

Online Options Available As Tax Deadlines Approaching

The Department of Revenue is reminding Montanans that income taxes and business taxes can be paid online this year using either credit cards or electronic checks. The Income Tax Express and the Business Tax Express services are safe, convenient ways to pay a variety of taxes, and they're available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

"We want to thank the wonderful taxpayers of Montana by providing them with the best possible service. The convenience of paying your taxes online allows more flexibility for citizens and businesses as the April 17th deadline approaches," said Dan Bucks, Director of the Department of Revenue.

The services allow Montanans to pay a variety of taxes such as income and estimated taxes, and businesses can pay:

- withholding tax (both payment and reporting)
- liquor orders tax (payments only)
- lodging facility tax (payment and reporting)
- oil and gas production tax (payment only)
- rental vehicle tax (payment and reporting)
- corporations license tax (payment only)
- cigarette tax (payment only)

In 2005, through the Business Tax Express alone, 3426 customers processed more than 36,000 payments online for a total of \$85,779,355.11.

The Business and Income Tax Express services are available from the official state website at www.mt.gov, or directly from the Department of Revenue at www.mt.gov/revenue.

Business Tax Express and Income Tax Express are the result of an alliance between state government and the private sector. The system was cooperatively developed and is supported by the Montana Department of Revenue, the Montana Department of Administration's Information Technology Services Division and Montana Interactive, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of eGovernment provider NIC (Nasdaq: EGOV).

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