

enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways to minimize the collection burden without reducing the quality of the collected information. Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection.

*Title:* Survey of FTA Stakeholders (OMB Number: 2132-0564).

*Background:* Executive Order 12862, "Streamlining Service Delivery and Improving Customer Service," requires FTA to identify its stakeholders and address how the agency will provide services in a manner that seeks to streamline service delivery and improve the experience of its customers. FTA is seeking a three-year approval of an existing information collection that will allow FTA to collect data from transit agencies, states and metropolitan planning organizations. FTA will utilize the survey to assess how its services are perceived by its customers, learn about opportunities for improvement and establish goals to measure results. The data captured from the survey will provide this information and enable FTA to make improvements where necessary. The survey will be limited to data collections that solicit voluntary opinions and will not involve information that is required by regulations.

*Respondents:* Transit agencies, States, and Metropolitan Planning Organizations.

*Estimated Annual Burden on Respondents:* 1,875.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden:* 469 hours.

*Estimated Total Burden Cost:* \$43,688.

*Frequency:* Biennial.

**Nadine Pembleton,**

*Director, Office of Management Planning.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

#### Proposed Extension of Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment; Comment Request on Burden Related to Forms That Authenticate an Electronic Signature and Employment Tax Return

**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 related to completing forms that authenticate an electronic signature and employment tax return.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before May 28, 2021 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Kinna Brewington, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6529, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20224. Requests for additional information or copies of the regulations should be directed to R. Joseph Durbala, at Internal Revenue Service, Room 6129, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20224, or through the internet, at [RJoseph.Durbala@irs.gov](mailto:RJoseph.Durbala@irs.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Declaration and Signature for Electronic and Magnetic Media Filing.

*OMB Number:* 1545-0967.

*Regulation Project Number:* Forms 8879-F, 8453-FE, 8453-EMP, and 8879-EMP.

*Abstract:* The IRS is actively engaged in encouraging e-filing and electronic documentation. These forms are used to secure taxpayer signatures and declarations in conjunction with electronic or magnetic media filing of income tax returns. Form 8453-FE is used to authenticate the electronic Form 1041, *U.S. Income Tax Return for Estates and Trusts*. Form 8453-EMP is used to authenticate an electronic employment tax form, authorize the electronic return originator (ERO). Form 8879-EMP is used to authenticate an electronic employment tax return or request for refund, authorize an ERO or ISP to transmit via a third-party, and authorize an electronic funds withdrawal for payment of employment taxes owe. Form 8879-F is used by an electronic return originator when the fiduciary wants to use a personal identification number to electronically sign an estate's or trust's electronic income tax return, and if applicable consent to electronic funds withdrawal.

*Current Actions:* There is no change to the burden previously approved.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households, Businesses and other for-profit organizations.

*Estimated Number of Responses:* 21,000,881.

*Estimated Time per Respondent:* 2 hrs., 34 min.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 53,783,747.

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.

*Desired Focus of Comments:* The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) is particularly interested in comments that:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including using appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., by permitting electronic submissions of responses.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the ICR for OMB approval of the extension of the information collection; they will also become a matter of public record.

Approved: March 24, 2021.

**Ronald J. Durbala,**  
*IRS Tax Analyst.*

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## UNIFIED CARRIER REGISTRATION PLAN

### Sunshine Act Meeting Notice; Unified Carrier Registration Plan Board Subcommittee Meeting

**TIME AND DATE:** April 1, 2021, from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Eastern time.

**PLACE:** This meeting will be accessible via conference call and via Zoom

Meeting and Screenshare. Any interested person may call (i) 1-929-205-6099 (US Toll) or 1-669-900-6833 (US Toll) or (ii) 1-877-853-5247 (US Toll Free) or 1-888-788-0099 (US Toll Free), Meeting ID: 921 4866 7883, to listen and participate in this meeting. The website to participate via Zoom Meeting and Screenshare is <https://kellen.zoom.us/j/92148667883>.

**STATUS:** This meeting will be open to the public.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:** The Unified Carrier Registration Plan Finance Subcommittee (the "Subcommittee") will continue its work in developing and implementing the Unified Carrier Registration Plan and Agreement. The subject matter of this meeting will include:

#### Proposed Agenda

##### I. Call to Order—Subcommittee Chair

The Subcommittee Chair will welcome attendees, call the meeting to order, call roll for the Subcommittee, confirm whether a quorum is present, and facilitate self-introductions.

