

THE NATURE FOUNDATION OF WILL COUNTY
GIFT ACCEPTANCE POLICIES AND GUIDELINES

The Nature Foundation of Will County (Foundation), a not for profit organization organized under the laws of the State of Illinois, encourages the solicitation and acceptance of gifts to The Nature Foundation of Will County for purposes that will help the Foundation to further and fulfill its mission. The following policies and guidelines govern the acceptance of gifts made to the Foundation or for the benefit of any of its programs.

The Foundation is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization that was formed in 2010. The purpose of the Foundation is to support the Forest Preserve District of Will County's (District) public service functions by raising and administering funds to benefit the District. Fundraising programs and projects undertaken by the Foundation are to be consistent with the mission, statutory purpose and strategic or operational plans of the District.

The Foundation's mission is to create a legacy of giving that supports and celebrates the preservation, conservation, educational and recreational priorities of the District in perpetuity.

I. PURPOSE OF POLICY AND GUIDELINES

The Foundation's Board of Directors solicits current and deferred gifts from individuals, corporations, organizations, and foundations to secure the future growth and achieve its mission. These policies and guidelines govern the acceptance of gifts by the Foundation and provide guidance to prospective donors and their advisors when making gifts. The provisions in these policies shall apply to all gifts received by the Foundation for any of its programs or services.

II. USE OF LEGAL COUNSEL

The Foundation shall seek the advice of legal counsel in matters relating to acceptance of gifts when appropriate. Review by counsel is recommended for:

- a. Closely held stock transfers that are subject to restrictions or buy-sell agreements.
- b. Documents naming the Foundation as Trustee.
- c. Gifts involving contracts, such as bargain sales or other documents requiring the Foundation to assume an obligation.
- d. Transactions with potential conflict of interest that may involve IRS sanctions.
- e. Other instances in which use of counsel is deemed appropriate by the Fundraising and Projects Committee, the Finance Committee, and/or the Board.

III. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The Foundation will urge all prospective donors to seek the assistance of personal legal and financial advisors in matters relating to their gifts and the resulting tax and estate planning consequences. The Foundation will comply with the Model Standards of Practice for the

All agreements with donors and all information concerning donors and prospective donors shall be held in strict confidence by the Foundation, subject to legally authorized and enforceable requests for information by governing agencies and courts. All other requests for releases of information concerning a donor will be honored or allowed if permission is obtained from the donor prior to the release of such information.

IX. TYPES OF GIFTS

Gifts to the Foundation may take a variety of forms. Many are outright gifts by living donors whether on a one-time or periodic basis. Others are bequests and testamentary gifts that take effect upon the donor's death. Some are other forms of deferred or split-interest gifts.

A. The following gifts are acceptable:

1. Cash
2. Tangible Personal Property
3. Securities
4. Real Estate
5. Remainder Interests in Property
6. Oil, Gas, and Mineral Interests
7. Bargain Sales
8. Life Insurance
9. Charitable Gift Annuities
10. Charitable Remainder Trusts
11. Charitable Lead Trusts
12. Retirement Plan Beneficiary Designations
13. Bequests
14. Life Insurance Beneficiary Designations

B. The following criteria govern the acceptance of each gift form:

1. **Cash**: Cash is acceptable in any form. Checks shall be made payable to the Foundation and shall be delivered to 17540 W. Laraway Road, Joliet, Illinois 60433 in the Foundation's administrative offices. At no time shall a check be made payable to an individual who represents the Foundation.
2. **Tangible Personal Property**: All other gifts of tangible personal property shall be examined in light of the following criteria:
 - i. Does the property fulfill the mission of the Foundation?
 - ii. Is the property marketable?
 - iii. Are there any undue restrictions on the use, display, or sale of the property?
 - iv. Are there any carrying costs for the property?

problem, the Foundation shall retain a qualified inspection firm to conduct an environmental audit. The cost of the environmental audit shall generally be an expense of the donor. In the event that the Foundation intends to convey the property to the District, the District will engage in its own environmental review process. Any costs associated with this process shall generally be at the expense of the donor.

When appropriate, a title search shall be obtained by the Foundation prior to the acceptance of the real property gift. The cost of the title search shall generally be an expense of the donor.

Prior to acceptance of real property, the gift shall be approved by the Fundraising and Projects Committee, the Finance Committee, and by the Foundation's legal counsel. Criteria for acceptance of property shall include:

- Is the property useful for the purposes of the Foundation?
- Is the property marketable?
- Are there any restrictions, reservations, easements, or other limitations associated with the property?
- Are there carrying costs, which may include insurance, property taxes, mortgages, or notes, etc., associated with the property?
- Does the environmental audit reflect that the property is not damaged?

5. **Remainder Interests in Property:** The Foundation will accept a remainder interest in a personal residence, farm, or vacation property subject to the provisions of paragraph 4 above. The donor or other occupants may continue to occupy the real property for the duration of the stated life. At the death of the donor, the Foundation may use the property or reduce it to cash. Where the Foundation receives a gift of a remainder interest, expenses for maintenance, real estate taxes, and any property indebtedness are to be paid by the donor or primary beneficiary. As a remainder interest owner, the Foundation shall not be responsible for any cost or expense associated with the property.

6. **Oil, Gas, and Mineral Interests:** The Foundation may accept oil and gas property interests, when appropriate. Prior to acceptance of an oil and gas interest the gift shall be approved by the Board of Directors and by legal counsel. Criteria for acceptable of the property shall include:

- i. Gifts of surface rights should have a value of \$20,000 or greater.
- ii. Gifts of oil, gas and mineral interests should generate at least \$3,000 per year in royalties or other income (as determined by the average of three years prior to the gift).
- iii. The property should not have extended liabilities or other considerations that make receipt of the gift in appropriate.

their lifetime. The individual who receives payments is called an "annuitant" or "beneficiary." The payments are fixed and unchanged for the term of the contract. A portion of the payments are considered to be a partial tax-free return of the donor's gift, which are spread in equal payments over the life expectancy of the annuitant(s). The contributed property (the gift), given irrevocably, becomes a part of the charity's assets, and the payments are a general obligation of the charity. The annuity is backed by the charity's entire assets, not just by the property contributed. Annuity payments continue for the life/lives of the annuitant(s) no matter what the investment experience of the gift annuity fund.

The Foundation may offer charitable gift annuities. The minimum gift for funding is \$5,000. The Board of Directors may make exceptions to this minimum. The minimum age for life income beneficiaries of a gift annuity shall be 55. Where a deferred annuity is offered, the minimum age for life income beneficiaries shall be 45. No more than two life income beneficiaries will be permitted for any gift annuity. Annuity payments may be made on a quarterly, semi-annual, or annual schedule. The Board of Directors may approve exceptions to this payment schedule.

The Foundation will not accept real estate, tangible personal property, or any other illiquid asset in exchange for current charitable gift annuities. The Foundation may accept real estate, tangible personal property, or other illiquid assets in exchange for deferred gift annuities so long as there is at least a 5 year period before the commencement of the annuity payment date, the value of property is reasonably certain, and the Board of Directors approves the arrangement.

Funds contributed in exchange for a gift annuity shall be set aside and invested during the term of the annuity payments. Once those payments have terminated, the funds representing the remaining principal contributed in exchange for the gift annuity shall be transferred to the Foundation general endowment funds, or to such specific fund as designated by the donor.

