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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Cognitive and Psychological Research Coordinated by Statistics of Income on Behalf of All IRS Operations Functions

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 Cognitive and Psychological Research Coordinated by Statistics of Income on Behalf of All IRS Operations Functions.

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

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Yvette Lawrence, 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 R. Joseph Durbala, (202) 622-3634, at Internal Revenue Service, room 6129, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW.,

Washington, DC 20224, or through the internet at
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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Cognitive and Psychological Research Coordinated by
Statistics of Income on Behalf of All IRS Operations Functions.

OMB Number: 1545-1349.

Abstract: The proposed research will improve the quality of
data collection by examining the psychological and cognitive
aspects of methods and procedures such as: Interviewing
processes, forms redesign, survey and tax collection technology
and operating procedures (internal and external in nature).

Current Actions: We will be conducting different opinion
surveys, focus group sessions, think-aloud interviews, and
usability studies regarding cognitive research surrounding forms
submission or IRS system/product development.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved
collection.

Affected Public: Individuals and businesses or other for-
profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 225,000.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 30 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 112,500.

The following paragraph applies to all of 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 as long as 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, and purchase of services to provide information.

Approved: September 30, 2013.

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IRS Reports Clearance Officer.

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