

**SUPPORTING STATEMENT
(Form 8886)
OMB #1545-1800**

CIRCUMSTANCES NECESSITATING COLLECTION OF INFORMATION

Form 8886

Regulations section 1.6011-4 provides that certain taxpayers must disclose their direct or indirect participation in reportable transactions when they file their Federal income tax return.

Pre-CAP and CAP Application Form (Form 14234):

The Compliance Assurance Process (CAP) is a strictly voluntary program available to Large Business and International Division (LB&I) taxpayers that meet the selection criteria. CAP is a real-time review of completed business transactions during the CAP year with the goal of providing certainty of the tax return within 90 days of the filing. Taxpayers in CAP are required to be cooperative and transparent and report all material issues and items related to completed business transactions to the review team.

USE OF DATA

Certain taxpayers use Form 8886 to disclose reportable transactions in which they directly or indirectly participated.

Information on the Pre-CAP and CAP Application Form will be used by the LB&I industry executives to determine which taxpayers meet the selection criteria and should be accepted into the voluntary program for the year.

USE OF IMPROVED INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY TO REDUCE BURDEN

We are currently offering electronic filing on Form 8886.

EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY DUPLICATION

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

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

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 8886 and the Pre-CAP/CAP Application Form.

In response to the *Federal Register* notice (79 FR 6999), dated February 5, 2014, we received no comments during the comment period regarding Form 8886.

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

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 “Office of Tax Shelter Analysis Application (OTSA)” system and a Privacy Act System of Records notice (SORN) has been issued for this system under Treasury/IRS 42.021-- Compliance Programs and Project Files, Treasury/IRS 42.001-- Examination Administrative Files, Treasury/IRS 42.008-- Audit Information Management System, and Treasury/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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The burden estimate for Form 8886 is as follows:

<u>Form</u>	<u>Number of Responses</u>	<u>Time per Response (hrs.)</u>	<u>Total Hours</u>
8886	42,409	21.54	913,489.86
Pre-Cap/CAP	<u>112</u>	<u>1.86</u>	<u>208.32</u>
TOTAL	42,521	23.4	913,698.18

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 (79 FR 6999) February 5, 2014, 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 8886. We estimate that the cost of printing the form is \$400.

15. REASONS FOR CHANGE IN BURDEN

There are no changes in the burden. This information collection is being submitted for renewal purposes.

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.

OMB EXPIRATION DATE

We believe the public interest will be better served by not printing an expiration date on the form(s) in this package.

Printing the expiration date on the form will result in increased costs because of the need to replace inventories that become obsolete by passage of the expiration date each time OMB approval is renewed. Without printing the expiration date, supplies of the form could continue to be used.

The time period during which the current edition of the form(s) in this package will continue to be usable cannot be predicted. It could easily span several cycles of review and OMB clearance renewal. In addition, usage fluctuates unpredictably. This makes it necessary to maintain a substantial inventory of forms in the supply line at all times. This includes supplies owned by both the Government and the public. Reprinting of the form cannot be reliably scheduled to coincide with an OMB approval expiration date. This form may be privately printed by users at their own expense. Some businesses print complex and expensive marginally punched continuous versions, their expense, for use in their computers. The form may be printed by commercial printers and stocked for sale. In such cases, printing the expiration date on the form could result in extra costs to the users.

Not printing the expiration date on the form(s) will also avoid confusion among taxpayers who may have identical forms with different expiration dates in their possession.

For the above reasons we request authorization to omit printing the expiration date on the form(s) in this package.