

Michigan Modernized e-File Program



Michigan MeF Statistics thru April 19, 2010

- **1040**
 - Accepted: 353 (linked); 28 (unlinked)
 - Rejected: 7 (linked)
- **1120/Michigan Business Tax (MBT)**
 - Accepted: 21,182 (linked); 4,277 (unlinked)
 - Rejected: 197 (linked); 578 (unlinked)
- **1065/MBT**
 - Accepted: 7,258 (linked); 1,042 (unlinked)
 - Rejected: 102 (linked); 179 (unlinked)



Electronic Data

The 1040 MeF return xml is transformed and stored in current EMS database. The return data is then able to be viewed and queried. Data is loaded from this database into the legacy processing application.

1120/1065 (MBT) return data is stored, viewed and processed in our integrated tax system (SAP).



Viewing / Printing MeF Data

Michigan 1040 MeF data is viewed/printed with Adobe Distiller using bitmap templates of Michigan forms.

Michigan 1120/1065 (MBT) MeF data is viewed/printed using Adobe PDF version of the Michigan forms.

Federal data is viewed using IRS stylesheets with the Read MeF Application for 1040/1120/1065.



Helpful Hints

- Utilize the MeF program information which is well documented on the IRS and TIGERS Websites.
- Begin development early.
- Partner with a software developer.
- State MeF documentation should be easily accessible for developers and preparers.
- Subscribe to the TIGERS Listserv for updates.
- Participate in IRS MeF testing calls.



Lessons Learned

- Engage your IT and business staff at the beginning of development.
- Select appropriate element types.
 - Be sure the type used is compatible with your backend systems.
 - We had to create a program to convert lowercase to uppercase for string types.
- Don't restrict schemas unnecessarily.
 - Take care in defining required fields or restricting fields (positive only/negative only, etc.).
 - We restricted elements that later we discovered should not have been due to unique situations.



E-file Business Rules

Most of Michigan's return processing and auditing is handled in our back-end systems.

For MeF we added a few simple front-end edits.

- Simple math rules (1040 only).
- Missing document when claiming specific credits.
- Data mismatch:
 - Validating specific pieces of predefined data.
 - Verifying values carried to multiple forms.



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