

OMB reviewer listed and to the Treasury Department Clearance Officer, Department of the Treasury, Room 2110, 1425 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before November 23, 1998 to be assured of consideration.

Departmental Offices/Office of Procurement

*OMB Number:* 1505-0080.

*Form Number:* None.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Post-Contract Award Information.

*Description:* Information requested of contractors is specific to each contract and is required for Treasury to evaluate properly the progress made and/or management controls used by contractors providing supplies or services to the Government and to determine contractors' compliance with the contracts, in order to protect the Government's interest.

*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 5,565.

*Estimated Burden Hours Per*

*Respondent:* 46 hours, 2 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Total Reporting Burden:* 78,108 hours.

*OMB Number:* 1505-0081.

*Form Number:* None.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Solicitation of Proposal Information for Award of Public Contract.

*Description:* Information requested of offerors is specific to each procurement solicitation, and is required for Treasury to evaluation properly the capabilities and experience of potential contractors who desire to provide the supplies or services to be acquired. Evaluation will be used to determine which proposals most benefit the Government.

*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 29,183.

*Estimated Burden Hours Per*

*Respondent:* 29 hours, 29 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Total Reporting Burden:* 860,456 hours.

*OMB Number:* 1505-0107.

*Form Number:* None.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Regulation on Agency Protests.

*Description:* Information is requested of contractors so that the Government will be able to evaluate effectively and provide prompt resolution of issues in dispute when contractors file protests.

*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 17.

*Estimated Burden Hours Per*

*Respondent:* 2 hours.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Total Reporting Burden:* 34 hours.

*Clearance Officer:* Lois K. Holland (202) 622-1563, Departmental Offices, Room 2110, 1425 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20220.

*OMB Reviewer:* Alexander T. Hunt (202) 395-7860, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**

**Submission to OMB for Review; Comment Request**

October 8, 1998.

The Department of Treasury has submitted the following public information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling the Treasury Bureau Clearance Officer listed. Comments regarding this information collection should be addressed to the OMB reviewer listed and to the Treasury Department Clearance Officer, Department of the Treasury, Room 2110, 1425 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220.

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**Internal Revenue Service (IRS)**

*OMB Number:* New.

*Form Number:* IRS Forms W-8BEN, W-8ECI, W-8EXP, and W-8IMY.

*Type of Review:* New collection.

*Title:* Certificate of Foreign Status of Beneficial Owner for United States Tax Withholding (W-8BEN);

Certificate of Foreign Person's Claim for Exemption from Withholding on Income Effectively Connected With the Conduct of a Trade or Business in the United States (W-8ECI);

Certificate of United States Tax Withholding for Foreign Governments and Other Foreign Organizations (W-8EXP); and

Certificate of Foreign Intermediary, Foreign Partnership, and Certain U.S. Branches for United States Tax Withholding (W-8IMY)

*Description:* Form W-8BEN is used for certain types of income to establish that the person is a foreign person, is the beneficial owner of the income for which Form W-8BEN is being provided and, if applicable, to claim a reduced rate of, or exemption from, withholding as a resident of a foreign country with which the United States has an income tax treaty. Form W-8ECI is used to establish that the person is a foreign person, is the beneficial owner of the income for which Form W-8ECI is being provided, and to claim that the income is effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business within the United States. Form W-8EXP is used by a foreign government, internal organization, foreign central bank of issue, foreign tax-exempt organization, or foreign private foundation. The form is used by such persons to establish foreign status, to claim that the person is the beneficial owner of the income for which Form W-8EXP is given and, if applicable, to claims a reduced rate of, or exemption from, withholding. Form W-8IMY is provided to a withholding agent or payer by a foreign intermediary, foreign partnership, and certain U.S. branches to make representations regarding the status of beneficial owners or to transmit appropriate documentation to the withholding agent.

*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit, Individuals or households, Not-for-profit institutions.

*Estimated Number of Respondents/Recordkeepers:* 3,180,640.

*Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent/Recordkeeper:*

Form	Recordkeeping	Learning about the law or the form	Preparing and sending the form to the IRS
W-8BEN .....	5 hr., 59 min .....	2 hr., 41 min .....	2 hr., 59 min
W-8ECI .....	3 hr., 35 min .....	2 hr., 12 min .....	2 hr., 23 min
W-8EXP .....	6 hr., 56 min. ....	4 hr., 37 min. ....	4 hr., 41 min.

