TIGERS MeF Update
Thursday, December 10, 2009

The following states, city, IRS and Industry representatives were present at this webinar:
Alabama, Arkansas, Idaho, Iow Nebraska, Connecticut, , Georgia, Oregon, Wisconsin, Kansas, Virginia, Utah, PA, Maryland, Michigan , New York City, , Mississippi, Indiana, Illinois, Colorado, North Dakota. Minnesota, West Virginia, Tennessee, Vermont, Missouri, Ohio, , Wisconsin Rhode Island Kentucy,

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Intuit, H and R Block and Petz Enterpises, TTI, Bof A Jackson Hewitt Taxworks Vertex, Data Tech Group., Thompson, Corp Tax PayChex, RSI, TTI

IRS. Xan, Juanita

Jonathan, Jacob, Donna, Armand

Nancy Nicely from the IRS reviewed the recent statistics:
There are now 19 states and 1 city with production volume for 1120.
Minnesota came on board with a volume of 150 for the month of November.

There are 13 states with production volume for 1065. Minnesota came on board with a volume of 14 for the month of November.

Below is a summary of total returns made available:
 Date Range: 01/01/2009 - 11/30/2009

Total State Returns Made Available	Fed/State Returns Made Available	State Standalone Returns Made Available
871, 392	297, 690	573, 702

- Virginia has delayed their implementation date for 1120 MeF to Jan 2010 (they could not find a vendor to support TY2008). They expect to implement 1065 and 1040 MeF in Jan 2011.

- Minnesota successfully retrieved their first 150 production 1120 returns and their first 14 production 1065 returns.

- 1040 MOUs have been sent to the Governmental Liaisons for the 16 states expecting to begin 1040 MeF production in February, 2010. The states are Arkansas, Colorado, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, Michigan, Montana, Nebraska, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Rhode Island, Utah, and

Wisconsin. Ten of these states are currently in production for MeF. The remaining six states are in various stages of developing their MeF communication.

1. Arkansas - is having problems getting in. They are working with Xan to resolve the problem.
2. Indiana - working on finishing the acknowledgement piece, have been testing gateway by retrieving 'dummy' data
3. Nebraska - waiting on final approval of state schemas, no test package yet but programmer has been working with Xan on questions/answers
4. Ohio - has tested
5. Oklahoma - has not had any developers test yet, but two are close. Those two are expected to test in the next couple of days.
6. Rhode Island - is having problems with the IRS and State submissions. They are working with Xan to resolve the problems,

IRS has received signed 1040 MeF MOUs for the following states: Arkansas, Colorado, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, Michigan, Nebraska, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Utah, and Wisconsin.

The Form 1040 2009v4.0 schema and business rules package has posted to irs.gov.

XML Schemas

The Form 1040 2009v4.0 schemas will be available in:

- the Assurance Testing System (ATS) on 1/04/2010
- Production on 02/17/2010

The schema version 2009v4.0 is a major schema change; therefore schema versions 2009v1.0, 2009v2.0 and 2009v3.0 are no longer valid for Production. All extensions must be composed using schema version 2009v4.0 or the extension will be rejected for having an unsupported schema version.

The "Diff" files in the schema package identify changes made from the 2009v3.0 package to the 2009v4.0 package

Business Rules

We've posted the 2009v4.0 business rules in 2 formats containing identical information: Adobe (.pdf) and Comma Separated Values (.csv).

New Rules R0000-120, STATE-012 and STATE-013 will be used to enforce the Volume Management Strategy for the 1040 MeF program. Although MeF opens on January 4, 2010, Form 1040 may not be accepted until February 17, 2010. – No volume management for 2nd production year.

Terry Garber will review the efile types to determine if TIGERS will need to update any StateeFileTypes and to advise states to include the new IRS efiletypes within their packages.

Minor schema change is coming according to Juanita – posting will be around December 23 to IRS.gov

Kathleen provided an update on the status of ATS – 11 companies of which 6 have passed. She also asked if there are difficulties in taking off the 2007 and 2008 developmental schema versions. There were no objections to removing them,

Linked returns during ATS – The IRS provided specific SSN for use during ATS. A request has been made to increase the number of SN. This causes states difficulties because the additional numbers are not validating for the states.

States have been asked to send the Test SSN they are using so that the IRS can update their system to accept them. Send to 1040 mail box and use State Test SSN in the subject line.

ATS testing – if you are approved, there is no need to resubmit test, but it is advised to resubmit under the new version.

MeF might need to close earlier and longer the cutover date due to the volume of changes in the infrastructure. Juanita will provide an update shortly for the opening ATS dates. It was requested that we know the date before one day before it is open

The next 1040 working group meeting is December 15. Juanita plans to have the invitation out to the group by December 11. It is at 1 pm eastern.

WSDL – 6.1 supports MTOM as well as DIME and MIME.
For Transmitters changes include the ability to retrieve only 1040.
State services – added IND for retrieval of 1040 submissions.

Number of returns and the size of the file you are willing to accept in compressed format. The request should include the tax type in your request as the file sizes differ by tax types.

Enumerators - Are they going to be added to the get acks services? Xan indicated that it would be in all services.

Get reconciliation service – Date range if not specified you will get all. Otherwise use both date begin and date end. Get reconciliation list will be a list of those submissions that have not had an attempted a request.

GET changes from IRS.gov

URL – two sets of operational WSDL up to January 4 you must use the LA.ALT for the new WSDL.

Strong Authentication – There is a change. When opening a session, first service in the session, must include the system ID. The ID element must be used to bind the SOAP Body, MeF header, Security Section together.
For password – All session, the system ID goes in the User Name Token in the security section.

Manifest – The state manifest have been changed drastically because of adding 1040– Xan advised that all participates review the diff file for the changes to the schemas.

Terry asked that all review the revised standards document which includes the IAT transactions and alert her if any changes are necessary.

The category based schema has also been updated for 1120 and 1065 which includes the IAT changes.

The Ack schema should be taken directly from the IRS schemas by all states.
The new efile types – Should the efile types be replaced in the TIGERS packages. After discussion about the changes to the efiletypes, it was decided to review the IRS changes prior to replacing the existing efiletypes in the TIGERS package.

Terry asked for any remaining issues on the IAT transactions in the schema.
Has FSET versions been updated. Terry indicated that it is a To Do item. It was decided not to update the older version with the IAT, as a result, any state will need to move up to a newer version of the schema. For those states needing the IAT for the back year returns, the state should retrofit the IAT into the older year returns.

Colorado – Steve Asbell asked whether or not the 1099G and series has been finalized. Terry indicated that due to lack of volunteers to help with the update it id not get finished. Greg from Intuit indicated that OHIO and NE have included them with their schemas.