

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

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What is the TAG?

- ◆ Formed January 2003 by request of IRS Electronic Tax Administration (ETA)
- ◆ IRS representatives from Wage & Investment, Small Business/Self Employed, Mission Assurance Security Services and Electronic Tax Administration with other resources as needed
- ◆ Six states invited by FTA



What is the TAG?

- ◆ Original State members CA, NY, SC, MD, VA, IL
 - 2005 new states AZ, DE, KS
 - 2006 new states NM, PA, NC
- ◆ Facilitated by IRS and FTA
- ◆ 2006 Co-Chairs – Tim Blevins, KS and Peter Maser, IRS



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
 - Liaison with TIGERS for technology implementation



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



1120 FedState Corporate

- ◆ Business requirements delivered
- ◆ State interest mobilized
- ◆ Deployment team formed
- ◆ 2 states in production, 11 testing.
- ◆ Technical work ongoing in TIGERS
- ◆ TAG provides oversight



Joint Marketing

- ◆ Sharing research findings with states with goal of increasing efile.
- ◆ Multilingual Initiative
- ◆ IRS shared electronic IRS strategy
- ◆ States shared Telefile strategies
- ◆ FedState message included in IRS ads
- ◆ Develop “best practices” -- States/IRS



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, BofA, IL, & SC



Monitor IRS Trends

- ◆ Assess impact on states
- ◆ Create state awareness
- ◆ Ensure communication and coordination
- ◆ Examples:
 - **Consolidation of Extensions**
 - **Expansion of Third Party Data Store**
 - **Prisoner Fraud Detection**



Data Security Issues

- ◆ Participation in Security Summit
- ◆ Review of high-level policy
- ◆ Determined need for Security Subgroup
 - State information security officers
 - Executive level IRS support
 - Six states plus TIGERS



■ Bi-weekly conference calls

Data Security Issues

- ◆ Update of Publication 1075
- ◆ Review of system-specific settings (“SCSEMs”) and self-audit tools
- ◆ Security of IRS data in state data warehouses
- ◆ Pilot strong authentication for MeF
- ◆ Foreign nationals/background checks



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



New Initiatives

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



Join Us!

- ◆ Three states will join TAG for 2007
- ◆ 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
- ◆ New members welcomed at September 2006 face meeting



Join Us!

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