

# The FTA – IRS **T**actical **A**dvisory **G**roup

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## What is the TAG?

- ◆ Formed by request of IRS Electronic Tax Administration (ETA)
- ◆ IRS representatives from W&I, SBSE, and ETA with other resources as needed
- ◆ State members AZ, DE, IL, KS, SC, and VA
- ◆ Facilitated by IRS and FTA
- ◆ 2005 Chair Terry Garber SC



## Who's on it?

- ◆ Key IRS representatives by function
- ◆ State members to represent all states
  - Balance of size, geography
  - FTA facilitates communications
- ◆ State members serve 2-year terms
- ◆ A portion of the State members rotate off every year



## TAG Charter

- ◆ Coordinate tactical planning for e-initiatives between IRS and states
- ◆ Improve communication and cooperation on priorities and strategies
- ◆ Agree on cooperative methods
- ◆ Produce/Facilitate outcomes



## What has TAG done?

- ◆ Facilitated FedState 1120 e-filing
- ◆ Coordinated Joint Marketing efforts
- ◆ Recommended FSET adoption
- ◆ Contributed to W-2 SPEF Business Case
- ◆ Facilitated FedState use of EFTPS
- ◆ Reviewed IRS e-strategic plans



## 1120 FedState MeF Release 3

- ◆ Business requirements delivered
- ◆ State interest mobilized
- ◆ Deployment team formed
- ◆ 26 states ready/interested for 1/06
- ◆ Technical work ongoing in TIGERS
- ◆ TAG provides oversight



## Joint Marketing

- ◆ All states surveyed – and responded
- ◆ Marketing resources varied
- ◆ Interest in partnering high
- ◆ IRS shared e-marketing strategy
- ◆ FedState message included in IRS ads
- ◆ Develop “best practices” -- States/IRS



## FSET Promotion

- ◆ Promote awareness of current program
  - Both within IRS and States
- ◆ Lobby for “full fed/state architecture” for FSET program when moved to MeF platform
- ◆ Plan for full fed/state implementation



## Fed/State EFTPS Payments

- ◆ IRS/FMS desire to increase use of EFTPS
- ◆ Possible synergy, especially with withholding payments – “one stop” for businesses
- ◆ State issues are being resolved
  - Need for data with payments
  - Variations in formatting among states
- ◆ Pilot effort: IRS, FMS, B of A, IL, SC, VA



## Strategy Plan Review

- ◆ Awareness of IRS e-initiative plans
- ◆ Provide “tactical” input
- ◆ Foster IRS – State e-dialogue
- ◆ Prepare for cooperative efforts
- ◆ Planning for all to work together



## Monitor IRS Trends

- ◆ Assess impact on states
- ◆ Create state awareness
- ◆ Ensure communication and coordination
- ◆ Examples:



- Consolidation of Extensions
- Possible change in definition of timely electronic payment

## Data Security

- ◆ Participation in Security Summit
- ◆ Review of high-level policy
- ◆ Security of IRS data in state data warehouses
- ◆ Update of Publication 1075
- ◆ Forming workgroup of state Data Security Officers and IRS to address policy issues



## Information Returns

- ◆ Receiving, storing and retrieving IR is common problem for IRS and states
- ◆ Single Point W-2 proposal did not solve IRS issues
- ◆ Exploration of “clearinghouse” concept similar to health industry medical records



## Fed/State Data Exchange

- ◆ Monitoring Electronic Data Exchange (EDE) pilot
- ◆ Will work with IRS and states to ease transition of exchange data sets to XML format (e.g., IMF/IRTF, CP-2000, etc.) over the next few years



## New Initiatives

- ◆ Fed/State 1065/1040 e-file
- ◆ ERO registration
- ◆ Authentication and Signatures
- ◆ Understand IRS Enterprise Architecture and its implications for the states
- ◆ Compliance issues



## Join us!

- ◆ Three states will join TAG this year
- ◆ Opportunity for other states to participate in TAG Subcommittees
- ◆ Executive level participation in setting direction for Fed/State e-initiatives
- ◆ Three face meetings per year
- ◆ Incoming Co-chairs Tim Blevins (KS) and Peter Maser (IRS)



# QUESTIONS?

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