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Request for Comments: Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Approved: April 7, 2015.

Christie Preston,

IRS Reports Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form 1098-MA

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning Form 1098-MA, Mortgage Assistance Payments.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before June 15, 2015 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Christie Preston, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6129, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the form and instructions should be directed to LaNita Van Dyke, at Internal Revenue Service, Room 6517, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224, or through the internet at Lanita.VanDyke@irs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Mortgage Assistance Payments.

OMB Number: 1545-2221.

Form Number: Form 1098-MA.

Abstract: This form is a statement reported to the IRS and to taxpayers. It will be filed and furnished by State Housing Finance Agencies (HFAs) and HUD to report the total amounts of mortgage assistance payments and homeowner mortgage payments made to mortgage servicers. The requirement for the statement are authorized by Notice 2011-14, supported by Public Law 111-203, sec. 1496, and Public Law 110-343, Division A, sec. 109.

Current Actions: There were no changes made to the document that resulted in any change to the burden previously reported to OMB. We are making this submission to renew the OMB approval.

Type of Review: Extension to previously approved IC.

Affected Public: Individuals, Federal Government, State, Local, or Tribal Governments, and other Not-for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 52.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 2 hours 50 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 170,400.

The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information covered by this notice:

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

DEPARTMENTAL OFFICES

Debt Management Advisory Committee Meeting

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. App. 2, § 10(a)(2), that a meeting will be held at the Hay-Adams Hotel, 16th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC, on May 5, 2015 at 11:30 a.m. of the following debt management advisory committee:

Treasury Borrowing Advisory Committee of The Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association.

The agenda for the meeting provides for a charge by the Secretary of the Treasury or his designate that the Committee discuss particular issues and conduct a working session. Following the working session, the Committee will present a written report of its recommendations. The meeting will be closed to the public, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. App. 2, § 10(d) and P.L. 103-202, § 202(c)(1)(B) (31 U.S.C. 3121 note).

This notice shall constitute my determination, pursuant to the authority placed in heads of agencies by 5 U.S.C. App. 2, § 10(d) and vested in me by Treasury Department Order No. 101-05, that the meeting will consist of discussions and debates of the issues presented to the Committee by the Secretary of the Treasury and the making of recommendations of the Committee to the Secretary, pursuant to P.L. 103-202, § 202(c)(1)(B). Thus, this information is exempt from disclosure under that provision and 5 U.S.C.

552b(c)(3)(B). In addition, the meeting is concerned with information that is exempt from disclosure under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(A). The public interest requires that such meetings be closed to the public because the Treasury Department requires frank and full advice from representatives of the financial community prior to making its final decisions on major financing operations. Historically, this advice has been offered by debt management advisory committees established by the several major segments of the financial community. When so utilized, such a committee is recognized to be an advisory committee under 5 U.S.C. App. 2, § 3.

Although the Treasury's final announcement of financing plans may not reflect the recommendations provided in reports of the Committee, premature disclosure of the Committee's deliberations and reports would be likely to lead to significant financial speculation in the securities market. Thus, this meeting falls within the exemption covered by 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(A).

Treasury staff will provide a technical briefing to the press on the day before the Committee meeting, following the release of a statement of economic conditions and financing estimates. This briefing will give the press an opportunity to ask questions about financing projections. The day after the Committee meeting, Treasury will release the minutes of the meeting, any charts that were discussed at the meeting, and the Committee's report to the Secretary.

The Office of Debt Management is responsible for maintaining records of debt management advisory committee meetings and for providing annual reports setting forth a summary of Committee activities and such other matters as may be informative to the public consistent with the policy of 5 U.S.C. 552(b). The Designated Federal Officer or other responsible agency

official who may be contacted for additional information is Fred Pietrangeli, Director for Office of Debt Management (202) 622-1876.

Dated: April 9, 2015.

Seth B. Carpenter,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Financial Markets.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Advisory Committee on Former Prisoners of War; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that the Advisory Committee on Former Prisoners of War (FPOW) has scheduled a meeting on April 27-29, 2015, at Hamilton Crowne Plaza, 1401 K Street, NW., Washington, DC. The meeting will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and is open to the public.

In exceptional circumstances, the agency may give less than 15 calendar days notice, provided that the reasons for doing so are included in the advisory committee meeting notice published in the **Federal Register**. 41 CFR 102-3.150. In this case, a new Designated Federal Officer, unfamiliar with the procedures, failed to prepare the notice in time. The meeting has already been scheduled, and travel plans have been made. Rescheduling will thus be expensive and delay the work of the Committee. We believe that this is sufficient exceptional circumstances for giving less than 15 calendar days notice.

The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Secretary of VA on the administration of benefits under title 38, United States Code, for Veterans who are FPOWs. The committee also makes recommendations on the needs of FPOW Veterans for compensation, health care, and rehabilitation.

On Tuesday, April 28, the Committee will hear from its Chairman and will receive briefings by VA management, as well as representatives from the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) and the Veterans Health Administration. Annual ethics training will be presented by the Office of General Counsel. The Associate Chief Consultant of Mental Health Disaster Response and Post-Deployment Activities and a learning consultant from the Cleveland Center Employee Education System will report on the FPOW training agenda. A Chief from VBA's Benefits Assistance Service will report on FPOW outreach efforts.

Also on April 28, the Committee will host an open public forum and FPOW panel, at 3:30 p.m. to gain information from FPOWs about their experiences, issues, and recommendations for health benefits and claims processing.

On Wednesday, April 29, the Committee will draft their 2015 recommendations and decide the location of their next meeting in the fall.

FPOWs who wish to speak at the public forum are invited to submit a 1-2 page summary of their comments at the end of the meeting for inclusion in the official meeting record. Members of the public may also submit written statements for the Committee's review to Mr. Eric Robinson, Designated Federal Officer, Advisory Committee on Former Prisoners of War, Compensation Service (212), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420, or via email at eric.robinson3@va.gov.

Any member of the public seeking additional information should contact Mr. Robinson via email or call (202) 443-6016.

Dated: April 13, 2015.

Jelessa Burney,

Federal Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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