the CAP consider a written statement, please call 1–888–912–1227 or 718– 488–3555, or writeEileen Cain, CAP Office, P.O. Box R, Brooklyn, NY, 11201. The Agenda will include the following: various IRS issues.

Note: Last minute changes to the agenda are possible and could prevent effective advance notice.

Dated: November 7, 2001.

John Mannion,

Director, Program Planning & Quality. [FR Doc. 01–28538 Filed 11–13–01; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 4830–01–P

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Open Meeting of Citizen Advocacy Panel, Midwest District

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: A meeting of the Midwest Citizen Advocacy Panel will be held in Clive, Iowa.

DATES: The meeting will be held Thursday, December 6, 2001, and Friday, December 7, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sandra McQuin at 1–888–912–1227, or 414–297–1604.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. (1988) that an open meeting of the Citizen Advocacy Panel (CAP) will be held Thursday, December 6, 2001, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Friday, December 7, 2001, from 8 a.m. to Noon at the Country Inn & Suites, 1350 N.W. 118th Street, Clive, Iowa. The Citizen Advocacy Panel is soliciting public comment, ideas, and suggestions on improving customer service at the Internal Revenue Service. Public comments will be welcome during the meeting, or you can submit written comments to the panel by faxing to (414) 297-1623, or by mail to Citizen Advocacy Panel, Mail Stop 1006 MIL,310 West Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53203-2221.

The Agenda will include the following: Reports by the CAP subgroups, presentation of taxpayer issues by individual members, and discussion of issues.

Note: Last minute changes to the agenda are possible and could prevent effective advance notice.

Dated: November 2, 2001. **Cathy VanHorn**, *Director, CAP, Communication and Liaison*. [FR Doc. 01–28539 Filed 11–13–01; 8:45 am] **BILLING CODE 4830–01–P**

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of Thrift Supervision

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of Thrift Supervision (OTS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comment.

SUMMARY: The proposed information collection requirement described below has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. OTS is soliciting public comments on the proposal.

DATES: Submit written comments on or before December 14, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Send comments, referring to the collection by title of the proposal or by OMB approval number, to OMB and OTS at these addresses: Alexander Hunt, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503, or e-mail to *ahunt@omb.eop.gov;* and Information Collection Comments, Chief Counsel's Office, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552, fax to (202) 906–6518, or e-mail to

infocollection.comments@ots.treas.gov. OTS will post comments and the related index on the OTS Internet Site at *www.ots.treas.gov.* In addition, interested persons may inspect comments at the Public Reference Room, 1700 G Street, NW., by appointment. To make an appointment, call (202) 906–5922, send an e-mail to *publicinfo@ots.treas.gov,* or send a facsimile transmission to (202) 906– 7755.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To obtain a copy of the submission to OMB, contact Sally W. Watts at *sally.watts@ots.treas.gov*, (202) 906–7380, or facsimile number (202) 906–6518, Regulations and Legislation Division, Chief Counsel's Office, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: OTS may not conduct or sponsor an information collection, and respondents are not required to respond to an information collection, unless the information collection displays a currently valid OMB control number. As part of the approval process, we invite comments on the following information collection. *Title of Proposal:* Merger

Applications.

OMB Number: 1550–0016. Form Number: Interagency Bank

Merger Application.

Regulation requirement: 12 CFR 563.22(a), 12 CFR 546, and 12 CFR 552.13.

Description: The Bank Merger Act and the OTS merger regulations require a savings association that proposes to combine with either another savings association or insured depository institution to obtain written approval from the OTS.

Type of Review: Renewal.

Affected Public: Savings Associations. Estimated Number of Respondents: 16.

Estimated Frequency of Response: Annually.

Estimated Burden Hours per Response: 31 hours.

Estimated Total Burden: 496 hours. *Clearance Officer:* Sally W. Watts, (202) 906–7380, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552.

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

Dated: November 6, 2001.

Deborah Dakin,

Deputy Chief Counsel, Regulations and Legislation Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0095]

Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed