SUPPORTING STATEMENT

Internal Revenue Service Supplemental Income and Loss OMB# 1545-1972

1. CIRCUMSTANCES NECESSITATING COLLECTION OF INFORMATION

IRC sections 6011 and 6012 of the Internal Revenue Code require individuals to prepare and file income tax returns annually. Form 1040 and related schedules, are used by individuals to report their income subject to tax and compute their correct tax liability.

Schedule E is used to report supplemental gross income, expenses, and net profit or loss.

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

The data on Form 1040 and its schedules will be used in computing the tax liability and in determining that the items claimed are properly allowable. It is also used for general statistical use.

3. USE OF IMPROVED INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY TO REDUCE BURDEN

We are currently offering electronic filing for Form 1040 (Schedule E).

4. EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY DUPLICATION

The information obtained through this collection is unique and is not already available for use or adaptation from another source.

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

Schedule E (Form 1040) is used to report income or loss from rental real estate, royalties, partnerships, S corporations, estates, trusts, and residual interests in REMICs. It has been determined that the regulations related to this form are not a significant regulatory action as defined in Executive Order 12866. Therefore, a regulatory assessment is not required. It has also been determined that section 553(b) of the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. chapter 5) does not apply to these regulations. It is hereby certified that the collection of information in these regulations will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. This certification is based on the fact that most of the material advisors affected by these regulations are not small entities and for those material advisors that are small entities most of the information is already required under the current regulations. Any additional recordkeeping burdens on material advisors that result from this regulation are insubstantial.

6. <u>CONSEQUENCES OF LESS FREQUENT COLLECTION ON FEDERAL</u>

PROGRAMS OR POLICY ACTIVITIES

If the information is collected less frequently, the IRS will not be able to determine for that tax year that the items claimed are properly allowable.

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. 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 Schedule E (Form 1040).

In response to the **Federal Register** notice dated December 21, 2018 (83 FR 65805), we received no comments during the comment period regarding Schedule E (Form 1040).

9. <u>EXPLANATION OF DECISION TO PROVIDE ANY PAYMENT OR GIFT TO</u> 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: Treas/IRS 24.030 CADE Individual Master File, and Treas/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

IRC sections 6011 and 6012 of the Internal Revenue Code require individuals to prepare and file income tax returns annually. Use this Schedule E (Form 1040) to report income or loss from rental real estate, royalties, partnerships, S corporations, estates, trusts, and residual interests in REMICs. The burden associated with individual taxpayers whom receive this income and file Form 1040 is reported under 1545-0074. The burden associated with all other potential entities is reported as follows. It is anticipated that there will be 570,000 respondents annually and the per response time would be 9 hours and approximately 56 minutes per respondent.

The burden estimate is as follows:

| OMB Collection | Authorit y | Form | Annual Responses | Hours per Response | Total Burden |
|-------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|
| IRS | IRC | | | | |
| 1545-1972 | | Sch E (1040) | 570,000 | 9.94 | 5,665,800 |
| | IRS TOTAL | | 570,000 | | 5,665,800 |

The following regulations impose no additional burden. Please continue to assign OMB number 1545-1972 to these regulations.

1.6011-1 1.6012-1

13. <u>ESTIMATED TOTAL ANNUAL COST BURDEN TO RESPONDENTS</u>

As suggested by OMB, our Federal Register notice dated December 21, 2018, 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 responses from taxpayers on this subject. As a result, estimates of these cost burdens are not available currently.

To ensure more accuracy and consistency across its information collections, IRS is currently in the process of revising the methodology it uses to estimate burden and costs. Once this methodology is complete, IRS will update this information collection to reflect a more precise estimate of burden and costs.

14. <u>ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT</u>

The Federal government cost estimate is based on a model that considers the following three cost factors for each information product: aggregate labor costs for development, including annualized start-up expenses, operating and maintenance expenses, and distribution of the product that collects the information.

The government computes cost using a multi-step process. First, the government creates a weighted factor for the level of effort to create each information collection product based on variables such as; complexity, number of pages, type of product and frequency of revision. Second, the total costs associated with developing the product such as labor cost, and operating expenses associated with the downstream impact such as support functions, are added together to obtain the aggregated total cost. Then, the aggregated total cost and factor are multiplied together to obtain the aggregated cost per product. Lastly, the aggregated cost per product is added to the cost of shipping and printing each product to IRS offices, National Distribution Center, libraries and other outlets. The result is the Government cost estimate per product.

The government cost estimate for this collection is summarized in the table below.

| | Aggregate Cost per | Printing and | Government Cost | | | | |
|---|--------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|--|--|--|--|
| <u>Product</u> | Product (factor applied) | <u>Distribution</u> | Estimate per Product | | | | |
| Sch. E (Form 1040) | \$ 42,649 | \$1,101 | \$ 43,750 | | | | |
| Sch. E (F 1040) Instructions | \$ 12,439 | \$1,485 | \$ 13,924 | | | | |
| Grand Total | \$55,088.00 | \$2,586.00 | \$57,674.00 76,301 | | | | |
| Table costs are based on 2018 actuals obtained from IRS Chief Financial Office and Media and Publications | | | | | | | |
| * New product costs will be included in the next collection update. | | | | | | | |

15. REASONS FOR CHANGE IN BURDEN

There are no changes to the burden.

We are submitting this request for renewal purposes only.

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

IRS believes that displaying the OMB expiration date is inappropriate because it could cause confusion by leading taxpayers to believe that the regulation sunsets as of the expiration date. Taxpayers are not likely to be aware that the Service intends to request renewal of 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 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.