SUPPORTING STATEMENT Rescission of penalty for failure to include reportable transaction information with return Rev. Proc. 2007-21 1545-2047

1. CIRCUMSTANCES NECESSITATING COLLECTION OF INFORMATION

Revenue Procedure 2007-21 provides guidance to persons against whom a penalty under section 6707 or 6707A of the Internal Revenue Code is assessed, and who may request rescission of all or any portion of that penalty from the Commissioner of the Internal Revenue Service if the penalty is with respect to a reportable transaction other than a listed transaction.

The collection of information in this revenue procedure is in section 4 and describes the procedures for requesting rescission. It includes the deadline by which a person must request rescission; the information the person must provide in the rescission request; the factors that weigh in favor of and against granting rescission; where the person must submit the rescission request; and the rules governing requests for additional information from the person requesting rescission.

The likely respondents are taxpayers and material advisors who are subject to a penalty under section 6707 or 6707A.

2. <u>USE OF DATA</u>

The IRS will use the information in determining whether to rescind the section 6707 or section 6707A penalty.

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

There are no small entities affected by this collection

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

The IRS will use the information in determining whether to rescind the section 6707 or section 6707A penalty. Less frequent collection of taxes and tax information could adversely affect the government's effectiveness and would reduce the oversight of the public in ensuring compliance with Internal Revenue Service Code.

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

There are no special circumstances requiring data collection to be inconsistent with Guidelines in 5 CFR 1320.5(d)(2).

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

Revenue Procedure 2007-21 was published in the *Internal Revenue Bulletin* on February 26, 2007 (2007-9 IRB 613).

In response to the *Federal Register* notice dated September 7, 2016 (81 FR 61737), we received no comments during the comment period regarding Revenue Procedure 2007-21.

9. EXPLANATION OF DECISION TO PROVIDE ANY PAYMENT OR GIFT TO RESPONDENTS

No payment or gift has been provided to any respondents.

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

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- CADE Individual Master File and IRS 34.037 IRS Audit Trail and Security Records System. The Internal Revenue Service PIAs can be found at https://www.irs.gov/uac/Privacy-Impact-Assessments-PIA. 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.

12. ESTIMATED BURDEN OF INFORMATION COLLECTION

To comply with Revenue Procedure 2007-21, a person must request rescission in writing within a certain period of time. The written request for rescission must include all of the information specified.

	Number of	Time per	Total Annual
	Responses	Response	Burden Hours
<u>Rev proc. 2007-21</u>	859	4.5 hours	3,866 hours

13. ESTIMATED TOTAL ANNUAL COST BURDEN TO RESPONDENTS

There is no start-up cost to respondents.

14. ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

There are no annualized costs to the Federal Government.

15. <u>REASONS FOR CHANGE IN BURDEN</u>

The increase in burden is due to a typographical error change in the annual time burden hours. The time in the ICR Summary of Burden was .5 hours per response, when the Revenue Procedure document reflected 4.5 hours and 3,436 annual time burden. Making the correction results in an increase in the annual time burden of 3,436 hours.

16. PLANS FOR TABULATION, STATISTICAL ANALYSIS AND PUBLICATION

There are no plans for tabulation, statistical analysis and publication.

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

There are no exceptions to the certification statement.

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.