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**ALBERT MAZEI NAMED ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER, PROGRAM
MANAGEMENT AND ENGINEERING OFFICE**

WASHINGTON -- The Internal Revenue Service today announced the selection of Albert E. Mazei as Assistant Commissioner of the Program Management and Engineering Office (PMEO). In this position, Mazei will serve as a principal advisor to the Chief Information Officer, Paul Cosgrave, as well as manage the cost and technical aspects of modernizing the nation's tax system.

"Al brings the right mix of management skills and information systems expertise that we need to enhance our service with modern technology," said Internal Revenue Commissioner Charles O. Rossotti. "His appointment is another example of our continuing effort to get the right people in the right jobs."

The PMEO is a "critical pay position" which, under the Restructuring and Reform Act of 1998, provides the Commissioner the opportunity to recruit world-class experts by offering more competitive pay levels. The new law allows for the establishment of up to 40 such positions, using an expedited hiring process.

As Assistant Commissioner, PMEO, Mazei will plan and direct the purchase and expansion of information technology for the modernization initiative.

Before joining the IRS, he was senior vice president and chief information officer of BTG, Inc., in Fairfax, Virginia, an information technology consulting company,

where he led the internal information systems organization.

Before that, he was vice president of Information Services at USF&G Insurance, a worldwide provider of insurance products and services, where he led a significant Year 2000 effort and improved their enterprise information technology operations. Prior to that, Mazei was a senior executive with CSC Consulting, Ernst & Young, and PricewaterhouseCoopers.

Mazei has a Bachelor of Science degree in engineering physics at Ohio State University and a Masters degree in public administration with a concentration in information systems from Auburn University.

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