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IRS Seeks Nominations for Internal Revenue Service Advisory Council

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WASHINGTON — The Internal Revenue Service is requesting nominations for the Internal Revenue Service Advisory Council (IRSAC). Applications will be accepted from June 1 through July 31, 2006.

IRSAC's primary purpose is to provide an organized public forum for IRS officials and representatives of the public to discuss relevant tax administration issues. The group suggests operational improvements, offers constructive observations about IRS' current or proposed policies, programs and procedures, and advises the IRS on particular issues having substantive impact on federal tax administration.

The IRSAC is comprised of individuals from diverse backgrounds, all of whom bring a wide breadth of experience to IRSAC's activities. Members are accountants, tax attorneys, enrolled agents, tax return preparers, academics and tax business owners. Ideal nominees also possess strong leadership and writing skills.

The first advisory group to the Commissioner of Internal Revenue — the Commissioner's Advisory Group (CAG) — was established in 1953 by former Commissioner T. Coleman Andrews as a national policy and issue advisory committee. The CAG was renamed in 1998 to IRSAC to more accurately reflect the agency-wide scope of its focus as an advisory body to the entire agency.

IRSAC is comprised of up to 23 members, who are appointed to three-year terms by the Commissioner. Each year approximately one-third of the membership terms expire. Nominations are currently being accepted for appointments that begin in January 2007.

Interested parties may nominate themselves or another qualified person for membership. All nominees must complete an application and federal tax check waiver form. In addition, FBI background checks using fingerprints and, if applicable, practitioner checks are required of all nominees.

More information, including application packages, is available on the Tax Professional's Page on irs.gov. Questions about the nomination process can be sent to the following e-mail address: [*public_liaison@irs.gov](mailto:public_liaison@irs.gov).