Form	Recordkeeping	Learning about the law or the form	Preparing and sending the form to the IRS
W-8IMY .....	7 hr., 53 min. ....	3 hr., 38 min. ....	5 hr., 8 min.

*Frequency of Response:* Annually.  
*Estimated Total Reporting/Recordkeeping Burden:* 36,115,302 hours.  
*OMB Number:* 1545-0710.  
*Form Number:* IRS Forms 5500, 5500C/R and Schedules.  
*Type of Review:* Revision.

*Title:* Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan, Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan and Associated Schedules.  
*Description:* The forms listed in Item 7 are Annual Information Returns filed by Employee Benefit Plans. The IRS uses this information to determine if the plan appears to be operating properly as

required under the law or whether the plan should be audited.  
*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit.  
*Estimated Number of Respondents/Recordkeepers:* 901,400.  
*Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent/Recordkeeper:*

Form/schedule	Recordkeeping	Learning about the law or the form	Preparing the form	Copying, assembling, and sending the form to the IRS
5500 (initial filers) .....	87 hr., 3 min .....	9 hr., 3 min .....	13 hr., 40 min .....	48 min.
5500 (all other filers) .....	81 hr., 33 min .....	9 hr., 3 min .....	13 hr., 34 min .....	48 min.
5500-C (initial filer) .....	55 hr., 33 min .....	7 hr., 23 min .....	10 hr., 29 min .....	32 min.
5500-C (all other filers) .....	45 hr., 41 min .....	7 hr., 23 min .....	10 hr., 19 min .....	32 min.
5500-R (initial filers) .....	22 hr., 29 min .....	3 hr., 49 min .....	6 hr., 13 min .....	32 min.
5500-R (all other filers) .....	12 hr., 40 min .....	3 hr., 49 min .....	6 hr., 3 min .....	32 min.
Schedule A .....	17 hr., 28 min .....	28 min .....	1 hr., 42 min .....	16 min.
Schedule B (Part 1) .....	30 hr., 37 min .....	3 hr., 16 min .....	3 hr., 55 min .....	
Schedule B (Part 2) .....	15 hr., 19 min .....	1 hr., 23 min .....	1 hr., 42 min .....	
Schedule C .....	5 hr., 16 min .....	28 min .....	23 min .....	
Schedule E (non-leveraged ESOP) .....	1 hr., 12 min .....	12 min .....	12 min .....	
Schedule E (leveraged ESOP) .....	10 hr., 2 min .....	1 hr., 41 min .....	1 hr., 56 min .....	
Schedule F .....	2 hr., 52 min .....	30 min .....	34 min .....	
Schedule G .....	15 hr., 4 min .....	6 min .....	21 min .....	
Schedule P .....	1 hr., 55 min .....	30 min .....	33 min .....	
Schedule SSA .....	5 hr., 30 min .....	6 min .....	11 min .....	

*Frequency of Response:* Annually.  
*Estimated Total Reporting/Recordkeeping Burden:* 27,704,510 hours.  
*OMB Number:* 1545-1083.  
*Regulation Project Number:* INTL-399-88 Final.  
*Type of Review:* Extension.  
*Title:* Treatment of Dual Consolidated Losses.  
*Description:* Section 1503(d) denies use of the losses of one domestic corporation by another affiliated domestic corporation where the loss corporation is also subject to the income tax of another country. The regulation allows an affiliate to make use of the loss if the loss has not been used in the foreign country and if an agreement is attached to the income tax return of the dual resident corporation or group, to take the loss into income upon future use of the loss in the foreign country. The regulation also requires separate accounting for a dual consolidated loss where the dual resident corporation files a consolidated return.  
*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit.  
*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 500.

*Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent:* 2 hours, 23 minutes.  
*Frequency of Response:* Annually.  
*Estimated Total Reporting Burden:* 1,620 hours.  
*Clearance Officer:* Garrick Shear (202) 622-3869, Internal Revenue Service, Room 5571, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20224.  
*OMB Reviewer:* Alexander T. Hunt (202) 395-7860, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10226, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.  
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**DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**

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**Internal Revenue Service (IRS)**

*OMB Number:* 1545-1318.  
*Regulation Project Number:* REG-209545-92 NPRM (formerly INTL-19-92).  
*Type of Review:* Extension.  
*Title:* Earnings and Profits of Foreign Corporations.  
*Description:* Application of the proposed regulations may result in accounting method changes which ordinarily require the filing of Form 3115. However, the proposed regulations waive this filing requirement if certain conditions are met, with the net result that no burdens are imposed.