

Part IV -- Items of General Interest

Extension of Comment Period on White Paper on Future of Employee Plans Determination Letter Program

Announcement 2002-36

The Service is extending the comment period on its white paper on the long-term future of the Employee Plans (EP) determination letter program.

In Announcement 2001-83, 2001-35 I.R.B. 205, the Service invited the public to participate in a dialogue on the future of the EP determination letter program by submitting comments on a white paper that it had published on the Internet in August 2001. The white paper is entitled *The Future of the Employee Plans Determination Letter Program: Some Possible Options* and it may be downloaded from the Internet at the following site: <http://www.irs.gov/ep>. Announcement 2001-83 asked for written comments on the white paper to be submitted by March 31, 2002.

In order to provide an opportunity to those who wish to comment but are unable to do so by March 31, 2002, the Service is extending the comment period under Announcement 2001-83 to July 1, 2002. Commentators are also asked to comment on whether the Service should hold a series of nationwide town meetings to permit furtherance of dialogue on the future of the EP determination letter program. Comments should be submitted in duplicate and reference Announcement 2001-83. Comments should be sent to the following address:

CC:M&SP:RU (Announcement 2001-83), room 5626
Internal Revenue Service
POB 7604, Ben Franklin Station
Washington, DC 20044

Alternatively, comments may be hand delivered between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. to:

CC:M&SP:RU (Announcement 2001-83)
Courier's Desk
Internal Revenue Service
1111 Constitution Avenue NW
Washington, DC

All written comments will be open to public inspection.

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