[IRS DEPARTMENT LETTERHEAD]

[DATE]

Name1 Name2 Name3 Name4 Address City, State, Zip

Dear IRS Employee Plan Determination Letter Request Customer:

I need your help with an important initiative we are undertaking to improve our service to America's taxpayers.

IRS recently made a determination on the qualification of your organization's employee pension plan. In a few days, you will receive a survey asking your opinions about your experience and the service you received from IRS. If you are not the person who had the most contact with the IRS on this matter, please direct the survey to the person who did.

This brief survey should take less than 8 minutes to complete. Your answers will be combined with others to give us an evaluation of customer satisfaction with IRS service.

An independent research company, ICF International, will administer the survey and will keep your responses anonymous to the IRS. No identifying information will be associated with your responses. Your responses will be compiled with those of other recent customers and reported only in the aggregate to the IRS.

We are committed to improving service to every customer. Please help me in this effort by completing and returning the survey as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Sarah Hall Ingram Commissioner

Tax Exempt and Government Entities Division

ICF International/Scantron

IRS Customer Survey P.O. Box 64529 St. Paul, MN 55164-0529

[DATE]

Name1 Name2 Name3 Name4 Address City, State, Zip

RE: FIRM NAME PLAN NAME PLAN NUMBER

Dear JOHN Q & MARY Q SAMPLE:

A few days ago you received a letter from IRS, Tax-Exempt and Government Entities Commissioner Sarah Ingram asking for your help with an important research project. The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) is committed to improving its performance and service to the American public. As part of this process, we are administering a nationwide survey to gather reliable information from those who have had contact with IRS employees and services.

Your name was selected through a scientific random sampling process to receive this survey because you recently handled an Employee Plan Determination Letter Request for your client. We want to know your opinions regarding that experience and the service you received from IRS. Your responses are critical to the accuracy of this evaluation of the IRS's service. If another person was primarily responsible for dealing with the IRS on this matter, please pass this survey on to them and encourage them to respond.

Your participation is voluntary. An independent research company will keep your responses anonymous to the IRS. Your responses will be grouped with others, so that no individual reply can be traced back to a person or case number. No identifying information will be associated with your responses.

This brief survey should take less than 8 minutes to complete. Use the postage-paid reply envelope to return your completed survey. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call ICF International toll free at 1-866-287-5762 or e-mail us at EPDSurvey@mmail.macrointernational.com.

To verify the authenticity of this survey, please visit IRS.gov and enter the search term 'customer surveys.' The IRS Customer Satisfaction Survey page contains a list of valid, current and unexpired, IRS surveys and as of this issuance should provide a reference to TE/GE Employee Plan Determinations.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation. Your honest opinions will help bring about improvements in service for all employee plans.

Sincerely,

Sherri Settle Project Director ICF International

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Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Customer Satisfaction Survey Employee Plan Determination Letter Request

You can help the IRS improve its service to the public by answering the questions below. This voluntary survey takes less than 8 minutes to complete.

Your responses will be kept anonymous to the IRS. Only aggregate information will be provided to the IRS.

The following questions ask your opinion regarding your most recent IRS employee plan determination request. *Regardless of whether you agree or disagree with the final outcome*, please mark the appropriate box on the scale (where 1 means "Very Dissatisfied" and 7 means "Very Satisfied") or next to the response that best applies to you.

