

## Part IV. Items of General Interest

### Request for Public Comments Regarding Exempt Organizations Division Web Site

#### Announcement 2009–25

##### Purpose

This Announcement invites public comments on how to improve the Internal Revenue Service's Exempt Organizations Division Web site ([www.irs.gov/eo](http://www.irs.gov/eo)).

##### Background

The Customer Education and Outreach (CE&O) function of the Exempt Organizations Division (EO), Internal Revenue Service (IRS), is responsible for managing the EO Web site ([www.irs.gov/eo](http://www.irs.gov/eo)). CE&O has found that, as the site has grown, displaying information in a logical and easy-to-use format has become challenging.

In an effort to improve the Web site, the IRS is seeking comments from the public in two specific areas:

- Reorganizing existing information to make it easier to find.
- Adding content that serve the needs of tax-exempt organizations.

The public should consider the following questions when making comments:

- How do you access the [irs.gov](http://irs.gov) web site?
  - Type in [irs.gov](http://irs.gov) as the URL
  - Via a search engine (Google, Yahoo, etc.)
  - Through a bookmark, favorites, or history view to reach a specific page
  - Do you have another preferred site entry page? If so, what is it?
- How do you find material on the site?
  - Do you use the [irs.gov](http://irs.gov) search engine?
  - Do you go directly to the Charities and Non-Profits page to browse?
  - Do you use the **Frequently Asked Questions for Exempt Organizations**?
  - Do you use any of our **Life Cycle** pages?

- Do you use the **More Topics** page?
- Do you use the **Charities & Non-Profits Topics** listed on the navigation bar at the left side of the page? If not, are there other topics that should be substituted?
- What types of audience or role would be the most helpful to you for organizing information?
  - Level of sophistication (*i.e.*, new organizations and established organizations)
  - Practitioners
  - Managers and executives
  - Types of tax-exempt organizations
- What do you come to the [irs.gov](http://irs.gov) website to do?
  - Find general information on staying tax-exempt
  - Find a specific publication or brochure
  - Find step-by-step filing instructions
- What topics or type of content should be available to suit your needs?
- Do you subscribe to the *EO Update* electronic newsletter? If not, why? If so:
  - How did you learn about it?
  - How can we expand our readership?
  - What other content should be included?

##### Request for Comments

Members of the public may submit comments by electronic message, by mail, or by hand delivery. All comments should refer to Announcement 2009–25, and may be mailed to:

Internal Revenue Service  
Attn: Amelia Henchey  
CE&O, T:EO:CEO (3B6)  
1111 Constitution Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20224

Hand-delivered items may be delivered Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. to:

Courier's Desk  
Internal Revenue Service  
1111 Constitution Ave., N.W.  
Washington, DC 20224  
Attn: Amelia Henchey  
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Comments may be submitted electronically to:

[EO.Web.Comments@irs.gov](mailto:EO.Web.Comments@irs.gov). Please include Announcement 2009–25 in the subject line of any electronic communications.

All comments will be available for public inspection and copying in their entirety. Consideration will be given to any written public comments that are received by May 25, 2009. EO regrets that it will be unable to respond individually to comments or drafts.

##### Drafting Information

The principal author of this announcement is Amelia Henchey of Exempt Organizations. For further information regarding this announcement, contact Amelia Henchey at 202–283–8856 (not a toll-free call).

### Request for Public Comments on New Academic Institution Initiative

#### Announcement 2009–26

The Customer Education and Outreach (CE&O) function of the Exempt Organizations division of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) was established in 2000 to develop the strategic direction of the nationwide education and outreach programs for exempt organizations. Specifically, this office develops and delivers programs and products designed to assist exempt organizations to better understand their tax responsibilities that are required by the Internal Revenue Code.

Many academic institutions offer degree programs that develop, cultivate, and promote professionals who shape the exempt organization sector. The student populations of these academic institutions may one day be the leaders and managers of the exempt organizations that makeup the non-profit sector. Hence, CE&O believes that

the students of these academic institutions are an important audience to reach with education and outreach programs.

