

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**National Park Service****National Register of Historic Places;
Notification of Pending Nominations
and Related Actions**

Nominations for the following properties being considered for listing or related actions in the National Register were received by the National Park Service before September 20, 2008. Pursuant to section 60.13 of 36 CFR Part 60 written comments concerning the significance of these properties under the National Register criteria for evaluation may be forwarded by United States Postal Service, to the National Register of Historic Places, National Park Service, 1849 C St. NW., 2280, Washington, DC 20240; by all other carriers, National Register of Historic Places, National Park Service, 1201 Eye St. NW., 8th floor, Washington DC 20005; or by fax, 202-371-6447. Written or faxed comments should be submitted by October 22, 2008.

J. Paul Loether,

*Chief, National Register of Historic Places/
National Historic Landmarks Program.*

ARIZONA*Cochise County*

Chiricahua National Monument Historic Designed Landscape, (Historic Park Landscapes in National and State Parks MPS) 12856 E. Rhyolite Canyon Rd., Willcox, 08001020

COLORADO*Weld County*

Clubhouse—Student Union, (New Deal Resources on Colorado's Eastern Plains MPS) Between 18th & 19th Sts., & 8th & 10th Aves., Greeley, 08001021

LOUISIANA*Assumption Parish*

LaBarre House, 4371 LA 1, Napoleonville, 08001019

MARYLAND*Montgomery County*

Krieger, Seymour, House, 9739 Brigadoon Dr., Bethesda, 08001022

MISSOURI*Greene County*

Ambassador Apartments, (Springfield MPS) 1235 E. Elm St., Springfield, 08001023

Jasper County

Inter-State Grocer Company Building, (Historic Resources of Joplin,

Missouri) 1027-1035 S. Main St., Joplin, 08001024

St. Louis Independent City

Farm and Home Savings and Loan Association, 1001 Locust St., St. Louis (Independent City), 08001025

WASHINGTON*Pierce County*

McChord Field Historic District, McChord AFB, Tacoma, 08001026

A request for removal has been made for the following resource:

SOUTH DAKOTA*McPherson County*

Leola Post Office, 741 Sherman St., Leola, 05000627

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**Employee Benefits Security Administration**

[Application Number D-11404]

RIN 1210-ZA12

Adoption of Amendment to Prohibited Transaction Exemption 2006-06; (PTE 2006-06) For Services Provided in Connection With the Termination of Abandoned Individual Account Plans

AGENCY: Employee Benefits Security Administration, U.S. Department of Labor.

ACTION: Adoption of Amendment to PTE 2006-06.

SUMMARY: This document amends PTE 2006-06 (71 FR 20856, Apr. 21, 2006), a prohibited transaction class exemption issued under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). Among other things, PTE 2006-06 permits a "qualified termination administrator" (QTA) of an individual account plan that has been abandoned by its sponsoring employer to select itself to provide services to the plan in connection with the plan's termination, and to pay itself fees for those services. In response to changes to the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the Code) enacted as part of the Pension Protection Act (PPA) of 2006, PTE 2006-06 is amended to require, as a condition of relief under the exemption, that benefits for a missing, designated nonspouse beneficiary be directly rolled over into an inherited individual retirement plan that fully complies with Code requirements. This amendment also conforms to the Department's final

rule amending regulations concerning the Termination of Abandoned Individual Account Plans at 29 CFR 2578.1 (the QTA Regulation), and the Safe Harbor for Distributions from Terminated Individual Account Plans at 29 CFR 2550.404a-3 (the Safe Harbor Regulation), which appears elsewhere in this issue of the **Federal Register**. The amendment to the class exemption affects plans, participants and beneficiaries of such plans and certain persons engaging in such transactions. **DATES:** *Effective Date:* The class exemption is effective November 6, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Brian Buyniski, Office of Exemption Determinations, Employee Benefits Security Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, (202) 693-8545 (this is not a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

On February 15, 2007, a notice was published in the **Federal Register** (72 FR 7461) of the pendency before the Department of a proposed amendment to PTE 2006-06. This class exemption (which was granted in connection with the Department's QTA Regulation, the Department's Safe Harbor Regulation and the Department's regulation relating to the Special Terminal Report for Abandoned Individual Account Plans at 29 CFR 2520.103-13,) provides an exemption from the restrictions of section 406(a)(1)(A) through (D), section 406(b)(1) and (b)(2) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA or the Act) and from the taxes imposed by section 4975(a) and (b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the Code), by reason of section 4975(c)(1)(A) through (E) of the Code.