10. **Charitable Remainder Trusts:** The Foundation may accept designation as remainder beneficiary of a charitable remainder trust with the approval of the Board of Director. The Board of Directors will not accept an appointment of Trustee of a charitable remainder trust.
11. **Charitable Lead Trusts:** The Foundation may accept a designation as income beneficiary of a charitable lead trust. The Board of Directors will not accept an appointment of Trustee of a charitable lead trust.
12. **Retirement Plan Beneficiary Designations:** Donors and supporters of the Foundation will be encouraged to name the Foundation as beneficiary of the retirement plans. Such designations will not be recorded as gifts to the Foundation until such time as the gift is irrevocable. When the gift is irrevocable,

Acknowledgement of all gifts made to the Foundation and compliance with the current IRS requirements and acknowledgement of such gifts shall be the responsibility of the Board of Directors of the Foundation. IRS Publication 561 *“Determining the Value of Donated Property”* included in the appendix.

XI. CHANGES TO GIFT ACCEPTANCE POLICY

This policy has been reviewed and accepted by the Board of Directors of The Nature Foundation of Will County. The Board of Directors must approve any changes to or deviations from these policies.

Approved on the 20th day of May, 2015.

Amended on the 22nd day of January, 2019

APPENDIX*

1. Model Standards of Practice of the Charitable Gift Planner
2. A Donor Bill of Rights
3. District Property and Facility Naming Policy, Resolution #08-57 and 2008 Administrative Procedures
4. Environmental Interview Form
5. IRS Publication 561 Determining the Value of Donated Property

MODEL STANDARDS OF PRACTICE

For the Charitable Gift Planner



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION of
Charitable Gift Planners

©National Association of Charitable Gift Planners 2017. All rights reserved.

VI. CONSULTATION WITH INDEPENDENT ADVISORS

A Gift Planner acting on behalf of a charity shall in all cases strongly encourage the donor to discuss the proposed gift with competent independent legal and tax advisors of the donor's choice.

VII. CONSULTATION WITH CHARITIES

Although Gift Planners frequently and properly counsel donors concerning specific charitable gifts without the prior knowledge or approval of the donee organization, the Gift Planners, in order to insure that the gift will accomplish the donor's objectives, should encourage the donor, early in the gift planning process, to discuss the proposed gift with the charity to whom the gift is to be made. In cases where the donor desires anonymity, the Gift Planners shall endeavor, on behalf of the undisclosed donor, to obtain the charity's input in the gift planning process.

VIII. DESCRIPTION AND REPRESENTATION OF GIFT

The Gift Planner shall make every effort to assure that the donor receives a full description and an accurate representation of all aspects of any proposed charitable gift plan. The consequences for the charity, the donor and, where applicable, the donor's family, should be apparent, and the assumptions underlying any financial illustrations should be realistic.

IX. FULL COMPLIANCE

A Gift Planner shall fully comply with and shall encourage other parties in the gift planning process to fully comply with both the letter and spirit of all applicable federal and state laws and regulations.

X. PUBLIC TRUST

Gift Planners shall, in all dealings with donors, institutions and other professionals, act with fairness, honesty, integrity and openness. Except for compensation received for services, the terms of which have been disclosed to the donor, they shall have no vested interest that could result in personal gain. Adopted and subscribed to by the National Committee on Planned Giving and the American Council on Gift Annuities, May 7, 1991. Revised April 1999.

A DONOR BILL OF RIGHTS

DEVELOPED BY:



Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP)



Association for Healthcare Philanthropy (AHP)



Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE)



Giving Institute: Leading Consultants to Non-Profits

PHILANTHROPY is based on voluntary action for the common good. It is a tradition of giving and sharing that is primary to the quality of life. To assure that philanthropy merits the respect and trust of the general public, and that donors and prospective donors can have full confidence in the not-for-profit organizations and causes they are asked to support, we declare that all donors have these rights:

I

To be informed of the organization's mission, of the way the organization intends to use donated resources, and of its capacity to use donations effectively for their intended purposes.

II

To be informed of the identity of those serving on the organization's governing board, and to expect the board to exercise prudent judgment in its stewardship responsibilities.

III

To have access to the organization's most recent financial statements.

IV

To be assured their gifts will be used for the purposes for which they were given.

V

To receive appropriate acknowledgement and recognition.

VI

To be assured that information about their donations is handled with respect and with confidentiality to the extent provided by law.

VII

To expect that all relationships with individuals representing organizations of interest to the donor will be professional in nature.

VIII

To be informed whether those seeking donations are volunteers, employees of the organization or hired solicitors.

IX

To have the opportunity for their names to be deleted from mailing lists that an organization may intend to share.

X

To feel free to ask questions when making a donation and to receive prompt, truthful and forthright answers.

**RESOLUTION UPDATING THE PROPERTY AND FACILITY NAMING
POLICY OF THE FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF WILL COUNTY**

WHEREAS, from time to time the Forest Preserve District of Will County (District) has deemed it appropriate and necessary to develop or update specific statements of policy; and

WHEREAS, such policies are intended to direct the operations and management of the District; and

WHEREAS, the District has determined that such an updated policy is appropriate and necessary regarding the naming of properties and/or facilities owned, leased, and managed by the District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Will County, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION I. That the Forest Preserve District of Will County shall name properties and facilities in accordance with guidelines and criteria outlined in the Executive Director's Administrative Procedures.

SECTION II. That approval of any and all names which are consistent with the Administrative Procedures shall be made by the Board of Commissioners after review and recommendation by the Operations Committee of the Forest Preserve District of Will County.

SECTION III. That consideration by the Board of Commissioners and Operations Committee shall be made as part of: a Forest Preserve or Greenway Master Plan approval; an annual evaluation and recommendations made by the Executive Director; as part of a letter of intent to donate or a bargain land sale contract; or in response to a specific written request received by the President or Executive Director of the Forest Preserve District of Will County.

SECTION IV. That names already approved by the Board shall require a two-thirds vote of the Board (18) to rename.

SECTION V. That this policy shall be in effect immediately upon passage of this Resolution and replace the previous policy (Resolution #03-17).

