1065 Stakeholders

We are posting the Production version (2006v2.3) of the Tax Year (TY) 2006 Forms 1065 and 1065-B XML schemas and Business Rules on the www.irs.gov website (referred to as Release 4.0). The schemas and business rules contain changes since the January 11, 2007 posting.

<u>Please note</u>: Use version 2006v2.0, 2006v2.1 or 2006v2.2 to submit production returns until we notify you that 2006v2.3 will be installed in production. At that time, versions 2006v2.0, 2006v2.1, 2006v2.2 and 2006v2.3 will be active. Schema validation will use version 2006v2.3, but you will determine which version to support.

Forms 1065 and **1065-B** XML schemas and Business Rules 2006v3.3 are scheduled to be installed into ATS and Production on February 25, 2007 for transmitting through the EMS, A2A and IFA channels.

Form 7004 XML schemas and Business Rules are shared with the Corporation tax return program and are posted to the Production and ATS System chart at: http://www.irs.gov/efile/article/0, id=128360,00.html.

XML Schemas

The TY 2006 schemas include all tax forms and schedules for Forms 1065 and 1065-B. Schema version 2006v2.3 is posted to the Production and ATS System charts at: http://www.irs.gov/efile/article/0,.id=153999,00.html. Also included are "Diff Files" that shows changes from the previous schema version 2006v2.2.

The TY 2006 production schemas include all tax forms and schedules for Form 7004. Schema version 2006v1.4 is posted to the Production and ATS System charts at: http://www.irs.gov/efile/article/0,.id=128360,00.html. Also included are "Diff Files" showing changes from the previous schema versions.

Business Rules

Forms 1065 and 1065-B Business Rules for TY 2006 (new version 2006v2.3) are posted in two different formats containing identical information – Adobe (.pdf), and Comma Separated File (.csv). A column within the file identifies key changes made from the last posted version of the Business Rules. The new rules are posted to the Production and ATS System charts at: http://www.irs.gov/efile/article/0,.id=153999,00.html.

Form 7004 Business Rules for TY 2006 (version1.4) are posted in two different formats containing identical information – Adobe (.pdf), and Comma Separated File (.csv). A column within the file identifies key changes made from the last posted version of the Business Rules. The new rules are posted to the Production and ATS System chart at: http://www.irs.gov/efile/article/0,.id=128360,00.html.

Key Changes

Changes have been made to the Business Rules and schemas of Forms 1065 and 1065-B, editing the attachments to the respective Schedule Ks. As noted above, these changes are identified in "Diff Files" in each document.

<u>Special Note</u>
If they haven't already done so, the Electronic Return Originators (EROs) can update their IRS e-file Application through the e-Services link on www.irs.gov. They should include Form 1065 on their application 'Form(s)' page. This should prevent returns from rejecting with an R0000-905 error.

As always, if you have any questions or comments, please contact us through the ETA 1065 Team at 1065MeF@irs.gov. For Form 7004 questions, please contact Linda Lateef at (202) 283-0014.