The Department is granting the amendment on its own motion pursuant to section 408(a) of ERISA and section 4975(c)(2) of the Code, and in accordance with the procedures set forth in 29 CFR part 2570, subpart B (55 FR 32836, 32847, August 10, 1990).¹ The notice of pendency gave interested persons an opportunity to comment or request a public hearing on the proposal. No comments were received by the Department, nor were there any requests for a public hearing, in connection with the proposal. Accordingly, the amendment to the class exemption is adopted without change.

The Department amends the class exemption to reflect amendments to the

¹ Section 102 of the Reorganization Plan No. 4 of 1978 (5 U.S.C. app. at 214 (2000) generally transferred the authority of the Secretary of the Treasury to issue administrative exemptions under section 4975 of the Code to the Secretary of Labor.

Code that were adopted by enactment of the Pension Protection Act (PPA) of 2006 (Pub. L. 109–280, Aug. 17, 2006). Among other things, section 829 of the PPA amended Code section 402(c) to permit the direct rollover of a deceased plan participant's benefit from an eligible retirement plan to an individual retirement plan established for the designated nonspouse beneficiary of such participant. In this connection, the Department amends its regulatory safe harbor for distributions from a terminated individual account plan, including an abandoned plan, to require that a deceased participant's benefit be directly rolled over to an inherited individual retirement plan established to receive a distribution on behalf of a missing, designated nonspouse beneficiary. Similarly, the Department, on its own motion, amends PTE 2006–06 to ensure conformity with the amended Abandoned Plan Regulations.²

As noted in the proposed amendment, the Department interprets the term “account” (other than an individual retirement plan) in section I(b)(1)(ii) and the term “other account” in section I(b)(3) and (4) of PTE 2006–06 to include an “inherited individual retirement plan” as used in the amended Safe Harbor Regulation in the context of a distribution to a nonspouse beneficiary that does not qualify for small account treatment under the regulatory safe harbor. Consequently, the exemption, prior to amendment, provided relief to a QTA that selected itself as the provider of an inherited individual retirement plan under the Safe Harbor Regulation. Accordingly, the Department has amended the covered transactions described in section I(b)(ii) of PTE 2006–06 to expressly provide that a distribution on behalf of a missing nonspouse beneficiary would qualify for exemptive relief only if directly rolled into an individual retirement plan that satisfies the requirements of new section 402(c)(11) of the Code.³

Executive Order 12866 Statement

Under Executive Order 12866, the Department must determine whether a regulatory action is “significant” and therefore subject to the requirements of the Executive Order and subject to review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Under section 3(f) of the

Executive Order, a “significant regulatory action” is an action that is likely to result in a rule: (1) Having an annual effect on the economy of \$100 million or more, or adversely and materially affecting a sector of the economy, productivity, competition, jobs, the environment, public health or safety, or State, local or tribal governments or communities (also referred to as “economically significant”); (2) creating serious inconsistency or otherwise interfering with an action taken or planned by another agency; (3) materially altering the budgetary impacts of entitlement grants, user fees, or loan programs or the rights and obligations of recipients thereof; or (4) raising novel legal or policy issues arising out of legal mandates, the President's priorities, or the principles set forth in the Executive Order. Pursuant to the terms of the Executive Order, it has been determined that this action is not “significant” within the meaning of section 3(f) of the Executive Order, and, therefore, is not subject to review by OMB.

