepts Form 1041-ES tax payments electronically.** 

# 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</u> <u>OTHER</u> <u>SMALL ENTITIES</u>

Not applicable.

# 6. <u>CONSEQUENCES OF LESS FREQUENT COLLECTION ON FEDERAL</u> <u>PROGRAMS OR POLICY ACTIVITIES</u>

Not applicable.

## 7. <u>SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRING DATA COLLECTION TO BE</u> <u>INCONSISTENT WITH GUIDELINES IN 5 CFR 1320.5(d)(2).</u>

Not applicable.

## 8. <u>CONSULTATION WITH INDIVIDUALS OUTSIDE OF THE AGENCY</u> <u>ON</u> <u>AVAILABILITY OF DATA, FREQUENCY OF COLLECTION,</u> <u>CLARITY OF INSTRUCTIONS AND FORMS, AND DATA ELEMENTS</u>

Periodic meetings are held between IRS personnel and representatives of the American Bar Association, the National Society of Public Accountants, the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and other professional groups to discuss tax law and tax forms. During these meetings, there is an opportunity for those attending to make comments regarding Form 1040-ES.

In response to the Federal Register Notice dated September 24, 2013, (78 FR 58607) we received no comments during the comment period regarding Form 1041-ES.

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

In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, Treasury has published its complete Privacy Act systems of records notices, which include all maintained records systems as of January 2, 2014; six systems have been amended, altered, or added since April 20, 2010, when the complete notices were last published. See 79 F.R. 209-261 and 79 F.R. 183-206, which was published on January 2, 2014.

A privacy impact assessment (PIA) has been conducted for information collected under this request as part of the "Individual Master File (IMF)" system and a Privacy Act System of Records notice (SORN) has been issued for this system under IRS 24.030--Customer Account Data Engine Individual Master File, formerly Individual Master File, and IRS 34.037--IRS Audit Trail and Security Records System. The Department of Treasury PIAs can be found at http://www.treasury.gov/privacy/PIAs/Pages/default.aspx.

Title 26 USC 6109 requires inclusion of identifying numbers in returns, statements, or other documents for securing proper identification of persons required to make such returns, statements, or documents and is the authority for social security numbers (SSNs) in IRS systems.

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ESTIMATE D BURDEN OF INFORMAT ION COLLECTI ON

The burden estimate is as follows:

Num ber of

Time per

Total <u>Form</u>

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		<u>Hour</u> <u>s</u>
1041-ES (OTC) 2.26	1,200,000 2,712,000	
1041-ES (OCR Payment Voucher)	52,000	.47
24,440 1041-ES (Payment Voucher) 1 424,760	.,148,000	.37
1041-ES Exemption Worksheet	10	.32
1041-ES Exemption Worksheet (OCR)	100	.32
<u>32</u> 2,400,110		

3,161,236

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

The following regulation imposes no additional burden. Please continue to assign OMB number 1545-0971 to this regulation.

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ANN UAL COST BUR DEN TO RESP OND ENTS

As suggested by OMB, our Federal Register Notice September 24, 2013, (78 FR 58607), 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 Form 1041-ES. We estimate that the cost of printing the form is \$1,171,354.

#### 15. REASONS FOR CHANGE IN BURDEN

There is no change in the paperwork burden previously approved by OMB. This form is being submitted for renewal purposes only.

### 16. PLANS FOR TABULATION, STATISTICAL ANALYSIS AND PUBLICATION

Not applicable.

### 17. <u>REASONS WHY DISPLAYING THE OMB EXPIRATION DATE IS</u> <u>INAPPROPRIATE</u>

See attachment.

# 18. EXCEPTIONS TO THE CERTIFICATION STATEMENT ON OMB

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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.