Ove	rall Satisfaction									
		Very Dissatisfie 1	d 2 ▼	3 ▼	4 ▼	5 ▼	6 ▼	Very Satisfied 7	Don't Know Not Applicable	
1.	How would you rate your overall satisfaction with the way your case was handled by the IRS, regardless of whether you agree or disagree with the final outcome?	6 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
2.	Overall, how satisfied are you with the length of the process, from submission of your application through final determination?	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
3.	Overall, how satisfied are you with how well the IRS communicated with you throughout the process (whether in writing or by telephone)?	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
App	lication									
		Very Dissatisfi 1	ed 2 ▼	3 ▼	4 ▼	5 ▼	6 ▼	Very Satisfied 7	Don't Know Not Applicable	
How	satisfied are you with									
4.	The ease of locating the correct application form and instructions?	\circ	0	0	0	0	0	\circ	0	
5.	The ease of understanding the application form and instructions?	\circ	0	\circ	\circ	\circ	0	\circ	0	
6.	The ease of completing the application form?	\circ	0	0	0	0	0	\circ	0	
7.	The amount of time you spent completing your application?	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Ack	nowledgement Letter (Confirming Receipt of Applic	ation)							
How	satisfied are you with	Very Dissatisfie	ed 2	3 ▼	4 ▼	5 ▼	6 ▼	Very Satisfied 7 ▼	Don't Know Not Applicable	
8.	How quickly you received your acknowledgment letter?	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
9.	How clearly the acknowledgement letter communicated the expected timeframe until the IRS would contact you?	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
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11.	How satisfied are you with the amount of time it took for the IRS to contact you (following your acknowledgement letter)?	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

12.	Were you contacted by the IRS to provide additional information? Yes No [If your response is No, please skip to Question 27.]								
Ado	ditional Information Request (After Receipt of Acknow	wled	aem	ent	Lett	er)			
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13.	Overall, how satisfied are you with the IRS agent/specialist assigned to your case?	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
How	satisfied are you with								
14.	The courtesy of the IRS agent/specialist?	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15.	The knowledge of the IRS agent/specialist?	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16.	How well the IRS agent/specialist listened to your concerns?	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17.	How thoroughly the IRS agent/specialist answered your questions?	\circ	0	0	0	0	0	\circ	0
18.	Communications about the status of your determination?	\circ	0	0	0	0	0	\circ	0
19.	The consideration given to the information you presented in the original application or submission?	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
20.	The description of the additional information the IRS needed to complete your determination?	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
21.	The explanation of why additional information was requested?	\circ	0	0	0	\circ	0	\circ	0
22.	The time given you to respond to additional IRS request(s)?	\circ	0	0	0	0	0	\circ	0
23.	The amount of time you spent responding to IRS requests for additional information?	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
24.	The timeliness of the IRS agent/specialist in responding to your inquiries?	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
25.	How many times were you contacted by the IRS agent/specialist to obtain additional information?								
00	O None O One O Two O Three or more								
26.	If you answered one or more to Question 25 above, which method of information exchange was the most beneficial when the IRS agent/ specialist contacted you? (Check all that apply)								
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27.	The ease of understanding the determination letter you received?	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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28.	What are the estimated total assets of the plan for which this determinati	ion wa	s sou	ght?					
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	 An employee/officer of the organization? [Skip to Question 31] A designated third-party representative/power of attorney (POA)? 									
ANSWER ONLY IF YOU ARE A DESIGNATED THIRD-PARTY REPRESENTATIVE/POWER OF ATTORNEY (POA)										
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30.	If you are a designated third-party representative/power of attorney, how consistent was the IRS in its handling of this application compared with other applications you have completed in the past year?	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
31.	Did you visit the IRS website (www.irs.gov/ep) for assistance or information Yes No	on dur	ing th	e dete	ermina	ation p	oroce	ss?		
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Thank you for completing the survey.

Paperwork Reduction Act Notice

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Do We Have Your Input Yet?

Recently, you received a survey asking your opinions about the service you received in a recent interaction with the IRS. If you have already completed and returned the survey, please accept our sincere thanks. If not, please take a few minutes to complete and return it today. We want to be sure we have your opinions and suggestions for improving the IRS's service to the public.

If you did not receive the survey, or it has been misplaced, please contact us at 1-866-287-5762 or EPDSurvey@mmail.macrointernational.com.

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RE: FIRM NAME PLAN NAME PLAN NUMBER

Dear JOHN Q & MARY Q SAMPLE:

Recently you received a survey requesting your views about the IRS Employee Plan Determination Letter Request process. So far, we have not received your completed survey. If you have not already done so, please take a few minutes to provide your response. If another person was primarily responsible for dealing with the IRS on this matter, please pass this survey on to them and encourage them to respond.

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