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*The NACTP is committed to working together with government agencies to achieve success.*

## National Association of Computerized Tax Processors

**The National Association of Computerized Tax Processors (NACTP) is a nonprofit association that represents payroll and tax preparation software developers, electronic filing processors and transmitters, tax form publishers, and tax processing and payroll service providers.**

The association promotes standards in tax processing and works closely with the IRS, the Social Security Administration, and the state and local government agencies in order to promote efficient and effective tax filings for all stakeholders. The association also advocates private sector solutions to government tax processing technology requirements.

The NACTP and government taxing have a joint goal to provide the best possible service to taxpayers, and the NACTP is dedicated to achieving that goal by working closely with the government agencies. The association provides expertise, knowledge, and feedback relating to software systems that will assist government agencies in implementing new technologies.

Becoming a member of NACTP provides the following benefits:

- Early notification and the opportunity to provide input regarding proposed changes to forms, file specifications, and industry issues

- Improved access to federal/state agency experts
- Increased networking opportunities with industry and government counterparts
- Complete access to the NACTP website which includes:
  - taxing agency contact information (by tax type)
  - taxing agency survey results (by tax type and year)
  - member discussion forums
  - NACTP meeting notes
  - taxing agency presentations
  - NACTP member information
- Being part of an industry group that can “make a difference” by coming together with one voice

## Payroll and Information Reporting Committee

The Payroll and Information Reporting Committee (PIRC) focuses on issues related to the electronic or paper-based filing of unemployment and withholding taxes, as well as W-2s and 1099s, and 1095s.

The committee provides a forum for discussion of issues of mutual concern between federal and state taxing authorities and member companies. Discussions include electronic filing best practices; automated and manual return processing; forms design, distribution, and approval; and maximization of taxpayer compliance and accuracy.

Key initiatives currently being addressed by the committee include:

- Forging working relationships with each of the state agencies
- Monitoring updates on e-filing and forms processing initiatives and offering guidance to address ongoing initiatives
- Promoting support for bulk electronic filing submissions
- Encouraging the acceptance of substitute forms
- Reducing the burden caused by excessive enrollment requirements

Recent projects directed by the committee include:

- Assisting in establishing monthly payroll calls with the IRS
- Collaborating with the IRS to launch the successful implementation of Affordable Care Act (ACA) reporting
- Providing input to the IRS on ideas to streamline the 94X e-file registration process in an effort to increase 94X e-file volume
- Guiding the development of new electronic filing systems
- Publishing electronic filing and form design standards
- Maintaining a vendor ID list to simplify identification of the submitter or forms developer
- Promoting NACTP-supported business models with the Federation of Tax Administrators (FTA)

## Electronic Filing Committee

**The Electronic Filing Committee (EFC) focuses on Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and state individual and business electronic filing topics and promotes standardization across the agencies.**

To accomplish this task, the committee provides an environment for discussion of issues of common concern between the IRS, state government agencies, and member companies. Discussions include current electronic filing issues, recommendations for standardization in both the legacy and modernized electronic filing environment, and position papers that provide recommendations regarding electronic filing issues.

Key initiatives currently being addressed by the committee include:

- Continued standardization of electronic filing specifications for both legacy and modernized electronic filing environments
- Annual position papers with recommendations to IRS on improving the electronic filing experience
- Providing feedback regarding yearly developments with the states regarding their electronic filing systems and processes
- Continuing to work to strengthen the partnership between the software industry, IRS and state agencies through meetings, conference calls and written communications throughout the year

- Modernized E-file State and Federal Schema Development – Participating in Tax Information Group for EC Requirements Standardization (TIGERS) in the development of business and individual state XML schemas and with the IRS MEF Working Group in the development of federal business and individual XML schemas

Recent projects directed by the committee include:

- International ACH Transaction – meeting with the Federation of Tax Administrators to engage states and committee members to help with common understanding and consistency of implementation
- Participating and providing input on various IRS/ state panels/meetings to present the software industry perspective
- Heading off upcoming filing season issues by providing direct input to IRS and states during the testing phase prior to the start of the filing season

## Government Liaison Committee

**The Government Liaison Committee (GLC) focuses on issues related to paper-based filing of income tax returns.**

The committee provides an opportunity for discussion of issues of shared concern between federal and state taxing authorities and member companies. Discussions include manual and automated tax return processing; forms design, distribution and approval; and government compliance.

One ongoing key initiative of the GLC is to survey member companies every year on their experience with state agencies regarding:

- Forms Design
- Forms Release
- Forms Specifications
- Web Design and Maintenance
- Forms Approval
- Communication

The survey results are then combined by GLC members and communicated to state agencies. The communication can take the form of a white paper, a conference call or a visit to the state agency offices by NACTP members.

Other key initiatives currently being addressed by the committee include:

- Addressing noncompliance of the GLC Form Design Standards
- Updating and publishing the GLC Form Design Standards
- Developing a standard survey format for all member companies to use
- Developing a form specification template to be used by state agencies
- Providing free consultation and guidance on the development and implementation of new forms processing and electronic filing systems, including paper formatting, schemas and equipment/technologies.