Therefore, CE&O is in the process of developing a new academic program initiative that will reach out directly to academic institutions that offer degrees related to the non-profit sector. Through the use of our existing tools and the possible development of additional resources, CE&O proposes to collaborate with these institutions to promote the education of exempt organization tax law.

The IRS invites comments and suggestions for the implementation and content of the proposed initiative. First, the IRS is requesting general responses to this initiative. Second, the IRS is seeking individuals and/or institution volunteers willing to provide more extensive input into and feedback on the proposed initiative. While the IRS might not be able to accommodate all volunteers, it will take steps to ensure that a diverse range of viewpoints are represented.

The IRS invites interested members of the public to submit written suggestions to help shape this initiative. All submissions will be available for public inspection and copying in their entirety. Members of the public may submit suggestions or drafts by email, mail, or hand-delivery. All comments should refer to Announcement 2009-26, and may be mailed to:

Internal Revenue Service  
Attn: Pilar Oberwetter  
CE&O, T:EO:CEO (3D1)  
1111 Constitution Avenue  
Washington, DC 20224

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Comments may be submitted electronically to: [academic.initiative@irs.gov](mailto:academic.initiative@irs.gov). Please include Announcement 2009-26 in the subject line of any electronic communications.

Exempt Organizations regrets that it will be unable to respond individually

to suggestions or drafts. All comments should be received by June 6, 2009.

#### DRAFTING INFORMATION

The principal author of this announcement is Pilar Oberwetter of Exempt Organizations. For further information regarding this announcement, contact Pilar Oberwetter at (202) 283-8946 (not a toll-free call).

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### **Deletions From Cumulative List of Organizations to Which are Deductible Under Section 170 of the Code**

#### **Announcement 2009-27**

The Internal Revenue Service has revoked its determination that the organizations listed below qualify as organizations described in sections 501(c)(3) and 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

Generally, the Service will not disallow deductions for contributions made to a listed organization on or before the date of announcement in the Internal Revenue Bulletin that an organization no longer qualifies. However, the Service is not precluded from disallowing a deduction for any contributions made after an organization ceases to qualify under section 170(c)(2) if the organization has not timely filed a suit for declaratory judgment under section 7428 and if the contributor (1) had knowledge of the revocation of the ruling or determination letter, (2) was aware that such revocation was imminent, or (3) was in part responsible for or was aware of the activities or omissions of the organization that brought about this revocation.

If on the other hand a suit for declaratory judgment has been timely filed, contributions from individuals and organizations described in section 170(c)(2) that are otherwise allowable will continue to be deductible. Protection under section 7428(c) would begin on April 6, 2009, and would end on the date the court first determines that the organization is not described in section 170(c)(2) as more particularly set forth in section 7428(c)(1). For individual contributors, the maximum deduction protected is \$1,000, with a husband

and wife treated as one contributor. This benefit is not extended to any individual, in whole or in part, for the acts or omissions of the organization that were the basis for revocation.

Rocky Mountain Big Horn Sheep Foundation  
Red River, MN  
Skippers Learning Center  
Lake City, SC  
Reliable Cash Management Association  
Buffalo Grove, IL  
Pecan Park Learning Center  
Jackson, MS  
Brucker Charitable Foundation  
Mountain Home, TX  
N. U. Yoga Ashrama in America  
Winter, WI  
Housing Development Group  
Denver, CO  
National Business Fellowship Foundation  
Raeford, NC  
GIK Foundation  
Bellevue, WA  
Debt Free Foundation, Inc.  
Provo, UT  
Urban Light Community Development  
Houston, TX  
Sweet Life Program  
Las Vegas, NV  
Ladoras Family Services Inc  
Compton, CA  
Robert and Donna Herbolich Charitable Supporting  
Hudson, OH  
Three Point Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.  
Williamsburg, KY  
Advance Practice Foundation, Inc.  
Basking Ridge, NJ  
Goodwill Industries of Greater Cleveland, Inc.  
Cleveland, OH  
World Project Inc.  
Temecula, CA  
Sandton Lifestyles  
Los Angeles, CA  
Dunn-Mason Foundation  
Farmington Hills, MI  
Walter E & Romell A King Foundation  
Gary, IN

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