

FTA 2009 Annual Meeting

FTA-IRS Tactical Advisory Group (TAG)

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What is TAG

Chartered in 2003 with these objectives:

- Improve communication between state tax agencies and the IRS on e-initiatives.
- Increase IRS and state understanding of each other's challenges regarding e-initiative development and implementation.
- Enhance cooperation between states and IRS when considering e-initiative priorities and strategies.
- Provide recommendations to assure that cooperation in e-government efforts maximizes business value for both the IRS and state tax administrations while reducing burden and increasing service for taxpayers.



Who is TAG

- **Co-Chairs:** Doreen Warren, State of Idaho and Angela Kraus, IRS
- **Six State Representatives:** AL-CT-ID-MA-NC-UT
- **Key IRS Representatives:** Electronic Tax Administration, Government Liaison, Cyber Security, Office of Safeguards.
- **State Co- Chair of the TIGERS Group:** Terry Garber
- **FTA Staff Member:** Jonathan Lyon
- **IRS Staff Member:** Cassandra Daniels



TAG Success Stories

- **Multi-Language Initiative (MLI)**
- **Joint Marketing**
 - **Fed/State Ad campaigns**
 - **Best Practices for e-File Marketing**
- **Electronic Return Originator (ERO)**
- **Fed State 1120, 1120S and 1065**



What's on the Radar Now

- **Advancing eFile Study**
- **Modernized eFile (MeF)**
- **Modernized Internet EIN**
- **Security**
- **Suspicious Filer Program**
- **State Reverse File Match Initiative (SRFMI)**
- **W2 Compliance**



Advancing eFile Study

- **Congress is Encouraging E Filing**
- **IRS Commissioned to Look at Options**
- **TAG Members Provided Input Into the Study and Plan**



Modernized eFile (MeF)

- **1040: Coming Soon**
- **1120, 1120S, 1065: Established and Growing**
- **Tigers: Where the Action Is!**

IRS: <http://www.irs.gov/efile/content/0,,id=171945,00.html>

FTA: <http://www.statemef.com/index.shtml>



Modernized Internet EIN

- **Launched September 2007**
- **Pilot States: NY, SC**
- **Links from State web sites**
- **Passes data from State to IRS**
- **If interested, contact:**
 - **Bonnie Harrison (859-669-5538 / Bonnie.Harrison@irs.gov)**
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Security

- **IRS Publication 1075**
- **Safeguard and Security Workshops**
- **State Information Security Officers**



Suspicious Filer Program

- **FTA facilitates the electronic exchange of suspicious filer info between participating states.**
- **FTA Sponsored – State Participants**
- **IRS Participation**



State Reverse File Match

- **State Matches Against Federal Data**
- **State Sends Discoveries to IRS**



W2 Compliance

- **Obtain W2 Data from Social Security Administration**
- **Identify Under Withholding**
- **Letter to Employer/Employee**
- **Lock Withholding at Single, No Exemptions**



Future TAG Initiatives – State Survey

- **TAG ask Commissioners and Senior Staff of states to prioritize direction of future TAG initiatives through survey.**
- **To identify contact points who can participate in teleconferences and brainstorm.**
- **Provided survey and asked to provide contact points and level of interest.**



Commissioner Responses

- 1. On-Line Filing or E-filing**
- 2. Data Matching/Data Mining/Data Warehousing**
- 3. Voluntary Compliance**
- 4. Internal Operations**
- 5. Audit**
- 6. Improving Agency Performance**
- 7. Collections**
- 8. Technology**
- 9. Criminal Enforcement**

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hot topics

State Income Tax Filing Statistics
[March 20, 2009]

Washington Wins ETA Award for Outstanding Training

Washington & California BOE Win ETA Award for Taxpayer Service & Education

State & Local Government Sales Tax Losses from Electronic Commerce
[Revenue Free & Level] [April 23, 2009]
[\[more research papers\]](#)

UDITPA Revision Debate Continued, Study Committee Chair Resigns [Daniel Schibles, CCH]
[March 31, 2009]
[\[more legal issues\]](#)

ETA Testifies of VOIP Legislation [March 31, 2009]
[\[more on federal legislative issues\]](#)