District Property and Facility Naming Policy 2008 Administrative Procedures

Updated September 2008



Forest Preserve District
OF WILL COUNTY

Bringing People and Nature Together

Planning and Development Department
Forest Preserve District of Will County

ENVIRONMENTAL INTERVIEW FORM

This interview is designed for use with current and/or prior owners or managers of the property.

| | |
|--|--|
| Date of Interview | |
| Interviewer | |
| Relation to Property | |
| PIN | |
| Legal Description | |
| Taxes | |
| Current Use | |
| Buildings/Age of Buildings | |
| Type of Property or Zoning | <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Residential <input type="checkbox"/> Timber <input type="checkbox"/> Manufacturing <input type="checkbox"/> Undeveloped Land <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| How long have they owned the property and who was the previous owner? How long have they owned the property? | |
| Indicate prior uses of the property. | |
| If agricultural use, was bio-sludge ever allowed? | |
| Are there any known old dumps, especially farm refuse? | |
| For each use, has an environmental license or permit ever been issued? | |
| Are you aware of any environmentally sensitive situations on the property? If so, describe. | |
| Have there been any complaints or citations or actions through IEPA or Will County Land Use for dumping/clean up? If so, describe. | |
| Are there any oil, fuel or chemical storage tanks on the property located above or below ground? | |
| Has an environmental assessment been previously conducted? If yes, provide a copy of the report. | |

PROPERTY INSPECTION CHECKLIST
CURRENT ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS

| | |
|---|--|
| Name of Inspector | |
| Date of Inspection | |
| Owner of Property | |
| Location of Property | |
| Estimated Size | |
| Current Use | |
| Number of Years the current use has been in effect | |
| Brief history of property use (list past use and former tenants and sources of information) | |

ENVIRONMENTAL SITE INSPECTION CHECKLIST

I. An on-site inspection revealed the following:

| | Yes | No |
|---|-----|----|
| Stressed or denuded vegetation or unusual barren areas | | |
| Discoloration, oil sheens or foul/unusual odors in water | | |
| Dump site | | |
| Tire/battery/chemical storage or disposal | | |
| Storage drums | | |
| Above or below ground storage tanks, vent or filler pipes | | |
| Evidence of petroleum or oil products | | |
| Evidence of PCBs (electrical transformers, capacitors) | | |
| Subject or adjoining property used for industrial purposes | | |
| Existing Structures | | |
| <i>Evidence of chemical spills/leaks. If yes, describe.</i> | | |
| <i>Evidence of asbestos. If yes, describe.</i> | | |
| <i>Any source of air emission. If yes, describe.</i> | | |
| Does property appear on National/State Hazardous Site list? | | |
| Does property appear on State list as a dump? | | |
| Does property appear on State list for underground storage tanks? | | |

EVALUATION OF KNOWN ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS

Check the appropriate response to each statement based on all sources of information, including the Environmental Site Inspection Checklist.

| | Yes | No |
|--|------------|-----------|
| This property (or adjacent property) appears on federal, state or other environmental agency list of sites identified for environmental investigation or cleanup. | | |
| This property is developed and used for an industrial or manufacturing purpose. | | |
| This property is undeveloped land used for landfill or waste dump purpose. | | |
| The prior, current or proposed use of this property involves the generation, storage, treatment or disposal of any potentially hazardous materials, oil/petroleum products or other substances regulated by environmental laws and agencies. Specify: | | |
| Activities on adjacent properties may have contributed to the environmental contamination of the subject property. | | |
| This property is near a flood plain, wetland or ecologically sensitive area. | | |
| The Environmental Site Inspection revealed evidence of possible environmental contamination. | | |
| The donor has revealed potential sources or causes of environmental contamination. | | |
| This property is used for agricultural purposes. | | |

- () Based on the evaluation of known environmental factors, there is no evidence of possible environmental contamination on this or neighboring properties and no further action is recommended.

- () Based on the evaluation of known environmental factors, there is evidence of possible environmental contamination on this or neighboring properties and further investigation is recommended.

Recommendations: _____

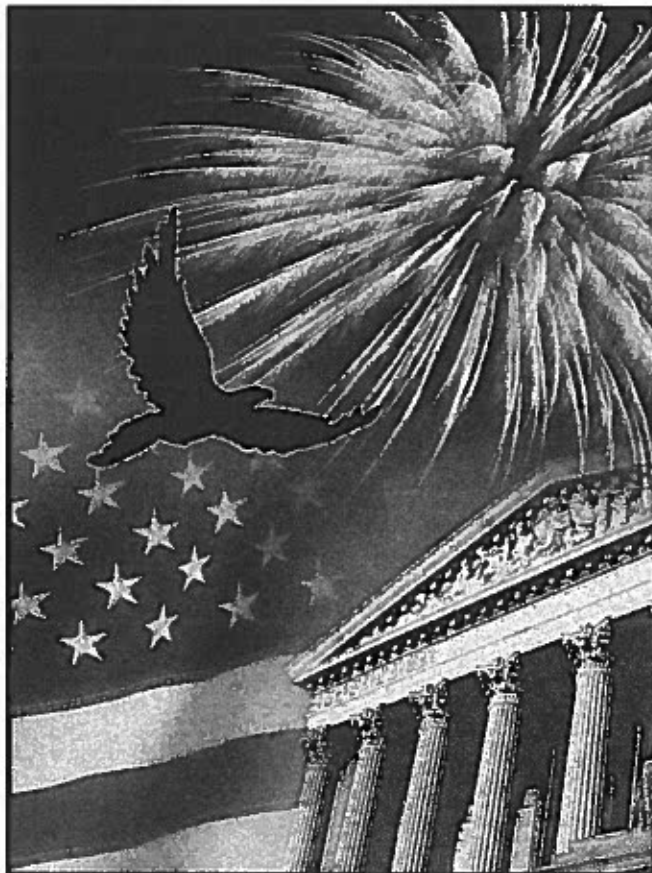


Department
of the
Treasury

Internal
Revenue
Service

Publication 561
(Rev. April 2007)
Cat. No. 15109Q

Determining the Value of Donated Property



**Get forms and other information
faster and easier by:**

Internet • www.irs.gov

Contents

| | |
|---|----|
| Introduction | 1 |
| What Is Fair Market Value (FMV)? | 2 |
| Determining Fair Market Value | 2 |
| Problems in Determining Fair Market Value | 3 |
| Valuation of Various Kinds of Property | 4 |
| Household Goods | 4 |
| Used Clothing | 4 |
| Jewelry and Gems | 4 |
| Paintings, Antiques, and Other Objects of Art | 4 |
| Collections | 5 |
| Cars, Boats, and Aircraft | 5 |
| Inventory | 5 |
| Patents | 5 |
| Stocks and Bonds | 5 |
| Real Estate | 6 |
| Interest in a Business | 7 |
| Annuities, Interests for Life or Terms of Years, Remainders, and Reversions | 7 |
| Certain Life Insurance and Annuity Contracts | 7 |
| Partial Interest in Property Not in Trust | 7 |
| Appraisals | 8 |
| Deductions of More Than \$5,000 | 9 |
| Deductions of More Than \$500,000 | 9 |
| Qualified Appraisal | 9 |
| Form 8283 | 11 |
| Internal Revenue Service Review of Appraisals | 11 |
| Penalty | 11 |
| How To Get Tax Help | 12 |
| Index | 14 |

Introduction

This publication is designed to help donors and appraisers determine the value of property (other than cash) that is given to qualified organizations. It also explains what kind of information you must have to support the charitable contribution deduction you claim on your return.

This publication does not discuss how to figure the amount of your deduction for charitable contributions or written records and substantiation required. See Publication 526, Charitable Contributions, for this information.

Comments and suggestions. We welcome your comments about this publication and your suggestions for future editions.

