1065 Stakeholders

We are pleased to post an updated draft version (2006v1.2) of the Tax Year (TY) 2006 Forms 1065 and 1065-B XML schemas and business rules and the second draft of the (TY)2006 Form 7004 XML schemas (version 2006v1.1) www.irs.gov website that we refer to as Release 4.0. The schemas and business rules contain changes since the September 15, 2006 posting (including new forms 8913 and 8916-A). Publication 4505, Modernized e-File Test Package for Forms 1065/1065-B for Tax Year 2006 was published on the website on October 13, 2006. We anticipate Assurance Testing (ATS) to begin November 6, 2006.

XML Schemas

The TY 2006 draft schemas include all tax forms and schedules for Forms 1065 and 1065-B. Schema version 2006v1.2 is posted to the **Forms 1065 and 1065-B** charts at http://www.irs.gov/efile/article/0,.id=153999.00.html. Changes from the September 15, 2006 posting are displayed in the "Diff Files" on the ATS System chart. Also included are "Diff Files" that shows changes from the previous schema version TY2006v1.1 posted on September 15, 2006

The Form 7004 schemas being presented today are the second draft of Tax Year 2006 (new version 2006v1.1). Schema version 2006v1.1 is posted to the ATS System chart at http://www.irs.gov/efile/article/0,.id=128360,00.html. Also included are "Diff Files" that shows changes from the previous schema version TY2006v1.0 posted on July 28, 2006.

Business Rules

Forms 1065 and 1065-B Business Rules for TY 2006 (new version 2006v1.2) 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 **Forms 1065 and 1065-B** charts at http://www.irs.gov/efile/article/0.,id=153999,00.html.

Form 7004 Business Rules for TY2006 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 ATS System chart at http://www.irs.gov/efile/article/0,.id=128360,00.html.

Key Changes

Based on Forms and Publications guidance, Form 8830 has been removed from the schemas.

Note: There are additional forms changes due to form updates and pending legislation that will be published before the end of the year.

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.