

Welcome to the IRS Combined Practitioner Liaison Meeting



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9:00 Welcome/Opening/Introductions
Craig Crew, Central Area Manager Stakeholder Liaison
Field - Virtual

9:15
Susan Gentry, SBSE Examination Territory Manager

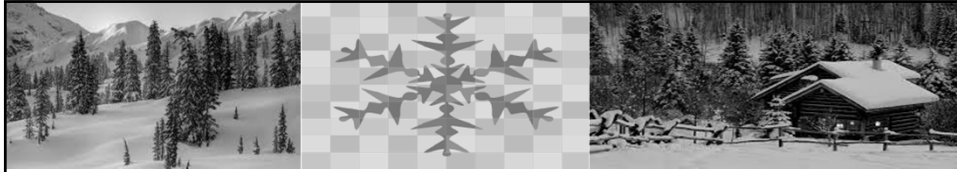
9:30
Jonathan Say, SBSE Collection Territory Manager

9:45
Norman Becker, Oklahoma Appeals Team Manager

10:15
Break



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Agenda (cont.)

- **10:30**
Michael Lin, Product Development Director – Virtual

- 11:00**
Ed LaGrave, Taxpayer Assistance Center Manager

- 11:15**
Jim Fourcade, Director of Compliance Division
Oklahoma Tax Commission

- 11:30**
Delphine Hensley, Oklahoma Taxpayer Advocate

- 11:45 Anita Douglas, Senior Stakeholder Liaison**

- 11:55 – Open Discussion**



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Help the IRS improve digital service to tax professionals

Our goal is to learn about your experiences with the IRS

- What IRS services do you use as a tax professional?
- Are there services that you would like to see provided in a digital format?
- Are there services you need that are not currently provided by the IRS at all?

Share your ideas on improving IRS services!

- Participate in open conversation during this meeting
- Fill out our brief online questionnaire
- Contact IRS POCs to provide additional feedback
 - Anita E Douglas - Anita.E.Douglas@irs.gov
 - Nadia Bazarov – nadia.bazarov@irs.gov

Take our online questionnaire

Just follow this link:

https://surveys.mitre.org/content/tax_pro/

Password:

IRS



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Miscellaneous Topics

- New Telephone Numbers for OKC Office
- EITC soft notices sent to individuals
- IP Pins – CP 01A Notice
- New Form 2848 – Revision Date 12-2015



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Miscellaneous Topics

- The IRS will no longer stock Forms W-2, W-3 and 1099s in Taxpayer Assistance Centers (Walk-In offices)
- IDOR does not anticipate releasing Individual Income Tax refunds until March 1, 2016.
- Quik Alerts Subscription is Available for ACA Information Return (AIR) Program



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**Beginning January 1, 2016,
payments sent to closed
Atlanta area and St. Louis
lockboxes will be returned**



Upcoming ACA Webinars Co-Sponsored by OSA & OSEA

Affordable Care Act (ACA) Webinar - Internal Revenue Code Section 4980H – Employer Shared Responsibility Provision and Information Reporting for the 2015 Tax Year

- January 12, 2016, at 11:00 AM Central Time

Affordable Care Act (ACA) Webinar - Internal Revenue Code Section 5000A - Individual Shared Responsibility Provision

- January 19, 2016, at 11:00 AM Central Time

ACA Provision 6056 - Information Reporting by Applicable Large Employers on Employer-Sponsored Health Coverage

- January 26, 2016, at 11:00 AM Central Time



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2015 Oklahoma Tax Practitioner Symposium

- This Year We Go To Tulsa!
- Date and Location Not Confirmed
- Normally in September



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2016 IRS Filing Tax Season

- Business Returns
 - Electronic
 - Paper
- Individual Returns
 - Electronic
 - Paper



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Welcome to Direct Pay

IRS.gov/DirectPay

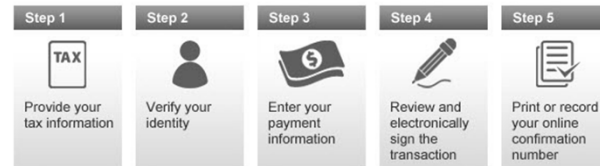
Welcome to Direct Pay!



