

<b>Form 8498-EP</b> (July 2009)	Department of the Treasury - Internal Revenue Service	<b>OMB Number 1646-1469</b>
	<b>Program Sponsor Agreement for Continuing Education for Enrolled Retirement Plan Agents</b>	
Sponsor Number (IRS Use Only)		

**Instructions:** Answer all questions and sign the completed form. Mail the original and one copy of this form to:  
**IRS/Office of Professional Responsibility; SE:OPR, Room 7238; 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW; Washington, DC 20224.**  
 When your application is approved/disapproved, we will return a copy of the form to you.

1. Full name of sponsoring organization	2. Telephone number
3. Address (Street, City, State and Zip Code)	
4. Individual to contact regarding programs	5. Telephone number
6. Address (Street, City, State and Zip Code)	

### Program Sponsor Agreement

- (A)** I (We) plan to offer continuing education programs under the continuing education regulations for enrolled retirement plan agents (31 CFR, Part 10 printed as Treasury Department Circular No. 230). A written outline and/or textbook for the program(s) is submitted with this agreement. (A written outline and/or textbook is not required of professional organizations or societies wishing to be considered as qualified sponsors).
- (B)** I (We) agree to comply with the following requirements relative to each continuing education program offered:
- a. Program(s) subject matter will be current;
  - b. Program(s) will be presented in units of one class hour (50 minutes constituting one class hour) unless part of a continuous conference, convention and the like;
  - c. Program(s) will be developed by individual(s) qualified in the subject matter;
  - d. Program(s) will be conducted by qualified instructor(s), discussion leader(s), or speakers(s);
  - e. Records will be maintained to verify completion of the program and attendance by each participant;
  - f. A certificate of completion will be issued to each individual who successfully completes the program(s);
  - g. A written outline of the program(s) will be retained;
  - h. Program(s) will include some means for evaluation of technical content and presentation.
- (C)** I (We) agree to maintain records as detailed below for a period of three years following the date each program is presented;
- a. The date and location of each program presented;
  - b. The names of each instructor, discussion leader or speaker;
  - c. The roster of individuals completing each program;
  - d. The written outline of each program presentation.
- (C1)** I (We) understand and agree that the program records described above will be located at:
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- I (We) understand and agree that the above program records will be subject to review by the Office of Professional Responsibility and agree to make these records available to the Office of Professional Responsibility for a period of three years following presentation. We further agree to notify the Office of Professional Responsibility as to the location of these records if they are removed from the designated location prior to the expiration of the above period.
- (D)** I (We) understand and agree that if we fail to comply with this agreement or fail to meet acceptable standards in our programs, our program sponsor agreement may be terminated by the Office of Professional Responsibility and that notice of such termination may be given by the Office of Professional Responsibility to all individuals enrolled to practice before the Internal Revenue Service.

7. Name (Typed)	8. Title
9. Signature	10. Date signed

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Approved		Disapproved	
11. Name	12. Date	13. Name	14. Date