You can write to us at the following address:

Internal Revenue Service
Individual Forms and Publications Branch
SE:W:CAR:MP:T:I
1111 Constitution Ave. NW, IR-6406
Washington, DC 20224

Table 1. Factors That Affect FMV

| IF the factor you are considering is... | THEN you should ask these questions... |
|---|--|
| cost or selling price | Was the purchase or sale of the property reasonably close to the date of contribution? Was any increase or decrease in value, as compared to your cost, at a reasonable rate? Do the terms of purchase or sale limit what can be done with the property? Was there an arm's-length offer to buy the property close to the valuation date? |
| sales of comparable properties | How similar is the property sold to the property donated? How close is the date of sale to the valuation date? Was the sale at arm's-length? What was the condition of the market at the time of sale? |
| replacement cost | What would it cost to replace the donated property? Is there a reasonable relationship between replacement cost and FMV? Is the supply of the donated property more or less than the demand for it? |
| opinions of experts | Is the expert knowledgeable and competent? Is the opinion thorough and supported by facts and experience? |

Arm's-length offer. An arm's-length offer to buy the property close to the valuation date may help to prove its value if the person making the offer was willing and able to complete the transaction. To rely on an offer, you should be able to show proof of the offer and the specific amount to be paid. Offers to buy property other than the donated item will help to determine value if the other property is reasonably similar to the donated property.

Sales of Comparable Properties

The sales prices of properties similar to the donated property are often important in determining the FMV. The weight to be given to each sale depends on the following.

- The degree of similarity between the property sold and the donated property.
- The time of the sale—whether it was close to the valuation date.
- The circumstances of the sale—whether it was at arm's-length with a knowledgeable buyer and seller, with neither having to act.
- The conditions of the market in which the sale was made—whether unusually inflated or deflated.

The comparable sales method of valuing real estate is explained later under *Valuation of Various Kinds of Property*.

Example 1. Mary Black, who is not a book dealer, paid a promoter \$10,000 for 500 copies of a single edition of a modern translation of the Bible. The promoter had claimed that the price was considerably less than the "retail" price, and gave her a statement that the books had a total retail value of \$30,000. The promoter advised

her that if she kept the Bibles for more than 1 year and then gave them to a qualified organization, she could claim a charitable deduction for the "retail" price of \$30,000. Thirteen months later she gave all the Bibles to a church that she selected from a list provided by the promoter. At the time of her donation, wholesale dealers were selling similar quantities of Bibles to the general public for \$10,000.

The FMV of the Bibles is \$10,000, the price at which similar quantities of Bibles were being sold to others at the time of the contribution.

Example 2. The facts are the same as in Example 1, except that the promoter gave Mary Black a second option. The promoter said that if Mary wanted a charitable deduction within 1 year of the purchase, she could buy the 500 Bibles at the "retail" price of \$30,000, paying only \$10,000 in cash and giving a promissory note for the remaining \$20,000. The principal and interest on the note would not be due for 12 years. According to the promoter, Mary could then, within 1 year of the purchase, give the Bibles to a qualified organization and claim the full \$30,000 retail price as a charitable contribution. She purchased the Bibles under the second option and, 3 months later, gave them to a church, which will use the books for church purposes.

At the time of the gift, the promoter was selling similar lots of Bibles for either \$10,000 or \$30,000. The difference between the two prices was solely at the discretion of the buyer. The promoter was a willing seller for \$10,000. Therefore, the value of Mary's contribution of the Bibles is \$10,000, the amount at which similar lots of Bibles could be purchased from the promoter by members of the general public.

Replacement Cost

The cost of buying, building, or manufacturing property similar to the donated item should be considered in determining FMV. However, there must be a reasonable relationship between the replacement cost and the FMV.

The replacement cost is the amount it would cost to replace the donated item on the valuation date. Often there is no relationship between the replacement cost and the FMV. If the supply of the donated property is more or less than the demand for it, the replacement cost becomes less important.

To determine the replacement cost of the donated property, find the "estimated replacement cost new." Then subtract from this figure an amount for depreciation due to the physical condition and obsolescence of the donated property. You should be able to show the relationship between the depreciated replacement cost and the FMV, as well as how you arrived at the "estimated replacement cost new."

Opinions of Experts

Generally, the weight given to an expert's opinion on matters such as the authenticity of a coin or a work of art, or the most profitable and best use of a piece of real estate, depends on the knowledge and competence of the expert and the thoroughness with which the opinion is supported by experience and facts. For an expert's opinion to deserve much weight, the facts must support the opinion. For additional information, see *Appraisals*, later.

Problems in Determining Fair Market Value

There are a number of problems in determining the FMV of donated property.

Unusual Market Conditions

The sale price of the property itself in an arm's-length transaction in an open market is often the best evidence of its value. When you rely on sales of comparable property, the sales must have been made in an open market. If those sales were made in a market that was artificially supported or stimulated so as not to be truly representative, the prices at which the sales were made will not indicate the FMV.

For example, liquidation sale prices usually do not indicate the FMV. Also, sales of stock under unusual circumstances, such as sales of small lots, forced sales, and sales in a restricted market, may not represent the FMV.

Selection of Comparable Sales

Using sales of comparable property is an important method for determining the FMV of donated property. However, the amount of weight given to a sale depends on the degree of similarity between the comparable and the donated properties. The degree of similarity must be close enough so that this selling price would

specialized art and antique dealers, auctioneers, and art appraisers. You may be able to find a qualified appraiser on the Internet. You may also contact associations of dealers for guidance.

Collections

Since many kinds of hobby collections may be the subject of a charitable donation, it is not possible to discuss all of the possible collectibles in this publication. Most common are rare books, autographs, sports memorabilia, dolls, manuscripts, stamps, coins, guns, phonograph records, and natural history items. Many of the elements of valuation that apply to paintings and other objects of art, discussed earlier, also apply to miscellaneous collections.

Reference material. Publications available to help you determine the value of many kinds of collections include catalogs, dealers' price lists, and specialized hobby periodicals. When using one of these price guides, you must use the current edition at the date of contribution. However, these sources are not always reliable indicators of FMV and should be supported by other evidence.

For example, a dealer may sell an item for much less than is shown on a price list, particularly after the item has remained unsold for a long time. The price an item sold for in an auction may have been the result of a rigged sale or a mere bidding duel. The appraiser must analyze the reference material, and recognize and make adjustments for misleading entries. If you are donating a valuable collection, you should get an appraisal. If your donation appears to be of little value, you may be able to make a satisfactory valuation using reference materials available at a state, city, college, or museum library.

Stamp collections. Most libraries have catalogs or other books that report the publisher's estimate of values. Generally, two price levels are shown for each stamp: the price postmarked and the price not postmarked. Stamp dealers generally know the value of their merchandise and are able to prepare satisfactory appraisals of valuable collections.

Coin collections. Many catalogs and other reference materials show the writer's or publisher's opinion of the value of coins on or near the date of the publication. Like many other collectors' items, the value of a coin depends on the demand for it, its age, and its rarity. Another important factor is the coin's condition. For example, there is a great difference in the value of a coin that is in mint condition and a similar coin that is only in good condition.

Catalogs usually establish a category for coins, based on their physical condition—mint or uncirculated, extremely fine, very fine, fine, very good, good, fair, or poor—with a different valuation for each category.

Books. The value of books is usually determined by selecting comparable sales and adjusting the prices according to the differences between the comparable sales and the item being evaluated. This is difficult to do and, except for a collection of little value, should be done by a specialized appraiser. Within the general category of literary property, there are dealers who specialize in certain areas, such as

Americana, foreign imports, Bibles, and scientific books.

Modest value of collection. If the collection you are donating is of modest value, not requiring a written appraisal, the following information may help you in determining the FMV.