Use this secure service to pay your individual tax bill or estimated tax payment directly from your checking or savings account at no cost to you. You'll receive instant confirmation that your payment has been submitted. Just follow the easy steps below. Bank account information is not retained in IRS systems after payments are made.


Note: You must have a valid Social Security Number (SSN) or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) to use this application.

It takes just 5 easy steps to make a payment:



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IRS Tax Calendar



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IRS Tax Calendar for Businesses and Self-Employed Online Calendar

View due dates and actions for each month. You can see all events or filter them by monthly depositor, semiweekly depositor, excise, or general event types.


View the [Tax Calendar Online \(en Español\)](#)

Desktop Calendar Tool

The IRS CalendarConnector provides access to tax calendar events right from your desktop, even when you're offline. As new events are added, they will be automatically updated via the desktop tool.

Subscribe to or Import into Your Calendar Program

You have the option to Subscribe to the Small Businesses calendar using Outlook 2007, Outlook 2010 or Mac iCal. Outlook 2003 does not have the ability to subscribe but you can download the tax events from the calendar.




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Increased Information Return Penalties

- Revised penalty structure for information returns
- Penalties imposed for:
 - Failure to file information returns
 - Failure to furnish information returns
 - Filing incomplete information returns
 - Filing returns with incorrect information
- Effective for returns and statements required to be filed/furnished after 12/31/2015

IRC 6721 & 6722



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Increased Penalties

The penalty for failure to file correct information returns and provide payee statements is \$250 (total not to exceed \$3 million)

- If corrected in 30 days penalty is \$50 (total not to exceed \$500,000)
- If corrected after 30 days but before August 1, penalty is \$100 (total not to exceed \$1.5 million)

IRC 6721

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Form 1098 Reporting Requirements

- Information to be included on Form 1098:
 - Amount of outstanding principal on the mortgage as of the beginning of such calendar year
 - Date of the origination of the mortgage
 - Address (or other description in the case of property without an address) of the property which secures the mortgage
- For statements required to be furnished, after December 31, 2016

IRC 6050H(b)(2)



Electronic Filing Requirement – FORM 2290

If you report 25 or more vehicles on any return, you must e-file the return. The definition of “25 or more vehicles”:

- *includes* the number of vehicles for which you report for the HHVUT, and
- *does not include* vehicles for which a suspension of tax is claimed



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Buying a Used Vehicle (Truck)

Final regulations provide guidance for buyers of used heavy highway vehicles

The buyer may prorate their tax by one month IF:

If the private seller of a used vehicle may claim an allowable refund or credit for the taxable period, and

The month of purchase is the same as the month of the buyer's first taxable use.



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Selling a Used Vehicle (Truck)

A private seller's claim for refund or credit of tax for any sold vehicle must include:

- VIN and taxable gross weight of the vehicle;
- Date the vehicle was sold; and
- Name and address of the buyer.



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Annual Filing Season Program Limited Practice Rights

After December 31, 2015:

- Only Annual Filing Season Program participants will have limited practice rights for returns filed after this date
- Other PTIN holders will only have authority to prepare tax returns
- Attorneys, CPAs, and enrolled agents will continue to have full practice rights



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Affordable Care Act



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Due Dates to Employees and IRS

- Forms 1094-C and 1095-C are required for calendar year 2015 (filed in 2016) and beyond
 - 2015 Form 1095-C must be furnished to the insured and employees by March 31, 2016
 - 2015 Form 1094-C and 2015 Form 1095-C must be filed with the IRS by May 31, 2016 (June 30, 2016 if filed electronically)



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Information Statements

- Marketplace – Form 1095-A, Health Insurance Marketplace Statement
- Insurers – Form 1095-B, Health Coverage
- Large employers – Form 1095-C, Employer-Provided Health Insurance Coverage and Offer