Paperwork Reduction Act

The information collections included in PTE 2006–06 are currently approved, together with information collections included in the safe harbor and termination of abandoned plans regulations, by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under OMB control number 1210–0127. This approval is currently scheduled to expire on June 20, 2009. The specific burden for the exemption includes a recordkeeping requirement for a QTA that terminates an abandoned plan and chooses to distribute the account balances of nonresponsive participants and beneficiaries into proprietary or affiliated individual retirement plans. These amendments do not make any changes to the information collections of the exemption. Accordingly, the Department has not made a submission for OMB approval in connection with the amendments.

Background

PTE 2006–06 is comprised of five sections. Section I describes the transactions that are covered by the exemption. Section II contains conditions for the provision of termination services and the receipt of fees. Section III contains the conditions for distributions. Section IV contains the general recordkeeping provisions imposed on the QTA, and section V contains definitions.

Section I(b) of the exemption currently provides relief from the restrictions of sections 406(a)(1)(A)

through (D), 406(b)(1) and 406(b)(2) of the Act and the taxes imposed by section 4975(a) and (b) of the Code, by reason of section 4975(c)(1)(A) through (E) of the Code, for a QTA to use its authority in connection with the termination of an abandoned individual account plan to designate itself or an affiliate as provider of an individual retirement plan⁴ or other account to receive the account balance of a participant or beneficiary who does not provide direction as to the disposition of such assets. The other accounts currently permitted by the exemption include: An account (other than an individual retirement plan, as described in paragraph (d)(1)(ii) of the Safe Harbor Regulation) for a distribution made to a distributee other than a participant or spouse; or an interest-bearing, federally insured bank or savings association account maintained in the name of the participant or beneficiary for distributions of \$1,000 or less, as described in section (d)(1)(iii) of the Safe Harbor Regulation.

C. Discussion of the Amendment

Section 829 of the PPA amended section 402(c) of the Code to permit the direct rollover of a deceased participant's benefit from an eligible retirement plan to an individual retirement plan established on behalf of a designated nonspouse beneficiary of such participant.⁵ These rollover distributions would not trigger immediate tax consequences and mandatory tax withholding for the nonspouse beneficiary. Accordingly, in light of the favorable changes to the Code, the Department is amending both PTE 2006–06 and the Safe Harbor Regulation to require that a deceased participant's benefit be directly rolled over to an inherited individual retirement plan established to receive the distribution on behalf of a missing, designated nonspouse beneficiary.

General Information

The attention of interested persons is directed to the following:

(1) The fact that a transaction is the subject of an exemption under section 408(a) of ERISA and section 4975(c)(2) of the Code does not relieve a fiduciary,

⁴ For purposes of the class exemption, the term “individual retirement plan” means an individual retirement plan described in section 7701(a)(37) of the Code.

⁵ Section 829 of the Pension Protection Act requires that the individual retirement plan established on behalf of a nonspouse beneficiary must be treated as an inherited individual retirement plan within the meaning of Code § 408(d)(3)(C) and must be subject to the applicable mandatory distribution requirement of Code § 401(a)(9)(B).

² See in this issue of the **Federal Register** Amendments to Safe Harbor for Distributions from Terminated Individual Account Plans and Termination of Abandoned Individual Account Plans to Require Inherited Individual Retirement Plans for Missing Nonspouse Beneficiaries.

³ See also I.R.S Notice 2007–07, 2007–5 I.R.B. 395.

or other party in interest or disqualified person with respect to a plan, from certain other provisions of ERISA and the Code, including any prohibited transaction provisions to which the exemption does not apply and the general fiduciary responsibility provisions of section 404 of ERISA which require, among other things, that a fiduciary act prudently and discharge his or her duties respecting the plan solely in the interests of the participants and beneficiaries of the plan. Additionally, the fact that a transaction is the subject of an exemption does not affect the requirement of section 401(a) of the Code that the plan must operate for the exclusive benefit of the employees of the employer maintaining the plan and their beneficiaries;

(2) This exemption does not extend to transactions prohibited under section 406(b)(3) of the Act or section 4975(c)(1)(F) of the Code;

(3) In accordance with section 408(a) of the Act and section 4975(c)(2) of the Code, the Department finds that the exemption is administratively feasible, in the interests of the plan and of its participants and beneficiaries, and protective of the rights of participants and beneficiaries of such plans;

(4) The amendment is applicable to a particular transaction only if the transaction satisfies the conditions specified in the exemption; and

(5) The amendment is supplemental to, and not in derogation of, any other provisions of ERISA and the Code, including statutory or administrative exemptions and transitional rules. Furthermore, the fact that a transaction is subject to an administrative or statutory exemption is not dispositive of whether the transaction is in fact a prohibited transaction.