A book that is very old, or very rare, is not necessarily valuable. There are many books that are very old or rare, but that have little or no market value.

Condition of book. The condition of a book may have a great influence on its value. Collectors are interested in items that are in fine, or at least good, condition. When a book has a missing page, a loose binding, tears, stains, or is otherwise in poor condition, its value is greatly lowered.

Other factors. Some other factors in the valuation of a book are the kind of binding (leather, cloth, paper), page edges, and illustrations (drawings and photographs). Collectors usually want first editions of books. However, because of changes or additions, other editions are sometimes worth as much as, or more than, the first edition.

Manuscripts, autographs, diaries, and similar items. When these items are handwritten, or at least signed by famous people, they are often in demand and are valuable. The writings of unknowns also may be of value if they are of unusual historical or literary importance. Determining the value of such material is difficult. For example, there may be a great difference in value between two diaries that were kept by a famous person—one kept during childhood and the other during a later period in his or her life. The appraiser determines a value in these cases by applying knowledge and judgment to such factors as comparable sales and conditions.

Signatures. Signatures, or sets of signatures, that were cut from letters or other papers usually have little or no value. But complete sets of the signatures of U.S. presidents are in demand.

Cars, Boats, and Aircraft

If you donate a car, a boat, or an aircraft to a charitable organization, its FMV must be determined.

Certain commercial firms and trade organizations publish monthly or seasonal guides for different regions of the country, containing complete dealer sale prices or dealer average prices for recent model years. Prices are reported for each make, model, and year. These guides also provide estimates for adjusting for unusual equipment, unusual mileage, and physical condition. The prices are not "official," and these publications are not considered an appraisal of any specific donated property. But they do provide clues for making an appraisal and suggest relative prices for comparison with current sales and offerings in your area.

These publications are sometimes available from public libraries or at a bank, credit union, or finance company. You can also find pricing information about used cars on the Internet.

An acceptable measure of the FMV of a donated car, boat, or airplane is an amount not in excess of the price listed in a used vehicle pricing guide for a private party sale, not the

dealer retail value, of a similar vehicle. However, the FMV may be less than that amount if the vehicle has engine trouble, body damage, high mileage, or any type of excessive wear. The FMV of a donated vehicle is the same as the price listed in a used vehicle pricing guide for a private party sale only if the guide lists a sales price for a vehicle that is the same make, model, and year, sold in the same area, in the same condition, with the same or similar options or accessories, and with the same or similar warranties as the donated vehicle.

Example. You donate a used car in poor condition to a local high school for use by students studying car repair. A used car guide shows the dealer retail value for this type of car in poor condition is \$1,600. However, the guide shows the price for a private party sale of the car is only \$750. The FMV of the car is considered to be no more than \$750.

Boats. Except for inexpensive small boats, the valuation of boats should be based on an appraisal by a marine surveyor because the physical condition is so critical to the value.

More information. Your deduction for a donated car, boat, or airplane generally is limited to the gross proceeds from its sale by the qualified organization. This rule applies if the claimed value of the donated vehicle is more than \$500. In certain cases, you can deduct the vehicle's FMV. For details, see Publication 526.

Inventory

If you donate any inventory item to a charitable organization, the amount of your deductible contribution generally is the FMV of the item, minus any gain you would have realized if you had sold the item at its FMV on the date of the gift. For more information, see Publication 526.

Patents

To determine the FMV of a patent, you must take into account, among other factors:

- Whether the patented technology has been made obsolete by other technology;
- Any restrictions on the donee's use of, or ability to transfer, the patented technology; and
- The length of time remaining before the patent expires.

However, your deduction for a donation of a patent or other intellectual property is its FMV, minus any gain you would have realized if you had sold the property at its FMV on the date of the gift. Generally, this means your deduction is the lesser of the property's FMV or its basis. For details, see Publication 526.

Stocks and Bonds

The value of stocks and bonds is the FMV of a share or bond on the valuation date. See *Date of contribution*, earlier, under *What Is Fair Market Value (FMV)*.

Selling prices on valuation date. If there is an active market for the contributed stocks or bonds on a stock exchange, in an

2. Capitalization of Income

This method capitalizes the net income from the property at a rate that represents a fair return on the particular investment at the particular time, considering the risks involved. The key elements are the determination of the income to be capitalized and the rate of capitalization.

3. Replacement Cost New or Reproduction Cost Minus Observed Depreciation

This method, used alone, usually does not result in a determination of FMV. Instead, it generally tends to set the upper limit of value, particularly in periods of rising costs, because it is reasonable to assume that an informed buyer will not pay more for the real estate than it would cost to reproduce a similar property. Of course, this reasoning does not apply if a similar property cannot be created because of location, unusual construction, or some other reason. Generally, this method serves to support the value determined from other methods. When the replacement cost method is applied to improved realty, the land and improvements are valued separately.

The replacement cost of a building is figured by considering the materials, the quality of workmanship, and the number of square feet or cubic feet in the building. This cost represents the total cost of labor and material, overhead, and profit. After the replacement cost has been figured, consideration must be given to the following factors:

- Physical deterioration—the wear and tear on the building itself,
- Functional obsolescence—usually in older buildings with, for example, inadequate lighting, plumbing, or heating, small rooms, or a poor floor plan, and
- Economic obsolescence—outside forces causing the whole area to become less desirable.

Interest in a Business

The FMV of any interest in a business, whether a sole proprietorship or a partnership, is the amount that a willing buyer would pay for the interest to a willing seller after consideration of all relevant factors. The relevant factors to be considered in valuing the business are:

- The FMV of the assets of the business,
- The demonstrated earnings capacity of the business, based on a review of past and current earnings, and
- The other factors used in evaluating corporate stock, if they apply.

The value of the goodwill of the business should also be taken into consideration. You should keep complete financial and other information on which you base the valuation. This includes copies of reports of examinations of the business made by accountants, engineers, or any technical experts on or close to the valuation date.

Annuities, Interests for Life or Terms of Years, Remainders, and Reversions

The value of these kinds of property is their present value, except in the case of annuities under contracts issued by companies regularly engaged in their sale. The valuation of these commercial annuity contracts and of insurance policies is discussed later under *Certain Life Insurance and Annuity Contracts*.

To determine present value, you must know the applicable interest rate and use actuarial tables.

Interest rate. The applicable interest rate varies. It is announced monthly in a news release and published in the Internal Revenue Bulletin as a Revenue Ruling. The interest rate to use is under the heading "Rate Under Section 7520" for a given month and year. You can call the IRS office at 1-800-829-1040 to obtain this rate.

Actuarial tables. You need to refer to actuarial tables to determine a qualified interest in the form of an annuity, any interest for life or a term of years, or any remainder interest to a charitable organization.

Use the valuation tables set forth in IRS Publications 1457, Actuarial Values (Book Aleph), and 1458, Actuarial Values (Book Beth). Both of these publications provide tables containing actuarial factors to be used in determining the present value of an annuity, an interest for life or for a term of years, or a remainder or reversionary interest. For qualified charitable transfers, you can use the factor for the month in which you made the contribution or for either of the 2 months preceding that month.

