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IRS Electronic Tax Administration Advisory Committee (ETAAC) Delivers Report to Congress

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WASHINGTON — The Electronic Tax Administration Advisory Committee (ETAAC) today released its [2011 Annual Report to Congress](#) during a public meeting. The report discusses five groups of recommendations on issues in electronic tax administration.

The report includes recommendations on the following topics:

- standards for security and accuracy for the electronic tax community,
- 1040 Modernized e-file (MeF) platform,
- barriers to e-filing employment tax returns,
- tax filing simplification
- collaboration and partnership with the electronic filing community

"ETAAC provides valuable assistance to the IRS in its efforts to improve the taxpayer experience with e-file and the Internet," said Cecille M. Jones, acting director of Electronic Tax Administration. "The IRS will carefully consider all of ETAAC's recommendations as the agency formulates its strategy for electronic tax administration going forward."

The 14-member committee provides an organized public forum for discussion of electronic tax administration issues and the overriding goal that paperless filing should be the preferred and most-convenient method of filing tax and information returns.

"ETAAC is committed to helping the IRS provide the next generation of electronic services for taxpayers, tax preparers and others," said Phil Poirier, ETAAC Chairman. "ETAAC looks forward to working with the IRS to advance the key areas discussed in this year's report."

ETAAC submits an annual progress report to Congress each June. The IRS Electronic Tax Administration created the ETAAC in 1998 as required by the IRS Restructuring and Reform Act of 1998. The report is the result of research and analysis as well as meetings with senior IRS executives.

Public comments on the report may be sent to etaac@irs.gov.