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Filing – Paper / Electronic

- Paper filing available only if submitting 250 or fewer information returns
- Must electronically file if submitting more than 250 information returns
- Details on Information Return filing preparation can be found on IRS.gov (search term 'AIR')



AIR Publications

- Publication 5164, Test Package for Electronic Filers of Affordable Care Act (ACA) Information Returns (AIR)
 - General and program specific testing information for use with ACA Assurance Testing System (AATS)
- Publication 5165, Guide for Electronically Filing Affordable Care Act (ACA) Information Return for Software Developers and Transmitters
 - Communications procedures, transmission formats, business rules and validation procedures for ACA Information Returns filed electronically



2015: What You Need to Know

- Forms 1095-A, B and C
- Apply for Marketplace exemptions early
- ISRP amounts increase
- 2016 Marketplace enrollment
 - Nov 1, 2015 to January 31, 2016
 - Special enrollment periods



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Affordable Care Act Information for Tax Professionals

Subscriptions Language Information For...
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Filing Payments Refunds Credits & Deductions News & Events Forms & Pubs Help & Support **for Tax Pros**

for Tax Pros

Affordable Care Act
Find information for your individual, business and payroll client in the ACA Information Center for Tax Professionals.

e-Services
Online tools for tax professionals
Access e-Services

PTIN Open Season
Renew or register for 2015 by Dec. 31
Renew or Sign-up Now

Hot Topics

Enrolled Agent Info
Enrolled Retirement Plan

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Identity Theft: Expanded Efforts at IRS Protect Taxpayers and Fight Fraud



W-2 Verification Code Pilot

- One in a series of steps to combat ID theft and tax fraud
- Pilot will test capability to verify authenticity of W-2 data filed with federal tax returns in 2016
- IRS will soon name Payroll Service Providers
- PSPs will reach out to some clients
- Algorithm generates alphanumeric codes from selected data fields of the W-2
- Verification codes appear on employees' W-2s



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W-2 Verification Code Pilot

- Taxpayers enter verification codes on their e-filed federal tax returns
- When processing returns, IRS recalculates codes
- Matching codes = genuine W-2s
- Verification codes not included in W-2 data submitted to SSA, states or local departments of revenue
- Won't affect state or local tax returns



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W-2 Verification Code Pilot

- We stress:
 - Omitting or using incorrect W-2 verification codes *will not* delay the processing of taxpayers federal tax returns
- “test-and-learn” review after pilot
- If integrity of W-2 information submitted by taxpayers increases, verification codes will remain an element of W-2s in the future



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Protect your EFIN

- IRS reviewing improvements to EFIN safeguards
 - Stepped up efforts to expel EFIN abusers;
 - Increased on-site visits as part of monitoring process
- EFIN holders should review return numbers during filing season
 - e-Services Account updated weekly
 - Excessive numbers can be reported to e-Help Desk



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From: IRS e-Services [mailto:e-services@irs.gov]
Sent: 01/12/2016 3:20 PM
To: Tax Practitioner's Email Address Was Here
Subject: IRS e-Services Security Notice



IRS e-Services Jan. 12, 2016



e-Services
Online tools for tax professionals
[Login or Register](#)

Attention: Name of Practitioner Was Here!

Our account surveillance has detected some suspicious activities over your account and to maintain the security we have temporarily disabled some functions on your account.

Possible Reasons:

- Someone was trying to access your account illegitimately
- Using different source to access

To enable all functions on your account, you required to verify your identity with IRS e-Services by following this secure link: https://ia.www4.irs.gov/PORAL_PROD/CRM/signon.html

Note: You must provide and answer security questions you have provided us when you registered in order for us to verify your identity, after which normal e-Services activities will continue.

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Thank you for subscribing to IRS Tax Tips, an IRS e-mail service. For more

Who needs to use an IP PIN?