Publication 1457 also contains actuarial factors for computing the value of a remainder interest in a charitable remainder annuity trust and a pooled income fund. Publication 1458 contains the factors for valuing the remainder interest in a charitable remainder unitrust. You can download Publications 1457 and 1458 from www.irs.gov. In addition, they are available for purchase via the website of the U. S. Government Printing Office, by phone at (202) 512-1800, or by mail from the:

Superintendent of Documents
P.O. Box 371954
Pittsburgh, PA 15250-7954

Tables containing actuarial factors for transfers to pooled income funds may also be found in Income Tax Regulation 1.642(c)-6(e)(6), transfers to charitable remainder unitrusts in Regulation 1.664-4(e), and other transfers in Regulation 20.2031-7(d)(6).

Special factors. If you need a special factor for an actual transaction, you can request a letter ruling. Be sure to include the date of birth of each person the duration of whose life may affect the value of the interest. Also include copies of the relevant instruments. IRS charges a user fee for providing special factors.

For more information about requesting a ruling, see Revenue Procedure 2006-1 (or annual update), 2006-1 I.R.B. 1. Revenue Procedure 2006-1 is available at www.irs.gov/irb/2006-01_IRB/ar06.html.

For information on the circumstances under which a charitable deduction may be allowed for the donation of a partial interest in property not in trust, see *Partial Interest in Property Not in Trust*, later.

Certain Life Insurance and Annuity Contracts

The value of an annuity contract or a life insurance policy issued by a company regularly engaged in the sale of such contracts or policies is the amount that company would charge for a comparable contract.

But if the donee of a life insurance policy may reasonably be expected to cash the policy rather than hold it as an investment, then the FMV is the cash surrender value rather than the replacement cost.

If an annuity is payable under a combination annuity contract and life insurance policy (for example, a retirement income policy with a death benefit) and there was no insurance element when it was transferred to the charity, the policy is treated as an annuity contract.

Partial Interest in Property Not in Trust

Generally, no deduction is allowed for a charitable contribution, not made in trust, of less than your entire interest in property. However, this does not apply to a transfer of less than your entire interest if it is a transfer of:

- A remainder interest in your personal residence or farm,
- An undivided part of your entire interest in property, or
- A qualified conservation contribution.

Remainder Interest in Real Property

The amount of the deduction for a donation of a remainder interest in real property is the FMV of the remainder interest at the time of the contribution. To determine this value, you must know the FMV of the property on the date of the contribution. Multiply this value by the appropriate factor. Publications 1457 and 1458 contain these factors.

You must make an adjustment for depreciation or depletion using the factors shown in Publication 1459, Actuarial Values (Book Gimel). You can use the factors for the month in which you made the contribution or for either of the two months preceding that month. See the earlier discussion on *Annuities, Interests for Life or Terms of Years, Remainders, and Reversions*. You can download Publication 1459 from www.irs.gov.

For this purpose, the term "depreciable property" means any property subject to wear and tear or obsolescence, even if not used in a trade or business or for the production of income.

If the remainder interest includes both depreciable and nondepreciable property, for example a house and land, the FMV must be allocated between each kind of property at the time of the contribution. This rule also applies to

- The opinion is not consistent with known facts.

The appraiser's opinion is never more valid than the facts on which it is based; without these facts it is simply a guess.

The opinion of a person claiming to be an expert is not binding on the Internal Revenue Service. All facts associated with the donation must be considered.

Deduction over \$500 for certain clothing or household items. You must include with your return a qualified appraisal of any single item of clothing or any household item that is not in good used condition or better, that you donated after August 17, 2006, and for which you deduct more than \$500. See *Household Goods and Used Clothing*, earlier.

Cost of appraisals. You may not take a charitable contribution deduction for fees you pay for appraisals of your donated property. However, these fees may qualify as a miscellaneous deduction, subject to the 2% limit, on Schedule A (Form 1040) if paid to determine the amount allowable as a charitable contribution.

Deductions of More Than \$5,000

Generally, if the claimed deduction for an item or group of similar items of donated property is more than \$5,000, you must get a qualified appraisal made by a qualified appraiser, and you must attach Section B of Form 8283 to your tax return. There are exceptions, discussed later. You should keep the appraiser's report with your written records. Records are discussed in Publication 526.

The phrase "similar items" means property of the same generic category or type (whether or not donated to the same donee), such as stamp collections, coin collections, lithographs, paintings, photographs, books, nonpublicly traded stock, nonpublicly traded securities other than nonpublicly traded stock, land, buildings, clothing, jewelry, furniture, electronic equipment, household appliances, toys, everyday kitchenware, china, crystal, or silver. For example, if you give books to three schools and you deduct \$2,000, \$2,500, and \$900, respectively, your claimed deduction is more than \$5,000 for these books. You must get a qualified appraisal of the books and for each school you must attach a fully completed Form 8283, Section B, to your tax return.

Exceptions. You do not need an appraisal if the property is:

- Nonpublicly traded stock of \$10,000 or less,
- A vehicle (including a car, boat, or airplane) for which your deduction is limited to the gross proceeds from its sale,
- Qualified intellectual property, such as a patent,
- Certain publicly traded securities described next,
- Inventory and other property donated by a corporation that are "qualified contributions" for the care of the ill, the needy, or infants, within the meaning of section

170(e)(3)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code, or

- Stock in trade, inventory, or property held primarily for sale to customers in the ordinary course of your trade or business.

Although an appraisal is not required for the types of property just listed, you must provide certain information about a donation of any of these types of property on Form 8283.

Publicly traded securities. Even if your claimed deduction is more than \$5,000, neither a qualified appraisal nor Section B of Form 8283 is required for publicly traded securities that are:

- Listed on a stock exchange in which quotations are published on a daily basis,
- Regularly traded in a national or regional over-the-counter market for which published quotations are available, or
- Shares of an open-end investment company (mutual fund) for which quotations are published on a daily basis in a newspaper of general circulation throughout the United States.

Publicly traded securities that meet these requirements must be reported on Form 8283, Section A.

A qualified appraisal is not required, but Form 8283, Section B, Parts I and IV, must be completed, for an issue of a security that does not meet the requirements just listed but does meet these requirements:

1. The issue is regularly traded during the computation period (defined later) in a market for which there is an "interdealer quotation system" (defined later),
2. The issuer or agent computes the "average trading price" (defined later) for the same issue for the computation period,
3. The average trading price and total volume of the issue during the computation period are published in a newspaper of general circulation throughout the United States, not later than the last day of the month following the end of the calendar quarter in which the computation period ends,
4. The issuer or agent keeps books and records that list for each transaction during the computation period the date of settlement of the transaction, the name and address of the broker or dealer making the market in which the transaction occurred, and the trading price and volume, and
5. The issuer or agent permits the Internal Revenue Service to review the books and records described in item (4) with respect to transactions during the computation period upon receiving reasonable notice.

An interdealer quotation system is any system of general circulation to brokers and dealers that regularly disseminates quotations of obligations by two or more identified brokers or dealers who are not related to either the issuer or agent who computes the average trading price of the security. A quotation sheet prepared and distributed by a broker or dealer in the regular course of business and containing only quotations of

that broker or dealer is not an interdealer quotation system.

The average trading price is the average price of all transactions (weighted by volume), other than original issue or redemption transactions, conducted through a United States office of a broker or dealer who maintains a market in the issue of the security during the computation period. Bid and asked quotations are not taken into account.

