DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form 4506-A and Form 4506-B

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Internal Revenue Service, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the 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. Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning the burden associated with Form 4506-A, Request for Public Inspection or Copy of Exempt or Political Organization IRS Form and 4506-B, Request for a Copy of Exempt Organization IRS Application or Letter.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER] to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Kinna Brewington, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6529, 1111 Constitution Avenue N.W., Washington, DC 20224.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the form and instructions should be directed to Paul Adams, (737) 800-6149 or Internal Revenue Service, Room 6129, 1111 Constitution Avenue N.W., Washington DC 20224, or through the internet, at paul.d.adams@irs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Request for Public Inspection or Copy of Exempt or Political Organization IRS Form (Form 4506-A) and Request for a Copy of Exempt Organization IRS Application or Letter (Form 4506-B).

OMB Number: 1545-0495.

Form Number: 4506-A and 4506-B

Abstract: Internal Revenue Code section 6104 states that if an organization described in section 501(c) or (d) is exempt from taxation under section 501(a) for any taxable year, the
application for exemption is open for public inspection. This includes all supporting statements, any letter or other documents issued by the IRS concerning the application, and certain annual returns of the organization. Form 4506-A, Request for Public Inspection or Copy of Exempt or Political Organization IRS Form and Form 4506-B, Request for a Copy of Exempt Organization IRS Application or Letter, is used to request public inspection or a copy of these forms.

Current Actions: There are no changes in the paperwork burden approved under 1545-0495. 

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Individuals or households, businesses or other for-profit organizations, not-for-profit institutions, farms, and Federal, state, local or tribal governments.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 20,000.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 58 min.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 19,440.

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

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 if 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.

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.
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