

IRS**News Release****Media Relations Office****Washington, D.C.****Tel. 202.622.4000****For Release: 9/28/01****Release No: IR-2001-88****IRS EXPANDS INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY STAFF, SELECTS STAN RATCLIFFE TO
MANAGE CRITICAL TRANSITION PROJECTS**

WASHINGTON – The Internal Revenue Service announced today the selection of Stan Ratcliffe as Project Director, Transition Management for the agency's division overseeing computer modernization.

In this new position, Ratcliffe will help move the new systems from development and testing stages to the daily operations of the new IRS business operating divisions. Ratcliffe will report to John C. Reece, the Deputy Commissioner for Modernization & Chief Information Officer.

"Stan Ratcliffe brings with him a breadth of experience and a track record of getting results," said Reece. "Implementing new systems in the IRS's daily operations will require both re-training our staff and re-engineering how we do business. Stan has the skills we need to make this transformation a success."

Ratcliffe's hiring reflects the on-going modernization efforts at the IRS to introduce new technology to better serve American taxpayers. This sweeping technology initiative, overseen by the agency's Modernization and Information Technology Services organization, is expected to take a decade.

Before joining the IRS, Ratcliffe spent more than 25 years as a manager and executive with a series of computer, telecommunications and data-processing companies overseeing network operations and using technology to better meet the business needs of these firms.

In the late 1990s, he served as senior vice president for infrastructure and outsourcing for Sabre Inc., a leading provider of information services to the travel industry. While with Sabre, Ratcliffe oversaw a software development budget of about \$200 million. Among the firms he has worked for are Andersen Consulting, Electronic Data Systems, US Sprint, Northern Telecom and Digital Equipment Corporation.

Ratcliffe has a Bachelors of Science in Industrial Engineering and Operations Research from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

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