The computation period is weekly during October through December and monthly during January through September. The weekly computation periods during October through December begin with the first Monday in October and end with the first Sunday following the last Monday in December.

Nonpublicly traded stock. If you contribute nonpublicly traded stock, for which you claim a deduction of \$10,000 or less, a qualified appraisal is not required. However, you must attach Form 8283 to your tax return, with Section B, Parts I and IV, completed.

Deductions of More Than \$500,000

If you claim a deduction of more than \$500,000 for a donation of property, you must attach a qualified appraisal of the property to your return. This does not apply to contributions of cash, inventory, publicly traded stock, or intellectual property.

If you do not attach the appraisal, you cannot deduct your contribution, unless your failure to attach the appraisal is due to reasonable cause and not to willful neglect.

Qualified Appraisal

Generally, if the claimed deduction for an item or group of similar items of donated property is more than \$5,000, you must get a qualified appraisal made by a qualified appraiser. You must also complete Form 8283, Section B, and attach it to your tax return. See *Deductions of More Than \$5,000*, earlier.

A qualified appraisal is an appraisal document that:

- Is made, signed, and dated by a qualified appraiser (defined later) in accordance with generally accepted appraisal standards,
- Meets the relevant requirements of Regulations section 1.170A-13(c)(3) and Notice 2006-96, 2006-46 I.R.B. 902 (available at www.irs.gov/irb/2006-46_IRB/ar13.html),
- Relates to an appraisal made not earlier than 60 days before the date of contribution of the appraised property,
- Does not involve a prohibited appraisal fee, and
- Includes certain information (covered later).

You must receive the qualified appraisal before the due date, including extensions, of the return on which a charitable contribution deduction is first claimed for the donated property. If the deduction is first claimed on an amended return, the qualified appraisal must be received

appraisal that, because of his or her background, experience, education, and membership in professional associations, he or she is qualified to make appraisals of the type of property being valued.

4. The individual has not been prohibited from practicing before the IRS under section 330(c) of title 31 of the United States Code at any time during the 3-year period ending on the date of the appraisal.
5. The individual is not an excluded individual.

In addition, the appraiser must complete Form 8283, Section B, Part III. More than one appraiser may appraise the property, provided that each complies with the requirements, including signing the qualified appraisal and Form 8283, Section B, Part III.

Excluded Individuals. The following persons cannot be qualified appraisers with respect to particular property.

1. The donor of the property, or the taxpayer who claims the deduction.
2. The donee of the property.
3. A party to the transaction in which the donor acquired the property being appraised, unless the property is donated within 2 months of the date of acquisition and its appraised value is not more than its acquisition price. This applies to the person who sold, exchanged, or gave the property to the donor, or any person who acted as an agent for the transferor or donor in the transaction.
4. Any person employed by any of the above persons. For example, if the donor acquired a painting from an art dealer, neither the dealer nor persons employed by the dealer can be qualified appraisers for that painting.
5. Any person related under section 267(b) of the Internal Revenue Code to any of the above persons or married to a person related under section 267(b) to any of the above persons.
6. An appraiser who appraises regularly for a person in (1), (2), or (3), and who does not perform a majority of his or her appraisals made during his or her tax year for other persons.

In addition, a person is not a qualified appraiser for a particular donation if the donor had knowledge of facts that would cause a reasonable person to expect the appraiser to falsely overstate the value of the donated property. For example, if the donor and the appraiser make an agreement concerning the amount at which the property will be valued, and the donor knows that amount is more than the FMV of the property, the appraiser is not a qualified appraiser for the donation.

Appraiser penalties. An appraiser who prepares an incorrect appraisal may have to pay a penalty if:

1. The appraiser knows or should have known the appraisal would be used in connection with a return or claim for refund, and
2. The appraisal results in the 20% or 40% penalty for a valuation misstatement described later under *Penalty*.

The penalty imposed on the appraiser is the smaller of:

1. The greater of:
 - a. 10% of the underpayment due to the misstatement, or
 - b. \$1,000, or
2. 125% of the gross income received for the appraisal.

In addition, any appraiser who falsely or fraudulently overstates the value of property described in a qualified appraisal of a Form 8283 that the appraiser has signed may be subject to a civil penalty for aiding and abetting as understatement of tax liability, and may have his or her appraisal disregarded.

Form 8283

Generally, if the claimed deduction for an item of donated property is more than \$5,000, you must attach Form 8283 to your tax return and complete Section B.

If you do not attach Form 8283 to your return and complete Section B, the deduction will not be allowed unless your failure was due to reasonable cause, and not willful neglect, or was due to a good faith omission. If the IRS requests that you submit the form because you did not attach it to your return, you must comply within 90 days of the request or the deduction will be disallowed.

You must attach a separate Form 8283 for each item of contributed property that is not part of a group of similar items. If you contribute similar items of property to the same donee organization, you need attach only one Form 8283 for those items. If you contribute similar items of property to more than one donee organization, you must attach a separate form for each donee.

Internal Revenue Service Review of Appraisals

In reviewing an income tax return, the Service may accept the claimed value of the donated property, based on information or appraisals sent with the return, or may make its own determination of FMV. In either case, the Service may:

- Contact the taxpayer to get more information,
- Refer the valuation problem to a Service appraiser or valuation specialist,

- Refer the issue to the Commissioner's Art Advisory Panel (a group of dealers and museum directors who review and recommend acceptance or adjustment of taxpayers' claimed values for major paintings, sculptures, decorative arts, and antiques), or
- Contract with an independent dealer, scholar, or appraiser to appraise the property when the objects require appraisers of highly specialized experience and knowledge.

Responsibility of the Service. The Service is responsible for reviewing appraisals, but it is not responsible for making them. Supporting the FMV listed on your return is your responsibility.

The Service does not accept appraisals without question. Nor does the Service recognize any particular appraiser or organization of appraisers.

Timing of Service action. The Service generally does not approve valuations or appraisals before the actual filing of the tax return to which the appraisal applies. In addition, the Service generally does not issue advance rulings approving or disapproving such appraisals.

Exception. For a request submitted as described earlier under *Art valued at \$50,000 or more*, the Service will issue a Statement of Value that can be relied on by the donor of the item of art.

Penalty

You may be liable for a penalty if you overstate the value or adjusted basis of donated property.

20% penalty. The penalty is 20% of the underpayment of tax related to the overstatement if:

- The value or adjusted basis claimed on the return is 200% (150% for returns filed after August 17, 2006) or more of the correct amount, and
- You underpaid your tax by more than \$5,000 because of the overstatement.

40% penalty. The penalty is 40%, rather than 20%, if:

- The value or adjusted basis claimed on the return is 400% (200% for returns filed after August 17, 2006) or more of the correct amount, and
- You underpaid your tax by more than \$5,000 because of the overstatement.

\$25 (no handling fee) or call 1-877-CDFORMS (1-877-233-6767) toll free to buy the CD for \$25 (plus a \$5 handling fee). Price is subject to change.



CD for small businesses. Publication 3207, The Small Business Resource Guide CD for 2006, is a must for every small business owner or any taxpayer about to start a business. This year's CD includes:

- Helpful information, such as how to prepare a business plan, find financing for your business, and much more.

