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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Enrollment Program Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service, (IRS),
Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Director of the Office of Professional Responsibility invites individuals and organizations to nominate candidates for membership on the Enrollment Program Advisory Committee. As of January 8, 2003, the newly created Office of Professional Responsibility replaced the former Office of the Director of Practice. The Director of the Office of Professional Responsibility exercises the authority of the former Director of Practice.

DATES: Submit nominations on or before
September 15, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Mail or fax nominations to:
Internal Revenue Service; Office of the
Director of Professional Responsibility;
SE:OPR, Attn: Michael Hahn, 1111
Constitution Ave., NW., Washington,
DC 20224; fax number 202-694-1919.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Michael Hahn, Enrollment Program
Advisory Committee, at 202-694-1823.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The
Enrollment Program Advisory
Committee ("EPAC"), which was
formerly known as the "Special
Enrollment Examination Advisory
Committee," was established in 1999
under the terms of the Federal Advisory
Committee Act ("FACA"), 5 U.S.C. App.
The EPAC's charter expires January 16,
2005. It is expected that the EPAC will
be renewed for another two-year period.
Therefore, the Director of the Office of
Professional Responsibility invites
individuals and organizations to
nominate candidates for membership.

Section 330 of 31 U.S.C. authorizes
the Secretary of the Treasury to require
that representatives before the
Department demonstrate their
"competency to advise and assist
persons in presenting their cases."
Pursuant to that statute, the Secretary
has promulgated the regulations
governing practice before the IRS, which
are found at 31 CFR part 10, and are
separately published in pamphlet form

as Treasury Department Circular No.
230 (to order call 1-800-829-3676).

The regulations provide that enrolled
agents are among the classes of
individuals eligible to practice before
the IRS. The Director of the Office of
Professional Responsibility is also
authorized to pass upon applications for
enrollment and to grant enrollment to
applicants who demonstrate special
competence in tax matters by written
examination administered by the IRS.
This written examination is the Special
Enrollment Examination ("SEE"). More
information concerning the SEE may be
found on the Office of Professional
Responsibility Web page: (1) Go to IRS
Digital Daily, <http://www.irs.gov>; (2)
click Tax Professional; and (3) click
Enrolled Agents.

The objective of the EPAC is to
advise, with respect to annual
examinations testing the special
competence in Federal tax matters of
individuals who intend to apply for
status as "enrolled agents," eligible to
practice before the IRS. In meeting this
objective, non-Federal members of the
EPAC shall represent the various
segments of the tax practitioner
community. The EPAC's advisory
functions will include, but will not
necessarily be limited to: (1) Identifying
Federal tax services sought by
taxpayers, identifying the knowledge
that would permit enrolled agents to
provide such services, and developing
examination topics and questions that
will test for such knowledge; (2)
recommending completed examinations
for use in the SEE Program; and (3)
reviewing the work product of any
organization authorized by contract or
otherwise to write, compile, administer
and grade the SEE, report the scores to
SEE candidates, and provide advice
thereon to the Director.

FACA mandates that the membership
of the Committee be fairly balanced in
terms of the points of view presented
and the functions to be performed. To
that end, the Office of Professional
Responsibility will consider
nominations of all individuals who: (1)
Are qualified to represent the views of
a segment of the tax practitioner
community; (2) possess professional or
academic accomplishments sufficient to
allow contributions to the EPAC's
advisory functions; (3) are of good
character and good reputation; and (4)
are in compliance with the Federal tax
laws. Current or former status as an
enrolled agent is not a requirement for
EPAC membership.

Individuals may nominate
themselves; an individual may
nominate other individuals; or
professional associations or other

organizations may nominate
individuals. A nomination may be in
any format, but it must include: (1) A
statement of which segment of the tax
practitioner community the nominee is
qualified to represent; (2) a description
of the nominee's professional
accomplishments, academic
accomplishments, or both; and (3) a
statement that the nominee is willing to
accept an appointment to the EPAC.
Nominations may include copies of
articles from professional journals or
other relevant publications, but such
items cannot be returned.

Appointment to the Committee will
be for a two-year term, providing that a
member continues to fulfill his or her
Committee responsibilities. The
Committee is expected to meet up to
four times a year. Members should be
prepared to devote from 125 to 175
hours per year, including meetings, to
the Committee's work. Members will be
reimbursed, in accordance with
Government regulations, for expenses
(transportation, meals, and lodging)
incurred in connection with Committee
meetings.

If the SEE is to provide objective and
fair indicia of special competence in
Federal taxation, the SEE's specific
topics and questions must not become
publicly available prior to
administration of the examination.
Consequently, sessions of EPAC
meetings dealing with specific SEE
topics and questions will be closed to
public participation. With respect to
such closed sessions, EPAC members
must be prepared to maintain the
confidentiality of their deliberations and
advice.

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Director, Office of Professional Responsibility.

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ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Director of the Office of
Professional Responsibility gives notice
of the renewal of the Enrollment
Program Advisory Committee. As of
January 8, 2003, the newly created
Office of Professional Responsibility
replaced the former Office of the
Director of Practice. The Director of the