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## MEMORANDUM FOR EXEMPT ORGANIZATION DETERMINATIONS UNIT AND EXEMPT ORGANIZATIONS TECHNICAL UNIT

FROM: Kenneth Corbin /s/ Ken Corbin

Director, Exempt Organizations, TE/GE

SUBJECT: Amendment to Interim Guidance on Optional Expedited Process for Certain Exemption Applications Under Section 501(c)(4)

On June 25, 2013, I issued a memorandum (the "June 2013 memorandum") that provides interim administrative guidance to Exempt Organizations Determinations Unit and Exempt Organizations Technical Unit regarding an optional expedited process for applicants for 501(c)(4) status with applications pending for more than 120 days as of May 28, 2013 that indicate the organization may be involved in political campaign intervention or issue advocacy ("identified pending applications"). Steps 1 and 2 of the process set forth in that June 2013 memorandum instruct Exempt Organizations Determinations to refer identified pending applications to Exempt Organizations Technical for technical assistance. The purpose of this Amendment is to instruct Exempt Organizations Determinations to formally transfer those identified pending applications to Exempt Organization Technical rather than referring them for technical assistance. This change renders unnecessary the formal transfer described in Step 3 of the June 2013 memorandum.

Those identified pending applications raising inurement concerns (described in Step 1) have already been formally transferred to Exempt Organizations Technical in the Exempt Organizations Determination System (EDS) and the TE/GE Rulings & Agreements Control System (TRAC). As for the remaining identified pending applications (those that have been mailed a letter offering the optional expedited process), the case files for these pending applications have been sent to Exempt Organizations Technical and their case status updated in the TRAC system to status 12 (assistance within EO/EP) but the applications are still formally assigned to Exempt Organizations Determinations. The EDS and TRAC codes are being changed to reflect a formal transfer to Exempt Organizations Technical and all of the codes for all identified pending applications should reflect a formal transfer as of July 18, 2013. The EDS status code should be updated to status 52 (open inventory) and the specialist code changed to show that the case has been assigned to a Tax Law Specialist in EO

Technical. Additionally, the TRAC codes should be changed from work code status 12 (assistance w/in EP/EO) to work code status 01e (initial applications).

Because all identified pending applications have been formally transferred to Exempt Organizations Technical, the favorable determination letters described in Step 2 will be issued by Exempt Organizations Technical rather than Exempt Organizations Determinations.

Exempt Organizations Determinations and Exempt Organizations Technical must follow this Amendment for the identified pending applications beginning July 18, 2013. Any questions are to be directed to Karen Schiller, Director, Rulings and Agreements, Exempt Organizations, TE/GE.

The content of this memorandum will be incorporated in IRM 7.20.2.

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