##### II. Verification of Publication of Meeting Notice—UCR Executive Director

The UCR Executive Director will verify the publication of the meeting notice on the UCR website and distribution to the UCR contact list via email followed by the subsequent publication of the notice in the **Federal Register**.

##### III. Review and Approval of Subcommittee Agenda and Setting of Ground Rules—Subcommittee Chair

*For Discussion and Possible Subcommittee Action*

The Agenda will be reviewed, and the Subcommittee will consider adoption.

##### Ground Rules

☐ Subcommittee action only to be taken in designated areas on agenda.

##### IV. Review and Approval of Minutes From the July 23, 2020 Meeting—Subcommittee Chair

*For Discussion and Possible Subcommittee Action*

Draft minutes from the July 23, 2020 Subcommittee meeting via teleconference will be reviewed. The Subcommittee will consider action to approve.

##### V. Update From UCR Banking Partners—Subcommittee Chair

The Subcommittee Chair will call for an update from the UCR Plan's banking

partners at Truist Bank and the Bank of North Dakota. The Subcommittee will have the opportunity to hear information on the direction of interest rates and to ask questions.

##### VI. Funding the Directors and Officers Liability Insurance Reserve—Subcommittee Chair and Depository Manager

*For Discussion and Possible Subcommittee Action*

The Subcommittee Chair and the Depository Manager will present funding options for the Directors and Officers Liability Insurance Reserve. The Subcommittee may take action to make a recommendation to the Board on a way to fund this reserve.

##### VII. Funding the Special or Capital Projects Reserve—Subcommittee Chair and Depository Manager

*For Discussion and Possible Subcommittee Action*

The Subcommittee Chair and the Depository Manager will present funding options for the Special or Capital Projects Reserve. The Subcommittee may take action to make a recommendation to the Board on a way to fund this reserve.

##### VIII. Maturing of Certificate of Deposit—UCR Depository Manager

*For Discussion and Possible Subcommittee Action*

The UCR Depository Manager will provide an update on the certificate of deposit, which is maturing in April. The Subcommittee may take action to make a recommendation to the Board for reinvesting the proceeds.

##### IX. Final Distributions to States for the 2021 Registration Year—UCR Depository Manager

The Depository Manager will discuss the plan for completing the final distributions to states for 2021, which are expected to be made in April. After the distribution, all participating states will have met their full revenue entitlements for the 2021 registration year.

##### X. Other Business—Subcommittee Chair

The Subcommittee Chair will call for any other items Subcommittee members would like to discuss.

##### XI. Adjournment—Subcommittee Chair

The Subcommittee Chair will adjourn the meeting.

The agenda will be available no later than 5:00 p.m. Eastern time, March 24, 2021 at: <https://plan.ucr.gov>.

#### CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Elizabeth Leaman, Chair, Unified Carrier Registration Plan Board of Directors, (617) 305-3783, [eleaman@board.ucr.gov](mailto:eleaman@board.ucr.gov).

Alex B. Leath,

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#### DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

##### Veterans' Rural Health Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, that the Veterans' Rural Health Advisory Committee will hold a virtual meeting Wednesday, April 21, 2021, through Friday, April 23, 2021. The meeting will be accessible through the zoom link <https://zoom.us/j/91358888920> and phone number is 1-646-558-8656, Participant Code #91358888920. The meeting will begin at 11:00 a.m. EST and end at 2:30 p.m. EST each day. The meeting sessions are open to the public.

The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Secretary of VA on rural health care issues affecting Veterans. The Committee examines programs and policies that impact the delivery of VA rural health care to Veterans and discusses ways to improve and enhance VA access to rural health care services for Veterans.

The agenda will include updates from Department leadership; the Executive Director, VA Office of Rural Health; and the Committee Chair; as well as presentations by subject matter experts on general rural health care access.

Public comments will be received at 3:00 p.m. on April 23, 2021. Interested parties should contact Ms. Judy Bowie, via email at [VRHAC@va.gov](mailto:VRHAC@va.gov), or by mail at 810 Vermont Avenue NW (12POP7), Washington, DC 20420. Individuals wishing to speak are invited to submit a 1-2-page summary of their comment for inclusion in the official meeting record. Any member of the public seeking additional information should contact Ms. Bowie at the phone number or email address noted above.

Dated: March 23, 2021.

LaTonya L. Small,

Federal Advisory Committee Management Office.

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