

State Acknowledgements Through the IRS

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- The IRS has agreed to allow posting of State acknowledgements (Hereto referred to as Acks, since it's easier to type) through the same portal which is used for Federal acknowledgments. This will create a single path retrieval method for transmitters.

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- States must complete a Form 8633 to obtain a Login ID and Password for dialup access to the EMS (Electronic Management System). These applications would need to be filed in time to begin testing around Oct. 1, 2004. (Instructions say to file two months in advance).
- States which do not currently participate in STACK would be eligible to transmit Ack files in the Fed/State Ack system.

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- States which currently use the 58 byte Ack format will need to convert to the 120 byte format.
- States would be able to transmit files by single transmitter or combine acks into one file from multiple transmitters.

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- Package includes the following records within a given file:
- **TRANA** (*Outer, Transmitter identifier, State name, production/test id, State ETIN*).
- **TRANB** (*Outer, State info and address*)
- **TRANA** (*Inner, Transmitter identifier, Transmitter's name, production/test identifier, Transmitter ETIN*).
- **TRANB** (*Inner, Transmitter's EIN and address*).

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- Package includes the following records (cont):
- **ACK** (*Taxpayer's SSN, RSN, DCN, Acceptance code, and other stuff. You will need to create an ACK record even if the return is rejected*).
- **ACKR** (*If rejected, this record would be included, containing the reject code and other reject information. Multiple ACKR's can be issued for one return if state wishes to send multiple error codes*).

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- Package includes the following records (cont):
 - RECAP (*Inner, Displays various record counts by Transmitter.*)
 - RECAP (*Outer, Displays various counts for entire file.*)

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- The IRS will produce a RECAP format record for successful transmissions (GTX Key). States can (and should) verify number of transactions in GTX Key against file transmitted to IRS.
- A Transmission Report will also be provided from the EMS Main Menu for verification purposes.

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- States could include "custom" messages or information in the ACK or ACKR records where the IRS provides fillers (The ACK record has a 13 byte filler and the ACKR has a 55 byte filler which could be used for State information). States would still need to provide the required IRS information and maintain the standard IRS format.

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- Custom fields could be used for a variety of reasons, even to provide special alerts or notifications, making the Ack a much more flexible tool.
- Custom fields are especially important to States which reject returns and do not wish to change their existing reject codes due to length, etc., or want to provide a text description or message.

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- The States appreciate the effort put forth by the IRS to provide this service as a key part of making the Fed/State system a more seamless process for States and for Software providers.

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Questions/Comments??