

SUPPORTING STATEMENT
Internal Revenue Service
OMB Control Number 1545-2142
Form 8038-CP, Return for Credit Payments to Issuers of Qualified Bonds

. CIRCUMSTANCES NECESSITATING COLLECTION OF INFORMATION

Form 8038-CP, Return for Credit Payments to Issuers of Qualified Bonds, is used to make direct payments to State and local governments. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, P.L. 111-5, provides State and local governments with the option of issuing a tax credit bond instead of a tax-exempt governmental obligation bond. The bill gives State and local governments the option to receive a direct payment from the Federal government equal to a subsidy that would have been received through the Federal tax credit for bonds.

. USE OF DATA

To issue direct payments to state and local governments for interest on tax credit bonds.

. USE OF IMPROVED INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY TO REDUCE BURDEN

The form is not electronically filed because Modernized efile has not chosen to enable it for electronic filing by devoting the necessary time, money, and resources to do so. The IRS has concluded that budgetary considerations require that the limited resources available for enabling electronic filing be allocated to ICs other than the Form associated with this information collection, where the benefits of electronic filing are greater.

. EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY DUPLICATION

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

. METHODS TO MINIMIZE BURDEN ON SMALL BUSINESSES OR OTHER SMALL ENTITIES

In accordance with Notice 2010-35, small entities are affected by Form 8038-CP. All entities large, mid-sized and small entities who elect to receive credit payments on direct pay bonds would need to file the form. We are unaware of any special provisions made to minimize the burden on small entities.

6. CONSEQUENCES OF LESS FREQUENT COLLECTION ON FEDERAL PROGRAMS OR POLICY ACTIVITIES

Consequences of less frequent collection on federal programs or policy activities would

result in an increase of direct payments to State and local governments for interest on tax credit bonds.

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

In response to the *Federal Register* notice (84 FR 1278), dated February 1, 2019, we received no comments during the comment period regarding Form 8038-CP.

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 “Business Master file (BMF)”, and a Privacy Act System of Records notice (SORN) has been issued for these systems under IRS 24.030 – Customer Account Data Engine (CADE) Individual Master File; IRS 24.046 - CADE Business Master File (BMF); IRS 34.037 - IRS Audit Trail and Security Records System. The Internal Revenue Service PIA’s 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

Issuers of qualified build America bonds, recovery zone economic development bonds, and specified tax credit bonds must submit this return to request credit payments payable under the Acts. Form 8038-CP is used to issue direct payments to state and local governments for interest on tax credit bonds.

Authority	Description	# of Respondents	# Responses per Respondent	Annual Responses	Hours per Response	Total Burden
The ARRA, the HIRE Act, and the Tax Relief Act	Form 8038-CP	20,000	1	20,000	12 hrs 20 min	246,000
Totals						

13. ESTIMATED TOTAL ANNUAL COST BURDEN TO RESPONDENTS

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. ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

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 startup 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.

Product	Aggregate Cost per Product (factor applied)	Printing and Distribution	Government Cost Estimate per Product
Form	16,586	0	16,586
Form Instructions	10,024	0	10,024
Grand Total	26,610		26,610
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 previously approved by OMB. We are making this

submission to renew the OMB approval.

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 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 for this collection.

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.