# 8925 Form

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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service (99)

## **Report of Employer-Owned Life Insurance Contracts**

► Attach to the policyholder's tax return—See instructions.

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Name(s) shown on return		Identifying number	
Name of policyholder, if different from above		Identifying number, if different from above	
Type of	business		
1	Enter the number of employees the policyholder had at the end of the tax year	1	
2	Enter the number of employees included on line 1 who were insured at the end of the tax year under the policyholder's employer-owned life insurance contract(s) issued after August 17, 2006. See Section 1035 exchanges on page 2 for an exception	2	
3	Enter the total amount of employer-owned life insurance in force at the end of the tax year for employees who were insured under the contract(s) specified on line 2	3	
4a b	Does the policyholder have a valid consent (see instructions) for each employee included on line 2?		
	not have a valid consent	4b	

### **General Instructions**

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

#### **Purpose of Form**

Use Form 8925 to report the number of employees covered by employer-owned life insurance contracts issued after August 17, 2006, and the total amount of employer-owned life insurance in force on those employees at the end of the tax year. Policyholders must also indicate whether a valid consent has been received from each covered employee, and the number of covered employees for which a valid consent has not been received.

See sections 101(j) and 6039I, and Notice 2009-48, 2009-24 I.R.B. 1085, for more information.

#### **Definitions**

Employer-owned life insurance contract. For purposes of Form 8925, an insurance contract is an employer-owned life insurance contract if it is owned by a policyholder as defined below, and covers the life of the policyholder's employee(s) on the date the life insurance contract is issued. If you have master contracts, see section 101(j)(3) for additional information.

**Policyholder.** For purposes of Form 8925 and these instructions, a policyholder is an "applicable policyholder" as defined in section 101(j)(3)(B). Generally, a policyholder is the person who owns the employerowned life insurance contract, and who is (a) engaged in a trade or business

that employs the person insured under the employer-owned life insurance contract and (b) the direct or indirect beneficiary of the employer-owned life insurance contract.

Related person. A related person is considered a policyholder if that person is (a) related to the policyholder (defined earlier) under sections 267(b) or 707(b) (1), or (b) engaged in a trade or business under common control with the policyholder. See sections 52(a) and (b).

**Employee.** Employee includes an officer, director, or highly compensated employee under section 414(q).

**Insured.** An individual must be a U.S. citizen or resident to be considered insured under an employer-owned life insurance contract. Both individuals covered by a contract covering the joint lives of two individuals are considered insured.

Notice and consent requirements. To qualify as an employer-owned life insurance contract, the policyholder must meet the notice and consent requirements listed below before the issuance of the contract.

1. Provide written notification to the employee stating the policyholder intends to insure the employee's life and the maximum face amount for which the employee could be insured at the time the contract was issued.

The written notification must include a disclosure of the face amount of life insurance, either in dollars or as a multiple of salary, that the policyholder reasonably expects to purchase with regard to the employee during the course of the employee's tenure. Additional notice and consent are required if the aggregate face amount of the employer-owned life insurance contracts with regard to an employee exceeds the amount of which the employee was given notice and to which the employee consented. See Q&A-9 and Q&A-12 in Notice 2009-48.

- 2. Provide written notification to the employee that the policyholder will be a beneficiary of any proceeds payable upon the death of the employee.
- **3.** Receive written consent from the employee. See *Valid consent* under the instructions for line 4a.

Electronic notification and consent. The written notification and consent requirement can be met electronically only if the system for electronic notification and consent meets requirements 1 through 3, above. See Q&A-11 in Notice 2009-48 for more information.

Issue date of contract. Generally, the issue date of a life insurance contract is the date on the policy assigned by the insurance company on or after the date of application. For purposes of meeting the notice and consent requirements, the issue date of the employer-owned life insurance contract is the later of (1) the date of application of coverage, (2) the effective date of coverage, or (3) the formal issuance of the contract. See Q&A-4 in Notice 2009-48 for more information.