- All the business tax forms, instructions, and publications needed to successfully manage a business.
- Tax law changes for 2006.
- Tax Map: an electronic research tool and finding aid.
- Web links to various government agencies, business associations, and IRS organizations.
- "Rate the Product" survey—your opportunity to suggest changes for future editions.

- A site map of the CD to help you navigate the pages of the CD with ease.
- An interactive "Teens in Biz" module that gives practical tips for teens about starting their own business, creating a business plan, and filing taxes.

An updated version of this CD is available each year in early April. You can get a free copy by calling 1-800-829-3676 or by visiting www.irs.gov/smallbiz.

Tax Publications for Individual Taxpayers

See *How To Get Tax Help* for a variety of ways to get publications, including by computer, phone, and mail.

General Guides

- 1 Your Rights as a Taxpayer
- 17 Your Federal Income Tax (For Individuals)
- 334 Tax Guide for Small Business (For Individuals Who Use Schedule C or C-EZ)
- 509 Tax Calendars for 2007
- 553 Highlights of 2006 Tax Changes
- 910 IRS Guide to Free Tax Services

Specialized Publications

- 3 Armed Forces' Tax Guide
- 54 Tax Guide for U.S. Citizens and Resident Aliens Abroad
- 225 Farmer's Tax Guide
- 463 Travel, Entertainment, Gift, and Car Expenses
- 501 Exemptions, Standard Deduction, and Filing Information
- 502 Medical and Dental Expenses (Including the Health Coverage Tax Credit)
- 503 Child and Dependent Care Expenses
- 504 Divorced or Separated Individuals
- 505 Tax Withholding and Estimated Tax
- 514 Foreign Tax Credit for Individuals
- 516 U.S. Government Civilian Employees Stationed Abroad
- 517 Social Security and Other Information for Members of the Clergy and Religious Workers
- 519 U.S. Tax Guide for Aliens
- 521 Moving Expenses
- 523 Selling Your Home
- 524 Credit for the Elderly or the Disabled
- 525 Taxable and Nontaxable Income
- 526 Charitable Contributions
- 527 Residential Rental Property
- 529 Miscellaneous Deductions
- 530 Tax Information for First-Time Homeowners

- 531 Reporting Tip Income
- 536 Net Operating Losses (NOLs) for Individuals, Estates, and Trusts
- 537 Installment Sales
- 541 Partnerships
- 544 Sales and Other Dispositions of Assets
- 547 Casualties, Disasters, and Thefts
- 550 Investment Income and Expenses
- 551 Basis of Assets
- 552 Recordkeeping for Individuals
- 554 Older Americans' Tax Guide
- 555 Community Property
- 556 Examination of Returns, Appeal Rights, and Claims for Refund
- 559 Survivors, Executors, and Administrators
- 561 Determining the Value of Donated Property
- 564 Mutual Fund Distributions
- 570 Tax Guide for Individuals With Income From U.S. Possessions
- 571 Tax-Sheltered Annuity Plans (403(b) Plans)
- 575 Pension and Annuity Income
- 584 Casualty, Disaster, and Theft Loss Workbook (Personal-Use Property)
- 587 Business Use of Your Home (Including Use by Daycare Providers)
- 590 Individual Retirement Arrangements (IRAs)
- 593 Tax Highlights for U.S. Citizens and Residents Going Abroad
- 594 What You Should Know About the IRS Collection Process
- 596 Earned Income Credit (EIC)
- 721 Tax Guide to U.S. Civil Service Retirement Benefits
- 901 U.S. Tax Treaties
- 907 Tax Highlights for Persons with Disabilities

- 908 Bankruptcy Tax Guide
- 915 Social Security and Equivalent Railroad Retirement Benefits
- 919 How Do I Adjust My Tax Withholding?
- 925 Passive Activity and At-Risk Rules
- 926 Household Employer's Tax Guide
- 929 Tax Rules for Children and Dependents
- 936 Home Mortgage Interest Deduction
- 946 How To Depreciate Property
- 947 Practice Before the IRS and Power of Attorney
- 950 Introduction to Estate and Gift Taxes
- 967 The IRS Will Figure Your Tax
- 969 Health Savings Accounts and Other Tax-Favored Health Plans
- 970 Tax Benefits for Education
- 971 Innocent Spouse Relief
- 972 Child Tax Credit
- 1542 Per Diem Rates
- 1544 Reporting Cash Payments of Over \$10,000 (Received in a Trade or Business)
- 1546 The Taxpayer Advocate Service of the IRS - How to Get Help With Unresolved Tax Problems

Spanish Language Publications

- 1SP Derechos del Contribuyente
- 578SP Cómo Preparar la Declaración de Impuesto Federal
- 594SP Que es lo que Debemos Saber sobre el Proceso de Cobro del IRS
- 596SP Crédito por ingreso del Trabajo
- 850 English-Spanish Glossary of Words and Phrases Used in Publications Issued by the Internal Revenue Service
- 1544SP informe de Pagos en Efectivo en Exceso de \$10,000 (Recibidos en una Ocupación o Negocio)

Commonly Used Tax Forms

See *How To Get Tax Help* for a variety of ways to get forms, including by computer, phone, and mail.

| Form Number and Title | Form Number and Title |
|---|--|
| 1040 U.S. Individual Income Tax Return | 2106 Employee Business Expenses |
| Sch A&B Itemized Deductions & Interest and Ordinary Dividends | 2106-EZ Unreimbursed Employee Business Expenses |
| Sch C Profit or Loss From Business | 2210 Underpayment of Estimated Tax by Individuals, Estates, and Trusts |
| Sch C-EZ Net Profit From Business | 2441 Child and Dependent Care Expenses |
| Sch D Capital Gains and Losses | 2848 Power of Attorney and Declaration of Representative |
| Sch D-1 Continuation Sheet for Schedule D | 3903 Moving Expenses |
| Sch E Supplemental Income and Loss | 4562 Depreciation and Amortization |
| Sch EIC Earned Income Credit | 4868 Application for Automatic Extension of Time To File U.S. Individual Income Tax Return |
| Sch F Profit or Loss From Farming | 4952 Investment Interest Expense Deduction |
| Sch H Household Employment Taxes | 5329 Additional Taxes on Qualified Plans (Including IRAs) and Other Tax-Favored Accounts |
| Sch J Income Averaging for Farmers and Fishermen | 6251 Alternative Minimum Tax—Individuals |
| Sch R Credit for the Elderly or the Disabled | 8283 Noncash Charitable Contributions |
| Sch SE Self-Employment Tax | 8582 Passive Activity Loss Limitations |
| 1040A U.S. Individual Income Tax Return | 8606 Nondeductible IRAs |
| Sch 1 Interest and Ordinary Dividends for Form 1040A Filers | 8812 Additional Child Tax Credit |
| Sch 2 Child and Dependent Care Expenses for Form 1040A Filers | 8822 Change of Address |
| Sch 3 Credit for the Elderly or the Disabled for Form 1040A Filers | 8829 Expenses for Business Use of Your Home |
| 1040EZ Income Tax Return for Single and Joint Filers With No Dependents | 8863 Education Credits |
| 1040-ES Estimated Tax for Individuals | 9465 Installment Agreement Request |
| 1040X Amended U.S. Individual Income Tax Return | |