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1065 Stakeholders

We are pleased to post an updated version (**2006v2.1**) of the Tax Year (TY) 2006 **Forms 1065 and 1065-B** XML schemas and Business Rules, and an updated version (**2006v1.3**) of TY 2006 **Form 7004** XML schemas and Business Rules, that we refer to as Release 4.0. The schemas and business rules contain changes since the November 17, 2006 posting.

TY 2006 Assurance Testing (ATS) began on November 6, 2006 using schema version 2006v1.0. Schema version 2006v1.2 became available November 20, 2006. On December 22nd, schema versions 2006v2.0 and 2006v2.1 will be installed into ATS, and test returns can be sent through Electronic Management System (EMS) and the Registered User Portal (RUP).

Note: Effective December 22, 2006, Form 1065 and 1065-B schema versions 2006v2.0 or 2006v2.1 must be used to submit all TY 2006 test returns. **All prior 2006 Forms 1065 and 1065-B schema versions are no longer valid.**

XML Schemas

The TY 2006 schemas include all tax forms and schedules for Forms 1065 and 1065-B. Schema version 2006v2.1 is posted to the **Forms 1065 and 1065-B** Current Valid XML Schema charts at: <http://www.irs.gov/efile/article/0,,id=153999,00.html>. Changes from the November 17, 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 2006v2.0.

The Form 7004 schemas posted today are the third draft of the TY 2006 schemas (new version 2006v1.3). The schemas are 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 2006v1.2.

Business Rules

Forms 1065 and 1065-B Business Rules for TY 2006 (new version 2006v2.1) 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 TY 2006 (version1.3) 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 ATS System chart at: <http://www.irs.gov/efile/article/0,,id=128360,00.html>.

Key Changes

Forms and Publications Office is in the process of revising Form 8886. Unfortunately, it will not be ready for distribution before January, thus we have removed Form 8886 schema. When Form 8886 is ready for distribution, we will get the schema updated as soon as possible. However, we can accept the **updated** Form 8886 in pdf if necessary.

As of today, the system will be brought down on December 28, 2006 (Thursday) at 11:00 a.m. (Eastern Time). The system will be brought back up on January 8, 2007 for live production. We don't have the timeframe for bringing the system back up, but will let you know as we get closer to that date.

Beginning January 8, 2007, Modernized e-File will begin accept 1065/1065-B tax returns.

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.