



# FTA bulletin

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## **Second Request**

### **FED/STATE 1065 (PARTNERSHIP) E-FILE PROGRAM START-UP**

#### **SOLICITING PARTICIPATION FOR DEPLOYMENT TEAM**

##### **SUMMARY**

The IRS has announced plans to implement an e-file program under the Modernized e-File platform for 1065 (Partnership) returns, including full Fed/State functionality, to be operational January 2007. FTA solicited interested states to participate in the development and deployment of the Fed/State Partnership e-File program via Bulletin B-10/05, dated February 24, 2005. Ten states have responded positively. This is a second request for your expression of interest. You must respond with contact personnel prepared and committed to assist with development of business and technical requirements in order to implement this program, currently scheduled for production status by the IRS in January 2007. Please respond with your contacts by August 3, 2005.

The IRS has announced plans to implement an e-file program under the Modernized e-File platform for 1065 (Partnership) returns, including full Fed/State functionality. FTA previously solicited interested states, and ten states have responded positively, listed below.

You must respond with contact personnel that are prepared and committed to assist with development of business and technical requirements in order to implement during the initial year of this program, currently scheduled for production status by the IRS in January 2007. This second request asks for your business and technical contacts by August 3, 2005.

The ten states that have responded are:

Alabama	Delaware	Michigan	Wisconsin
Arizona	Georgia	New York	
California	Kansas	Pennsylvania	

A FS1065 Deployment Team consisting of the participating states will develop the Business Rules for the program, and serve as a coordination point for general development issues. Technology specifications for the Fed/State Partnership program will be developed by the TIGERS standards group, which is jointly sponsored by FTA and by the ANSI Accredited Standards Committee X12. The XML schemas (data formats) for the state Partnership data will be developed by contracted resource, and there will be an assessment to participating states to cover the funding for this resource, as there was previously for the Fed/State 1120 Corporate Program development.

The development of the Fed/State Partnership program will follow the model established by the FS1120 Corporate E-File program. A document describing this new process was attached to Bulletin B-10/05, dated February 24, 2005, for your information.

### **FS1065 Funding**

The aggregate assessment for the initial development of the program for the period July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006 will take place at the inception of Fiscal Year 2006. The amount will be shared by the Deployment Team states and assessments will be based on the number of participating states. Later-entering states will be assessed in the same manner as the initial participating states.

**NOTE:** The Fed/State Partnership Deployment Team will carry out its effort utilizing e-mail and conference calls; travel will not be required. However, participation in the TIGERS/X12 group (as well as formal membership in the ANSI ASC X12 organization), and regular attendance at TIGERS/X12 (bi-monthly) meetings, is very strongly urged for any state that commits to participate in this program. Please consult <http://www.taxadmin.org/fta/edi/ASCX12.html> for information on ANSI X12 membership. You may consult the FTA web site at [www.taxadmin.org/fta/edi/upcoming.html](http://www.taxadmin.org/fta/edi/upcoming.html) for a schedule of upcoming meetings.

Please respond with your contacts by August 3, 2005 to Jonathan Lyon of my staff at 202-624-5894 or [jonathan.lyon@taxadmin.org](mailto:jonathan.lyon@taxadmin.org). Questions on the FS1065 program work underway may be addressed to Terry Garber of the South Carolina Department of Revenue at 803-898-5521 or [garbert@sctax.org](mailto:garbert@sctax.org).

FTA will continue to update you on project progress and any new developments as they occur.

Sincerely,

Harley Duncan  
FTA Executive Director

**FED/STATE 1065 (PARTNERSHIP) STATEMENT OF INTEREST**

STATE: \_\_\_\_\_

1. My state plans to participate in the development of the Fed/State Partnership program for 2007.

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

2. My representatives to the Fed/State Partnership Deployment Team will be:

Name:	e-mail:	Phone:
_____	_____	_____
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3. My representatives to the TIGERS/X12 group will be:

Name:	e-mail:	Phone:
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

**Please e-mail this form to Jonathan Lyon at [Jonathan.Lyon@taxadmin.org](mailto:Jonathan.Lyon@taxadmin.org),  
or you may fax it to FTA at (202) 624-7888.**

**Thank you!**