

IRS**News Release****Media Relations Office****Washington, D.C.****Tel. 202.622.4000****For Release: 10/2/01****Release No: IR-2001-91****NEW TAX-EXEMPT ORGANIZATIONS NOW LISTED ON THE IRS WEB SITE**

WASHINGTON – The Internal Revenue Service announced today that new tax-exempt charitable organizations formed to help victims of the September 11 terrorist attacks are now posted on the IRS web site.

The IRS reviewed and granted tax-exempt status to these organizations under the special expedited procedure the agency announced on September 18 in the wake of the attacks. Currently, the list contains 22 new organizations and will be updated regularly as other disaster-related organizations are recognized as tax exempt. It is an addendum to the complete listing of tax-exempt organizations the IRS provides to the public.

The new list can be found at http://www.irs.gov/bus_info/eo/sep11.html.

“I am gratified we were able to provide the public this service so quickly,” said IRS Commissioner Charles O. Rossotti. “The people and the organizations working so hard at this difficult time to help the attack victims and their families deserve timely and accurate information from the IRS. We will continue to ensure they receive it.”

Under the expedited procedure, new organizations can apply for tax-exempt status by filing IRS Form 1023 and writing “Disaster Relief, Sept. 11, 2001” at the top of the form. The IRS gives such applications immediate attention. On average, applications were reviewed and received notice of tax-exempt status within less than one week of receipt. Routinely, applications that do not present difficult issues are usually processed in slightly more than a month.

The special addendum announced today supplements IRS Publication 78, a cumulative list of charitable organizations that are qualified to receive tax-deductible contributions. A searchable electronic version of this list is available on the IRS Web site at http://www.irs.gov/bus_info/eo/eosearch.html.

Those seeking more information about applying for tax-exempt status can call the IRS toll-free phone number for exempt organizations determinations, 1-877-829-5500.

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