IRS Marketing Tools for State EFile Programs
[January 22, 2009]
[\[more IRS information\]](#)

Annual Supreme Court Review
[\[more legal issues\]](#)

ETA Taxation of Services Survey - 2007
[All Data is now online]

Update on IRS/Federal Data Exchange Programs
[Briefing Paper from Board Meeting] [October 2008]

New Listserv Responses Posted
[5 New Responses Added] [April 14, 2009]

Meetings

ETA Annual Meeting - Denver, CO, May 31-Jun 3, 2009

ETA Fed/State Electronic Filing Symposium - San Diego, CA, May 3-6, 2009

ETA Technical Conference and Exhibition - August 2-5, Boise, ID

2009 ETA Meeting Calendar
[more on Meetings](#)

Publications

TaxExpress - April 13, 2009
[CONGRATULATIONS, WISCONSIN!](#)

State Tax Highlights - April 10, 2009

ETA Research Papers - October 2008

ETA Bulletin

By the Numbers Newsletter - February 2009

back issues of discontinued newsletters

Directory of State Tax Administrators, 2008
[more Publications](#)

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Federal Legislation latest on Federal Legislation affecting state taxation.
Dissett's Smuggled Tobacco Prevention Act of 2007
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State Tax Agencies Collect over \$282 million through the **Federal Refund Offset Program**
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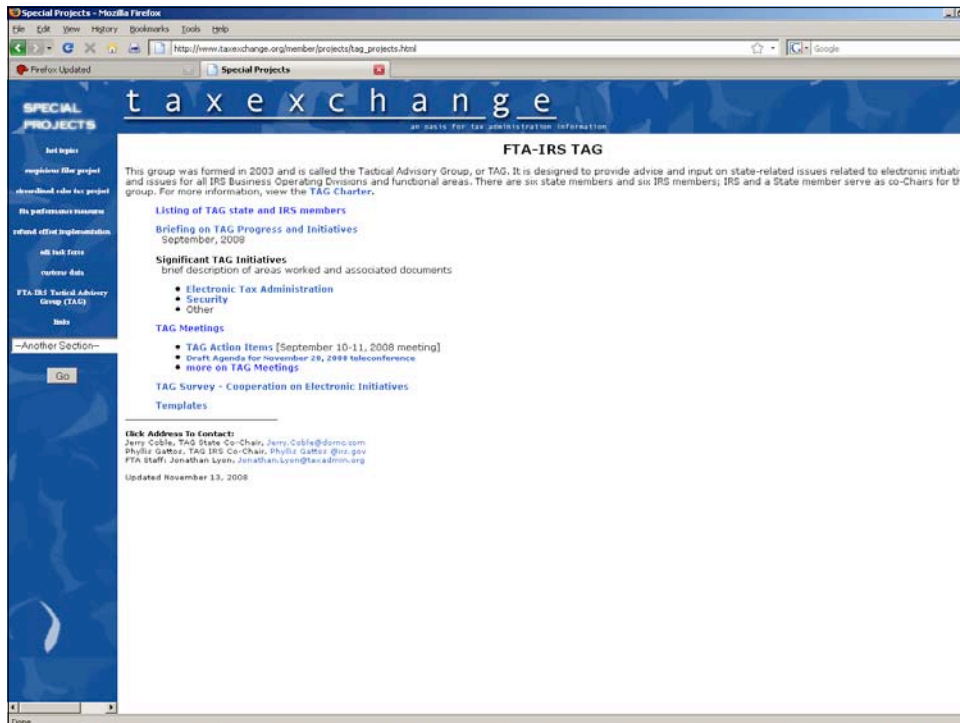
Customs Data Exchange Project
Latest information on obtaining Customs data in electronic format
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Performance Measures Project
States working together to develop and share common measures for benchmarking tax agency activities.
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IRS Information
Quick access to IRS information necessary for state tax administrators.
New Study to Reduce the Tax Gap
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ETA IRS Tactical Advisory Group (TAG)
States and IRS working together to improve cooperation on electronic initiatives.
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Recruitment Announcement

- **Executive level participation in setting direction for Fed/State e-initiatives**
- **Three meetings each year**
- **Three new states on TAG every year**
- **If your state is interested, please contact Jonathan Lyon, FTA**
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