- **Electronic returns**
 - Primary (first number on the return)
 - Secondary (spouse)
- **Paper returns**
 - Only if they have an IP PIN requirement.
 - Primary only
- **Note:** If a dependent received an IP PIN, the IP PIN should not be entered on the return

Retrieving lost or misplaced IP PINs

Taxpayers who misplace or did not receive their IP PINs may retrieve their original IP PIN using an online application on IRS.gov at www.irs.gov/getanippin.

- Taxpayers set up an account on IRS.gov and must have an active email address to do this.
- Taxpayers reply to a series of tax and non-tax related questions that are difficult for someone else to answer without someone's personal history.
- After successfully validating their identity, taxpayers will get their original IP PIN through the website.



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Pilot effort extended IP PIN use

IP PIN pilot program / e-Authentication

- Voluntary program for Florida, Georgia and D.C. taxpayers to opt-in to IP PIN
- Taxpayers who get e-file PIN through IRS.gov application get the offer
- Requires online registration and identity validation through e-Authentication



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IP PIN guidance for tax pros

- Ask your client if he or she received a letter from the IRS containing an IP PIN
 - If so, enter the IP PIN in the appropriate area.
 - If your client misplaced the IP PIN or the return rejects because of a missing IP PIN, have your client go to www.irs.gov/getanippin to retrieve their IP PIN or contact IRS for a “replacement”.
- If your client didn’t receive an IP PIN letter,³⁷ continue preparation as usual.



Data Theft and Securing Client Tax Information

- The risk is real; preparers are prime targets for identity thieves
- Cybercriminal tactics constantly evolve
- Data loss can occur so many ways:
 - Burglar steals office computers
 - Cybercriminal breaches your systems using phishing and malware schemes
 - Disgruntled employees steals client info
 - Dispose of old devices without erasing data



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Steps to Protect Client Data

- Read Publication 4557, Safeguarding Taxpayer Data
- Review current security measures
- Create a security plan
 - Use top-notch software security
 - Educate all employees
 - Use strong passwords
 - Secure Wi-Fi
 - Encrypt PII emails
 - Backup files



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Addressing business identity theft

Business identity theft:

- Creating, using or attempting to use business identifying information without authority to obtain tax benefits
- New IRS program guidance focuses on research, identification, tracking and victim assistance



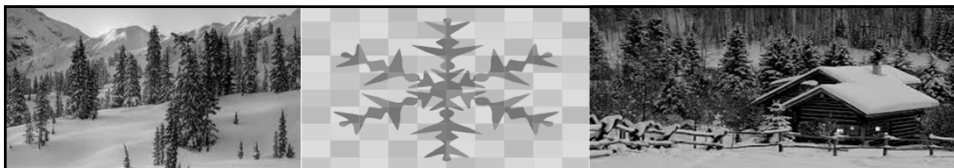
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Tax practitioner due diligence

- Treasury Department Circular No. 230 (Rev. 8-2011), Section 10.22, requires practitioners to:
Exercise due diligence when preparing or assisting in the preparation of filings for submission to the IRS, and that they determine the correctness of the representations they make, both to the IRS and to clients.
- Tax practitioners play a role in protecting the integrity of the tax filing system through their efforts to authenticate their clients' identities.



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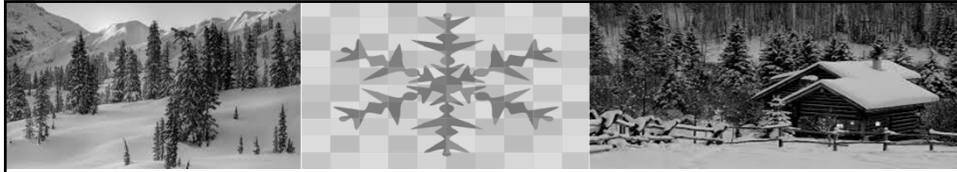


Next OK PLM Meeting Date

- **July 15, 2016 - 9:00 A.M. – 12 Noon**
- **Virtual Only!**
- **Mark Your Calendar!**



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Thank You!!

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