

Dear Partners,

We are pleased to provide you with the latest IRS News Releases and Headliners to distribute to your small business members/affiliates. We hope that the information will be helpful and encourage publication in your association's magazines, newsletters, email distributions and/or website.

[IRS Seeks Members for Electronic Tax Administration Advisory Committee](#) The Internal Revenue Service is accepting applications to fill vacancies on the Electronic Tax Administration Advisory Committee. The committee members provide the IRS with constructive observations about current or proposed policies, programs and procedures in electronic tax administration.

[For Many Investors, Year-End Forms to Arrive Later Many](#) investors will receive their year-end tax statements later than in past years, but these forms are likely to be more accurate, according to the Internal Revenue Service.

[IRS Offers Tips to Avoid Recovery Rebate Credit Confusion](#) In response to errors showing up on early tax filings, the Internal Revenue Service today urged taxpayers and tax preparers to make sure they properly determine eligibility for the recovery rebate credit before they file their 2008 federal tax returns.

[Free Tax Help Available Nationwide](#) Nearly 12,000 free tax preparation sites will be open nationwide this year as the Internal Revenue Service continues to expand its partnerships with nonprofit and community organizations performing vital tax preparation services for low-income and elderly taxpayers.

[IRS and Partners Mark EITC Awareness Day with Nationwide Events; EITC Could Mean Bigger Refunds for Millions of Taxpayers](#) The Internal Revenue Service and community partners nationwide today kicked off EITC Awareness Day to promote a tax credit that could be a critical financial lifeline to many Americans this year.

[IRS Headliner 255 January Tax Talk Today Provides Wide-ranging Review of Filing Issues](#) IRS's Tax Talk Today program gave tax professionals a broad review of filing season issues during a special program, "Getting Ready for Filing Season 2009 – Individual and Business," on January 13.

[IRS Headliner 256 Important Reminders for Payers' Backup Withholding Responsibilities](#) Payers must make sure they meet their withholding responsibilities on payments made to payees who have not provided them with a proper Taxpayer Identification Number. Businesses often make payments to both employees and non-employees (independent contractors). When making payments to non-employees, the Internal Revenue Code generally requires the businesses to report these payments to the Internal Revenue Service. These payments are called "reportable payments" if the payments equal \$600 or more during the calendar year.

[IRS Headliner 257 IRS Provides Clarification on Form 8300 Issues](#) The Form 8300, Report of Cash Payment Over \$10,000 Received in a Trade or Business, is an important tool in the government's fight against money laundering and other financial crimes.

[IRS Headliner 258 IRS e-File Providers Must Use Taxpayers Forms W-2, W-2g and 1099-R to File Electronically](#) Authorized IRS e-file Providers must have all Forms W-2, W-2G and 1099-R before submitting their clients' electronic returns to the IRS.

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