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e-file for Business

In the 21st Century you can run your entire business electronically. So why not file your business taxes the same way? Now business taxpayers and tax preparers can file and pay by telephone, by Internet or by PC software. It's more economical with less paperwork. It's more efficient with increased accuracy. And it's more effective since you will spend less time filing tax returns and more time focused on your business.

You will find that most small business filing requirements can be submitted electronically for example:
- Self-Employed Income Tax Returns (Form 1040, Schedules C and F)
- Partnership Income Tax Returns (Form 1065 and most related Forms)
- Employment Tax Returns (Forms 940/941)
- Certain Information Returns (e.g., Forms 1098, 1099, W2-G), using the Filing Information Returns Electronically (FIRE) system

Some Advantages of Going All Electronic are:

- **Increased Accuracy:** IRS computers quickly and automatically check for errors or other missing information, making *e-file* returns more accurate and reducing the chance of getting an error letter from the IRS.

- **Quick Electronic Confirmation:** Computer *e-filers* receive an acknowledgment that the IRS has received their returns. Callers using TeleFile receive a confirmation number while they're still on the phone, letting them know that the TeleFile system has accepted their return.

- **Delete the Paperwork Through Electronic Signatures:** Taxpayers can create their own Personal Identification Number (PIN) and file a completely paperless return using their tax preparation software or tax professional. There is nothing to mail to the IRS.

If you are a business taxpayer, ask your tax preparer about *e-filing*. If you are a tax professional, ask your software developer about adjusting your programs to take advantage of electronic filing. And to find out more, visit www.irs.gov, and click on the e-file logo. You will also find a listing of Approved IRS *e-file* for Business Providers at http://www.irs.gov/efile/index.html