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**FIDUCIARY, PARTNERSHIP & COMPOSITE
TEST PACKAGE**

**MASSACHUSETTS BUSINESS ACCEPTANCE TESTING
(MBATS)**

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MBATS Procedures

WHO MUST TEST?

The Massachusetts Department of Revenue requires that all Software Developers and Transmitters (Vendors) pass the Massachusetts Business Acceptance Testing (MBATS) before they can be accepted into the electronic filing program for the Tax Year 2015 filing season.

WHY TEST?

The purpose of testing is to ensure that prior to live processing:

1. Vendors transmit in the correct format and meet the DOR electronic filing specifications
2. Returns have no validation or math errors

NAMING CONVENTION

Fiduciary, Partnership and Composite return files should have the following naming convention, where "CORP" in the file name should always be upper case:

Syntax: CORP [fid][yr][mo][day][hr][min][sec].xml

Example: CORP12345678920160101145959.xml

Where:

[fid] is the FID number used to log into SSH.

[yr] is the 4 digit year.

[mo] is 01-12.

[day] is 01-31.

[hr] is 01-24.

[min] is 01-60.

[sec] is 01-60.

TEST INDICATORS

Test returns should be identified with a "T" in the ProcessType element, and test files should be identified with an extension of .test.

ACK. FILES

To retrieve Fiduciary, Partnership and Composite Return Acknowledgement files, use the instructions in the Transfer from DOR section in the TY2011 Bulk E-Filer Registration and Transmission Guide. The name of the acknowledgement file is the same name as the file you sent with the suffix ".ack". Outbound files will be unzipped. So for example, if you sent the file in as named above, the acknowledgement file would be named:

CORP121212120160101145959.xml.ack

GROUPING OF RETURNS WITHIN A FILE

Within each file please group as follows:

- Group all returns by return type
- Group all Refund returns together within return type
- Group all Refund returns with Overpayment carried forward together within return type
- Group all Tax Due returns with Payments attached together within return type
- Group all Tax Due returns without Payments together within return type
- Group all Zero Tax Due returns together within return type

If the transmission is not ordered this way, it will still be accepted. This will not result in an error, but your file will get processed faster if it is ordered accordingly.

TEST RETURNS

MBATS will emulate the IRS procedure of providing scenarios for vendors to create their own test returns; there will be no test package. The scenarios cover the Form MA NRCR, Form M-4868, Form 2, Form 2-G, Form 3, M-8736 and all supporting Forms and Schedules. In addition, all vendors are allowed and encouraged, but not required, to create additional test returns as they see necessary. Please create each test return so that it contains all the memo fields that you support for the forms/schedules in each scenario. Vendors are required to advise DOR of all limitations of their software package.

The criteria for the test scenarios provide some of the information needed to prepare the appropriate forms and schedules; however, computations and data for all lines have not been provided. Therefore, some knowledge of tax law and tax preparation is necessary. You must correctly prepare and compute these returns before transmitting to DOR.

The taxpayer name on each test return should use the following convention:

Entity name on return = Vendor name + & + Test'number (alpha)

Please add the characters ampersand (&) and apostrophe (') in the name of the corporation for each type of approval.

As an example, the Corporation name for test 1 for Acme software would be Acme & Test' One.

TEST EINS

All test returns created from the scenarios provided must use the assigned test EIN's. Any additional test returns submitted must use the EIN's below assigned for this purpose.

Test Scenario EIN's:

405555555, 400001111, 402222225, 402222226, 402222227, 400445555, 400445566,
405757575, 409999999, 126549876, 408888888, 407777777, 404240010
403333333

If additional EIN's are needed please use the following range 402222228 through 402222250.

Please DO NOT use any other EIN's when testing.

TESTING PROCEDURE

FIDUCIARY, PARTNERSHIP and COMPOSITE:

Vendors are required to send a test file containing the Department's test returns following the test scenario for each tax type. The software developers own test files should contain at least one instance of every form and schedule the software developer supports.

TESTING ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA

Each test file must contain only one tax type.

All the returns in the test files must be error free.

If any test return is rejected during testing, the vendors must:

1. Review the acknowledgement file to identify the error(s)
2. Correct the return and/or the software
3. Contact the e-file coordinator if the cause of the reject cannot be determined
4. Retransmit the test file until it has been accepted

Once all of the vendors test files have been accepted, the vendor should inform the e-file coordinator that they are done testing. After confirmation that the vendor has met all of the acceptance criteria, an email of MBATS acceptance will be issued.

Approvals will be issued in the following categories:

Fiduciary
Partnership
Composite



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Test Scenarios

TEST RETURN 1

FORM: FORM 2

EIN: 408-88-8888

SCHEDULES: A-LIHC, C-LIHC, EE-LIHC, T-LIHC, B, BR, D, E, F, EOAC, FEC, H, H-2, IDD, 2K-1, A-HRC, IC-HRC, T-HRC, TDS, RFC, LP

FORMS: M-2210F

RETURN DETAILS:

FORM/SCHEDULE DETAILS:

ADDITIONAL NOTES: Please provide certificate numbers for all the credits.

TEST RETURN 2

FORM: FORM 2-G
EIN: 407-77-7777
SCHEDULES: TDS
FORMS: M-2210F

RETURN DETAILS:

FORM/SCHEDULE DETAILS:

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

TEST RETURN 3

FORM: FORM 3

EIN: 404-24-0010

SCHEDULES: A-LIHC, C-LIHC, EE-LIHC, T-LIHC, EOAC,
H-2, A-HRC, IC-HRC, T-HRC, TDS, RFC,
3K-1

FORMS:

RETURN DETAILS:

FORM/SCHEDULE DETAILS:

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

TEST RETURN 4

FORM: M-8736

EIN: 408-88-8888

ADDITIONAL NOTES: Please make a payment with the extension.

TEST RETURN 5

FORM: FORM MA NRCR
EIN: 403-33-3333
SCHEDULES: B, D, E Reconciliation

RETURN DETAILS:

FORM/SCHEDULE DETAILS:

ADDITIONAL NOTES: Send in a separate NRCR for each type you support (3K-1 or SK-1).

TEST RETURN 6

FORM: FORM M-4868

EIN: 404-24-0010

ADDITIONAL NOTES: Please make a payment with the extension.