Amendment

Under section 408(a) of the Act and section 4975(c)(2) of the Code and in accordance with the procedures set forth in 29 CFR 2570, Subpart B (55 FR 32836, 32847, August 10, 1990), the Department amends PTE 2006-06 as set forth below:

Exemption * * *

I. Covered Transactions * * *

(b) * * *

(1) Designate itself or an affiliate as:
(i) Provider of an individual retirement plan; (ii) provider, in the case of a distribution on behalf of a designated beneficiary (as defined by section 401(a)(9)(E) of the Code) who is not the surviving spouse of the deceased participant, of an inherited individual retirement plan (within the meaning of

section 402(c)(11) of the Code) established to receive the distribution on behalf of the nonspouse beneficiary under the circumstances described in section (d)(1)(ii) of the Safe Harbor Regulation for Terminated Plans (29 CFR section 2550.404a-3) (the Safe Harbor Regulation); or (iii) provider of an interest bearing, federally insured bank or savings association account maintained in the name of the participant or beneficiary, in the case of a distribution described in section (d)(1)(iii) of the Safe Harbor Regulation, for the distribution of the account balance of the participant or beneficiary of the abandoned individual account plan who does not provide direction as to the disposition of such assets;

V. Definitions * * *

(b) The term "individual retirement plan" means an individual retirement plan described in section 7701(a)(37) of the Code. For purposes of section III of this exemption, the term "individual retirement plan" shall also include an inherited individual retirement plan (within the meaning of section 402(c)(11) of the Code) established to receive a distribution on behalf of a nonspouse beneficiary. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the term individual retirement plan shall not include an individual retirement plan which is an employee benefit plan covered by Title I of ERISA.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 26th day of September, 2008.

Ivan L. Strasfeld,

Director, Office of Exemption Determinations.
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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Notice of a Change in Status of an Extended Benefit (EB) Period for Alaska

AGENCY: Employment and Training Administration, Labor.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a change in benefit period eligibility under the EB Program for Alaska.

The following change has occurred since the publication of the last notice regarding the State's EB status:

- Based on data reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics on September 19, 2008, Alaska triggered "off" EB. Alaska's 3-month total unemployment rate for June, July and August fell to

109% of the prior year and 106% of the second prior year for the same period. This causes Alaska to be triggered "off" an EB period. After the week ending October 11, 2008, workers who exhaust their regular UI benefits will no longer be eligible to collect up to an additional 13 weeks of UI benefits under this program.

Information for Claimants

The duration of benefits payable in the EB Program, and the terms and conditions on which they are payable, are governed by the Federal-State Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 1970, as amended, and the operating instructions issued to the states by the U.S. Department of Labor. In the case of a state ending an EB period, the State Workforce Agency will furnish a written notice to each individual who is currently filing a claim for EB of the forthcoming end of the EB period and its effect on the individual's rights to EB (20 CFR 615.13(c)(4)).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Scott Gibbons, U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Office of Workforce Security, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Frances Perkins Bldg., Room S-4231, Washington, DC 20210, telephone number (202) 693-3008 (this is not a toll-free number) or by e-mail: gibbons.scott@dol.gov.

Signed in Washington, DC, this 29th day of September, 2008.

Brent R. Orrell,

Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for Employment and Training.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Notice of a Change in Status of an Extended Benefit (EB) Period for North Carolina

AGENCY: Employment and Training Administration, Labor.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a change in benefit period eligibility under the EB Program for North Carolina.

The following change has occurred since the publication of the last notice regarding the State's EB status:

- Based on data reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics on September 19, 2008, North Carolina's 3-month